



## Minute of Board Meeting of Stromness Community Development Trust (DT)

**At: Town House, Stromness**

**On: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Present:**

**Kris Bevan, Director & Chair**  
**Jacqueline Argo, Director**  
**Graham Bevan, Director**  
**Alister Brown, Director**  
**Nikki Gray, Director**  
**Mark Jenkins, Director**  
**Thorfinn Johnston, Director**  
**Alistair Gray, Secretary**

**Apologies: Dan Lee, Gareth Davies**

**In attendance:**

**Ruby Merriman, Development Officer**  
**Eric Knight, Community Council**  
**Janette Park, Community Council**  
**Willie Mackay, Community Council**  
**Jeanne Rose, SCBF**

**1. Declaration of interests**

Jacqueline Argo declared a conflict of interest in the redevelopment of St Peter's House project.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 5 June 2019 were approved.

**3. Matters arising and general discussion**

None.

**4. Development Officer**

RM provided a project update report and it was noted that her funding application to Event Scotland in connection with the 2019 Yule Log event had been successful in securing a grant of £2,500. Office space is still being investigated.

**5. South End Play Park**

Work has started with updates being posted on Facebook which has had a good response and an application has been made to the Woodland Trust for native tree planting. The work is planned for completion before the end of the year and will be open in spring 2020.



#### **6. Christmas Lights**

A copy of the consultant's report was shared with the Stromness Ladies who have indicated that they are happy to leave the final decision to SCDT. RM is to progress design ideas, permissions and costed options including ongoing annual maintenance.

#### **7. Promotion of Stromness**

RM is developing ideas and costings for an updated Stromness website. AG reported that the SCBF would be happy to back-up her plans and should be able to assist with a small level of funding.

#### **8. Redevelopment of St Peter's House**

This report was noted, and it was agreed that the committee require time to review this in detail and come back to it at a future meeting.

#### **9. Community House Plots**

Again, in view of the detail and complexity of this project it was agreed to come back to this at another meeting.

#### **10. Finance**

AG reported that the current bank balance stands at £20,656.76 and includes playpark funds of £12,016, Xmas lights £7,190 and MOON £1,898. Several claims to OIC and LEADER are in progress. A donation of £2,000 has been offered by Councillors towards the playpark.

RM reported that several funding options can only be accessed by charities and after discussion AG agreed to prepare a report for the board on the various options available for social enterprises.

AB reported that £200,000 has been provided by Scottish Government for a Town Centre Fund to be shared between Kirkwall and Stromness and that the funds need to be committed by 31 March 2020. It was agreed that we should make a bid for capital from this for refurbishment of Community Centre and possibly Christmas lights.

#### **11. Stromness Local Place Plan – What's Next for Stromness**

In advance of the meeting with the consultant's on 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Trust have been asked to review and comment on the draft plan. Please see the attached summary.

#### **12. AOB**

TJ said he felt the Trust needs to raise its profile and promote its activities to a wider audience.

#### **13. DONM**

To be determined.