



Island of Hoy Development Trust

OPEN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Held at The Shore, YM, Longhope and via Zoom on 17th April 2024

MEETING CALLED BY: Moira Cossar

MINUTE SECRETARY: Nicola Budge

In Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS: Moira Cossar, Max Collop, Andrew Dobrzynski, Lindsay Hall, Kieran Sinclair

STAFF: Nicola Budge, Brian Clegg, Elizabeth Davidson, Aisling Phillips

GUESTS: Deanna Johnston

APOLOGIES: Keith Dobney, Deborah Jaques, Scott Johnston, Denize Lace, Alexander Sinclair

MEETING OPENED: 19.30

Topics

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING presented by Moira Cossar

The open board meeting minutes from February were adopted as accurate by the board. Proposed by Andrew Dobrzynski, Seconded by Kieran Sinclair

2. MATTERS ARISING presented by All

There were no matters arising to be addressed.

3. YM presented by Moira Cossar

Moira updated the board that the roof repair was still ongoing as Richard is struggling to source a cowl. It was suggested that all roof cowls are secured to stop the problem reoccurring as had been done to the first one which blew off. The fridge has been shipped to Kirkwall to be looked at by Sinclair Bain as S R Patterson were proving difficult to arrange a visit with. Moira confirmed that

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Cooke Aquaculture had awarded YME the remaining feasibility funding they required. It was also noted that one of Judith Hudson's paintings has been donated to the YM Hall and that the yellow VW had been removed from the YM carpark by its owner.

4. FINANCE presented by Elizabeth Davidson

Liz had circulated the proposed audit timetable to the board before the meeting and is hoping to be in a position to have final accounts ready by mid-October. She updated the board that there is £4700.00 left in the Training & Learning fund, £9000.00 in the Community Fund and £2800.00 in the Event Fund until the next HEL donation is received. Liz advised the board that she would be able to prepare the forecasts to March 2025 once March 2024 actuals have been finalised and update the annual figures from November. She suggested making the July meeting a directors only finance meeting which was agreed by the board.

Action Items: Liz to update annual figures and prepare forecasts for circulation to board

5. HEALTH & WELLBEING presented by Moira Cossar

Moira advised the board that Denize is on holiday this week but she has been very busy as usual. Funding has been received from VAO to operate Chair based Exercises and Barnacle Club for a year, the board commented on the positive feedback which has been received in relation to these groups. VAO funding for Denize's salary is in place to March 2025 with the Wellbeing project being advised to become a separate entity with a joint board made up of NHS Orkney and OIC rather than being under VAO. An application had been submitted to the Robertson Trust to cover Denize's salary paid by IoHDT and to operate new groups, it has been refused, but they have suggested a pre-application discussion before resubmission in Autumn. The board agreed this was very worthwhile. There has been no news on when the Robert Gordon University report will be published.

6. CNI presented by Aisling Phillips

Aisling reported that most of the CNI capital projects were completed and that there is a lot to be confirmed by ScotGov before we know what funding will be available this year. She has finalised the CNI end of year report to be submitted

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to ScotGov and is working on a public facing version to be published for the community. Alongside this she is updating the action plan. Moira and Liz expressed how informative and well written they found the End of Year report and asked that it be circulated to the board of directors. Liz stated that the Statements of Compliance from HEM and H&WCG would need to be sent by 10th May. H&WCG are still struggling with planning permission for the polycrubb. *Action Items: Liz to circulate Aislings End of Year report to board and Brian*

7. BUSES presented by Nicola Budge

Nicola informed the board that the blue bus has been fixed and MOT'd and is back in service. The electric bus developed a fault in early March with the loss of the console display for speedo and the separate battery display, discussion of the fault code with Fiat Assist led to the bus being taken back to Glasgow for an appointment on 8th April however the fault code no longer showed on the vehicle despite it being taken on an extensive test drive. The vehicle was taken to Glasgow by RAC under the service pack from Fiat, however the cost of the diagnosis fell to the trust as no fault was found at a cost of £207.00. the return transport costs also fall to the trust as previously. Transport arrangements have been made and the electric bus will be back in service from Friday morning.

8. WIND TURBINE presented by Brian Clegg

Brian advised the board that last month had been a good month for wind. The Yaw control fault is still ongoing however Enercon's responsiveness and had been good throughout, with engineers at the sight again earlier this week. April is a busy month with the financial year end and PPA contracts, the main concern at the moment is energy prices, last year HEL received 16p per unit, this year it has dropped to 12p per unit with current prices for next year at 5p per unit. The conflict in the middle east may bring a spike in prices, HEL are poised to take anything around 7.5p per unit if and when it becomes available.

9. LEGACY PROJECT presented by Brian Clegg

The CNI funded pilot extension has been installed and is up and running. HEM have been dealing with technical issues for the last couple of weeks however these were resolved today the occupiers of the French Road property are delighted as they are now warm. At lunchtime today, the batteries were powering 92% of the energy draw at the property using energy stored at night

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from the cheaper tariff which equates to a just under 40% reduction in energy costs coupled with lower usage due to moving from Storage radiators to heat pumps. The St Colms properties will store energy in the batteries generated by the solar panels in the day which will then power the houses at night. HEM were knocked back by another potential funder, Brian noted that the big energy companies have so much control over funding that it is difficult to find money for installations, however an invitation to express interest in the rollout of systems on private homes (excluding social housing) is due to be published in the next couple of days and installations will be done until the current funding is used up at which point the next step will need to be considered.

10. AGM presented by Moira Cossar

Moira reminded the board of the upcoming AGM which is due to be held on Wednesday 8th May in The Shore, YM, Longhope and via Zoom. Liz had circulated the retirement rotation information to directors prior to the meeting and directors wishing to stand for re-election were reminded to complete and submit their forms prior to the stated deadline of 17.00 on 6th May.

11. CORRESPONDENCE presented by ALL

Friends of The Hoy Kirk had sent an invitation to Directors to a light lunch and chat to share what they have achieved – Moira, Max & Jill were able to attend.

RSPB had emailed suggesting a meeting on 18th April however Lindsay confirmed this had been put off due to the holiday period, a new date to be confirmed.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS presented by ALL

IoHDT board meetings have traditionally been held on a Wednesday night, however these clash with Lifeboat Practice in the summer and as two of the board are employed by RNLI it was agreed by directors present to change the meeting nights to a Tuesday along with alternating locations so that meetings are held between The Shore in Longhope, North walls Centre or the Theatre at Lyness and The Hoy Kirk in Hoy. Liz said she would advise Board members not present at this meeting to ensure that it works for them also.

Action Items: Liz to advise board members not present and once she hears back from them, to update proposed meeting dates with new dates and venues and circulate.

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The Action List was reviewed at the meeting and is annexed to the minutes.

Aisling had been approached by a few members of the public for an update on the playpark. As CDO Kim worked closely with a group to try to establish a separate SCIO but the interest died down and the group was never formed however the community thinks that the playpark is a Trust responsibility. The board agreed that a statement be issued to update the public.

Action Items: Moira to draft a statement about the playpark to update the community.

MEETING CLOSED AT: 20.41

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be Confirmed

WRITTEN BY: Nicola Budge
Minute Secretary

PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY: LINDSAY HALL SECONDED BY: KIERAN SINCLAIR

Signed
(Chair)