

Unst Partnership Ltd

MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN UNIT 1, HAGDALE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ON TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH 2012 AT 5.30PM

PRESENT

Maggi Reyner, Director
Gordon Thomson, Chair/Director
Paul Thomson, Director
Jane MacAulay

IN ATTENDANCE

Frances Browne, North Isles Community Work Officer (Job share)
Hannah Eynon, Local Development Officer, Unst Partnership
Bridgette Thomason, Financial Admin Assistant, Unst Partnership
Mhari Pottinger, Senior Development Manager, Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE)

The meeting was chaired by Gordon.

1. APOLOGIES

Kelda Hudson, Director
Jane Macaulay, Director
Julie Thomson, North Isles Community Work Officer (Job share)
Chas Hollis – to stand down

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the monthly meeting on Monday 20th February 2012 had been circulated and were taken as read & adopted. Proposed by Jane, seconded by Maggi.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE

The following agenda items were discussed first:

3.1.CDP

Congratulations for the completion and submission of the Community Development Plan to the Community Regeneration Forum. We have been successful in our bid to secure a further 2 years core funding. We have been granted New Area Status which grants us £40, 000 per annum for running costs. We are jointly funded by Highlands and Islands Council and SIC Economic Development Unit.

3.2 Wind Turbines

PURE installed inverter. Potential bracket bolt hole missing on left turbine. Both turbines need to be serviced to find out what needs to be done to bring up to standard.

Actions

**Contact PURE regarding servicing.
Find funds for service.**

Concern was expressed again regarding District Heating Scheme. Options under review. Directors choose to make renewables a greater priority, take time to learn from the progress other communities have made e.g. Cullivoe, Mid Yell, Aith and Burravoe. Community Renewables could

be key to our success. Especially when linked to our other public buildings, the school, Nordalea, surgery as suggestions. Time to build upon what we know, need to know and create a strong profile for a renewable energy project.

Actions – Hannah: Speak with PURE, North Yell community, Mid Yell.

3.3 TOURISM

Map of Unst

Illustration almost complete, confirm businesses that are advertising and ask for adverts. Confirm quote with Art machine and firm up costs.

Northern Lights Bistro, Haroldswick:

Position has been filled by Marie Hallam and Bob McIvor. They are still to set an opening date. Lease has been signed – Unst Partnership wish them every success.

Actions – Gordon – email press release and speak to Sandisons re. floor

Tourism Development Plan

Julie Thomson to arrange a meeting to discuss the Tourism Development Plan as part of NUPH funding priorities. This is something in the long run that Julie would like Unst Partnership taking over.

3.4 RECYCLING CENTRE

Plans put on the back burner as it not top priority.

3.5 COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

3 covers have been damaged in the winter weather. Bridgette has secured funds for 4 new covers. UP own tunnels, tenants are responsible.

**Actions – Hannah/Bridgette – Bill allotmenters - £20 per annum
Investigate Insurance
Investigate assistance to recover polytunnels.**

3.6 AGM – 17th April 2012 – Baltasound Hall Library 7.00pm

Push to get new directors. Advertise throughout Unst and word of mouth. Perhaps a press release to Lawrence Tulloch.

3.7 Investing in Small Island Recovery: Archipelagic Approaches to Sustainable Living

Small islands are vulnerable to global economic, fluctuation depopulation, distant governance, and market demands. This island studies conference explores public-, private-, and community-led strategies for overcoming small island challenges and considers the respective merits of development initiatives focusing on individual villages, islands, or entire archipelagos. This six-day conference is drawing island experts from around the world, who will visit a range of sites, businesses, and initiatives in Yell, Unst, and Fetlar. 21 April will feature presentations from many of these experts. These presentations are open to the local community.

Conference NUPH – 21st April 2012

Register before 30th March - £20 www.islanddynamics.org

3.8 Administration

Actions:

Bridgette	Completing UP's Policies and Procedures. Look into current Insurance policies for next meeting.
Hannah/Gordon	Fairer Scotland funding form to be completed and sent to Economic Development, Essential for Core running costs.
Directors/Hannah	Prioritise Office equipment
Hannah	Contact photocopier maintenance man. Apply to Community Development Fund for finance for Map.

3.9 Priorities

- **Fairer Scotland application – core funding**
- **Community development funding – Map of Unst**
- **Collect advertisements from local businesses.**
- **Arrange meeting with PURE and source knowledge regarding Unst and renewables.**
- **Attract new directors.**

4.0 AOB

UP to consider a Workforce development plan after AGM and new recruits and look to do a training needs analysis.