

**Extra-ordinary [post-AGM] REWDT Board Meeting  
Company Office, Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, 12 noon  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Bryan Milner, John Olsen, Dave Basford, Richard Tipper, Mark Hull, John Garson, Angus Flaws, Eric Shortland and [from 12.15 – see 3(a) below - Zoe Flaws]

**In attendance:** Christina Cox [CDO], Michelle Koster [TDO]

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Rolf Soames and Maureen Flaws.

2. **[Re-]election of office bearers**

Bryan Milner was unanimously re-elected as chair [proposed by Mark Hull, seconded by John Garson]

Richard Tipper was unanimously re-elected as vice-chair [proposed by Bryan Milner, seconded by Mark Hull]

Dave Basford was unanimously elected as treasurer [proposed by Angus Flaws, seconded by Eric Shortland]

3. **Implications for the REWIRED board**

Since all retiring directors were re-elected, there were no knock-on implications for the REWIRED board of the [re-]election of directors at the AGM.

4. **AOB**

- a. The board was informed that Zoe Flaws had expressed a willingness to fill the one remaining vacancy on the board. Mark Hull proposed that she be appointed as a director. This was seconded by Angus Flaws and was unanimously agreed. Zoe was invited to join the meeting.
- b. Zoe undertook to continue to oversee the remaining work at the school garden [which would be mainly completed by volunteers]. Michelle informed the board that other commitments over the next few weeks meant that she could not continue to oversee the remaining work at the allotments. John Garson volunteered to take on this role. It was further agreed that Rolf proceed on a contractual basis to install the wind protection fencing for the allotment polytunnel. Though some invoices were still outstanding, there would almost certainly be sufficient remaining project funding to cover this work. Should there be any shortfall, the project was fully compatible with the agreed outcomes for the funds available from the BL. Concern was expressed that without adequate instruction to users and regular maintenance the hand tractor would be unlikely to have a very long useful life. The board was assured that both instruction and maintenance were being currently undertaken on a voluntary basis. The manageability of this arrangement would be kept under review.
- c. It was agreed that the community garden projects for Egilsay and Wyre that had unsuccessfully submitted for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase CCF funding be used as a basis for an application under the Community Spaces Scotland [CSS] scheme. Further possibilities for a CSS grant application might also include: a picnic area by the Kingarly Hill turbine, toilet facilities at Midhowe and/or Saviskaill, acquiring and developing the Blossom quarry site and a water taxi to make any facility that was available on only one of our three islands more readily available to the residents of all three islands.

**AP1** CDO to commence work on a first phase CSS grant application for submission to CSS in October 2011

- d. The Heritage Trust had requested that the Development Trust make funds of up to £2,100 available for the “Storming of Wyre” event. This would be re-imbursed by already agreed grant funding that could only be drawn down against receipted invoices. On being assured that the

Trust cash-flow situation was able to accommodate this loan for the required few weeks, it was unanimously approved.

- e. The Parents' Council had requested financial assistance with their proposed Play Park. Around £4,500 had been raised and grants were potentially available from a number of sources provided that the remaining balance of the required funding was guaranteed. Since the Play Park proposal was wholly compatible with the social outcomes agreed with the BL, the board agreed that the Trust would, subject to BL approval, meet any funding deficit for the quoted cost of the project [£35,000].

**AP2** CDO to inform the Parents' Council, in writing, of the Trust's decision to provide any necessary financial support for their proposed Play Park and to provide an appropriate supporting letter for the Parents' Council to use in grant applications to various agencies.

- f. The chair informed the board that HIE had recently obtained, for a number of Orkney Development Trusts, funding for a half-time CDO role and a half-time higher-level finance role for two years from the end of September 2011. Full details of job descriptions, terms and conditions etc. and the level of funding [e.g. 100% as with our current CDO or 75% as with our current TDO] were not yet known.
- g. It was agreed that a celebratory event, to which the whole community of our three islands would be invited, should be arranged to mark the completion, and take-over by the REWIRED, of the Kingarly Hill turbine. Directors were asked to think about details of the nature, timing and funding of such an event .

**5. Date of next meeting**

Possible dates to be circulated by e-mail to enable an optimum date – in view of directors' different holiday arrangements – to be identified.