

Unst Partnership Ltd

MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN UNIT 1, HAGDALE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
ON Thursday 16TH September 2014 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT

Colin Edwards-Horton
Susan Edwards-Horton
Sarah McBurnie
Jane Macaulay
Minnie Mouatt
George Rodger
Steven Swan
Gordon Thomson (Chair)
Paul Thomson

IN ATTENDANCE

Verona Shaw

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

GT welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted from Bridgette Thomason (sick leave), Frances Browne and Fiona Stirling.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

GT summarised the Minutes from the last meeting inviting any queries.

Minutes from the meeting on 7th August 2014 were proposed by SM and seconded by SEH.

Copies of the approved minutes to be circulated to North Isles Councillors, Unst Community Council and displayed locally and on the website.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE (NOT ON THE MAIN AGENDA)

The Committee felt that the UP stand went well at the Unst Show and several new members were signed up. There was no progress on the development with the Shetland Credit Union noted.

Regarding VS maternity cover from December 2014, it was stated at this point that the UP Directors would cover the role voluntarily until June 2015. This will be further discussed at future Board meetings.

A donation was made from CEH to the Partnership for use of the old UP laptop.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Accounts update

In the absence of BT there was no Financial Report presented.

4.2 Core funding, Income generation

VS noted that the next FITs payment was due at the start of October and that a meter reading would be submitted at the end of the month. Small donations have been received from the community skip days

4.3 Directors annual strategy workshop, 21st September 2014

Seven Directors and VS are due to meet and travel to Northmavine for a strategy workshop facilitated by Maree Hay of NCDC. VS to arrange and confirm transport arrangements asap.

5. PROJECTS UPDATE

5.1 Community skips trial

GT summarised the first community skips event and confirmed that there were about 30 users, kind weather conditions and almost two almost full skips. Thanks were given to the volunteers who came along to help on the day. It was discussed using the UP Ifor Williams trailer for the next skip day as several people said they needed assistance with getting bulky items to the site. SM and GT offered to provide this service; VS to advertise this and confirm the next date with Victor Jamieson Ltd. UP have applied to the Unst Community Council for financial support to cover the remainder of the project costs.

5.2 Waste Management/recycling

There was no change to the status or development of this project. The Board agreed to focus on the delivery of the skips project and revisit the options appraisal in due course.

5.3 Tourism Development; Stage 2 application, marketing workshop for NI group

VS thanked Frances Browne for her input into the CCF application and noted that a meeting was diaried for the following day with Fiona Stirling to work on the final submission. The application is due 24th September. VS and JM noted the very worthwhile and interesting marketing strategy workshop that took place for the North Isles tourism group; a report is due from the facilitator and there will be action points to follow up on.

5.4 Unst Energy Audits

A draft specification of work has been sent to the Pure Energy Centre after initial positive discussions to take on this project. VS is waiting to hear back from PEC, and from the community facilities regarding agreement to partake in this study.

6. LDO REPORT

This report was available to Directors and VS summarised the points not already covered by the agenda. It was confirmed that there is a meeting on 25th September in Unit 1 with NTS regarding an update on the Halligarth project; all Directors are welcome.

7. AOCB

SS explained to the group that he had been contacted with an enquiry about a winter leasing of the Northern Lights Bistro. The Directors discussed the role of UP and revisited previous discussions, agreeing that the enquirer should contact the letting agents as UP have no budget or plans to develop this property.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday 28th October 2014 at 6.30pm in Unit 1.