

Sanday Development Trust

enhancing quality of life



Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Room at Sanday School on Thursday 5th October 2006 at 7.30pm.

Present: William Sichel, David Towrie, Gill Best, Andrew Thompson, Maggie Dearness, Ute Clackson, George Brown, David Muir, Andy Best, Tony Hull and Charlie Ridley.

In attendance: Gail Speers (Clerk), Rose Seagrief (LDO), James Enticknap (Lady Hub Chair), Ute Clackson (Renewables Chair).

1. Apologies: Rod Thorne, Sue McArthur, John Dearness, Daniel Connor, Bill Innes

2. Appointment of Officials:

Chairman: William Sichel. Proposed by A.Thompson, seconded by D. Towrie.

W. Sichel resumed the Chair as Chairman.

Vice Chair: David Towrie. Proposed by W. Sichel, seconded by A. Thompson.

Treasurer: Gill Best. Proposed by A. Best, seconded by A. Thompson.

Company Secretary: Tony Hull. Proposed by A. Thompson, seconded by D. Towrie.

3. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting. Proposed by D. Towrie, seconded by A. Thompson.

4 Matters arising. No matters arising.

5 Issues raised by members and School Council.

Concern has been expressed regarding the future increase in ferry costs from the islands to and from Kirkwall, and the knock on effect it will have on hauliers and haulage prices.

The main concern raised is the shortfall it may inflict on funding for young people's trips off the island and other organisation's travel costs. It has been suggested that the Community Council increase the funding available for children's trips to cover this shortfall and that letters are written to the appropriate bodies expressing our concern.

ACTION: William to write to the suggested bodies.

6 Following consultation at AGM. Review of sub group activities for next 12 months.

Youth

Margaret Dearness

- 1 To get the Youth Centre up and running, enabling young people to have a base of their own and to give something back to the community by running computer classes in the internet cafe
- 2 Involve interested members of the community to help the young people regenerate the Youth Centre garden.
- 3 To arrange for 23 young people aged 15 and 16 to do a course in Food Hygiene at no cost to them. The LDO will assist with bringing this about.

Culture and Heritage

Andrew Thompson

- 1 Andrew wished to thank the Trust for helping arrange the funding for the Oral History project. The trust has received £11,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, this being a part of the total award of £16,785. The project involves the transcriptions of all recordings, the creation of a master CD, and the publication of a CD, an accompanying booklet and a teacher's resource pack.
- 2 Shorewatch: The purpose of this is to patrol various shorelines on Sanday every two months for any changes that may have occurred. Tony Lee has allocated an area for himself. The Trust welcomes any members of the community that wish to do the same in their area or other areas.
- 3 There are 26 chapels on Sanday. The group would like to map them and investigate restoring the one on the Holms of Ire.
- 4 Hearse and Hearsie Hoose: no progress on restoration of Hearse, but it is planned to pursue this.
- 5 A photographic archive is to be set up, by copying old photographs. It is hoped that Kay Foubister will do a presentation and her father, Kenny Foubister, will display some of his old photographs in the near future.

Environment, Renewables and Waste Management

Ute Clackson

- 1 It is proposed to install a Solar Air panel in one of the new classrooms at the school to test what energy savings can be made, provide the appropriate permissions can be obtained. This is still in the preparation stage.
- 2 As part of an awareness campaign for recycling, a leaflet is to be published, working on consciousness building.
- 3 The Sanday Environmental Survey has not progressed as quickly as planned – RS, AB and GB to review.
- 4 The weather station will be set up in the new term. Students are to be included in this project fronted by Andy and Gill Best.
- 5 It has been suggested that as an incentive for the community to recycle ink cartridges and batteries, that a prize draw be held once a month for a trial period of six months with 3 winning recycler's to win a ream of printer paper each.

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- 6 The collection points for cartridges and batteries will be readvertised in the Sanday Sound and notices will be put in shops to remind people they are there. A. Thompson has agreed to have a collection point at Lady PO.

Lady Hub

James Enticknap

- 1 To make use of Lady village hall to give Sanday a multi-functional business and community centre. A full proposal is to be put to the community to get feedback on this, including outline plans.
- 2 A feasibility study is to be carried out in due course, for which the Trust can seek funding.
- 3 Members of the group are planning a visit to Findhorn Ecovillage and Horizon Scotland Inverness, and the Stables in Cromarty – examples of community led projects and state of the art rentable office and studio space.

Publishing

Tony Hull

There are 4 new members to this group. They are Stephen Clackson, Gill Best, Daniel Connor and Beth Loft.

- 1 The Trust has received funding for a new photocopier, further discussion to be held re: housing this.
- 2 New software will be purchased for training purposes and to revamp the sanday.co.uk web site and annual report and to produce a new newsletter. Richard Whittaker is the SDT Newsletter editor and items for inclusion are to be forwarded to him.
- 3 The website is to be redesigned as a single portal for Sanday, covering everything from Trust business, to local happenings, heritage and tourism.
- 4 The group will develop an editorial process for all publications carried out by any group of the Trust to ensure consistency and high quality.

Health and well being

Gail Speers

- 1 Funding of £3,000 has been awarded from the Scottish Community Diet Project, which is going to be used to run the "Sanday Good Food Project", as series of events, talks, demonstrations, hints and help on improving the diet of the whole community. This will be ongoing over the next year.
- 2 The group hopes to get funding to send one of the fitness advisers on a GP referral course. This will benefit the community by patients being referred from the doctor to the fitness suite for various health reasons.

Other Projects

- 1 To develop the "Friends of Sanday" fund raising scheme.
- 2 Change constitution to comply with Land Reform Act.
- 3 Set up a trading subsidiary.
- 4 Pursue natural dye project with the Agronomy Institute. The Agronomy Institute has expressed interest also in looking into a project growing culinary herbs, perhaps on a co-operative basis. The possibility of using the Geramont walled garden is being looked into.

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Any other business

- 1** Employees and Trust membership: Following some discussion it was agreed that, as far as eligibility for membership of the Trust was concerned, an employee was someone for whom the Trust was paying PAYE and NI. This clears the way for the clerk to be a member.
- 2** Financial Report was explained by Gill Best.
- 3** The LDO stated that since it was formed the Trust has secured a total of £60,007 in grants with an outlay of £3,545.
- 4** There are a number of courses to be run in the near future promoting community learning. Some ideas include: elementary food hygiene, felt making, dry stonewalling, weaving and book binding. £200.00 of the total sum of £750.00 will be paid by the trust. This has been passed by community education

Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Date of next meeting Thurs 16th Nov 2006 at 7.30pm.