



**REWDT Board Meeting,
Monday 11 November 2024 @ 19:00
MINUTES**

Present: Peter Roebuck (Chair), Grant Mainland (Vice Chair), Alison Mainland (Treasurer), Callum Flaws, Richard Tipper, Kayleigh Tipper, Mark Hull & Eric Shortland.

In Attendance: Lloyd Gudgeon (CDO) & Helen Castle (Co Sec). Julia Cussans & Emma Soames (Rousay Parent Council), Davey Campbell & Anne Byres (Marina Project).

- 1. Welcome & Apologies for absence** – Peter welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Julie Akid & Carole Maguire.
- 2. Presentation by The Parent Council re their grant application G24 12G** – Julia Cussans & Emma Soames shared information regarding the reasons for wanting a new play park, the consultations they have done with the OIC, funders and the children and parents, the need to improve what is currently there and make sure the new equipment is suitable for a wider age range to use safely.

The supplier and installer of the new equipment is also covering other Orkney island projects and needs to know if Rousay has the funding to start the manufacturing of the play items by 13 November to ensure installation in February 2025; when they are in Orkney (this will keep costs down and ensure the equipment is installed to the correct levels needed to meet OIC standards.

The Parent Council need to secure £50,000.00 of funding from many sources and only requires £7,500 from the REW DT (with an additional £7,500 from the REW & G CC). Julia & Emma shared where all the other funds are coming from and the Go Fund Me money, that they had raised themselves. The board acknowledged the excellent work the Parent Council has done to get this far.

When the application was submitted to the REW DT the school play park had been condemned and now OIC have completed repairs which will allow some of the original equipment to be used in the

current play park, if maintained corrected, to function safely for another 5 years approximately. Some items were beyond repair and have been removed by OIC.

API: Lloyd to contact OIC on Tuesday to request that the current play park is kept where it currently is situated, and the new play park is approved for installation in the new area as suggested by Angela Ferguson.

Julia & Emma then left the meeting (19:30). The board discussed the application in detail. Davey added that he is working with play park installations in Kirkwall and Stenness and Scotplay Ltd. are doing these installs between May and July 2025, which could mean if OIC requires planning for the new play park it may benefit Rousay's project. The board approved the request for £7,500 with the caveat that the Parent Council keeps the current equipment if possible and gets the new play park installed as well, even if this means a summer 2025 install instead of February 2025.

- 3. Marina Project – Presentation by Anne Byres re SLF Application** – Anne apologised for the delay in getting the draft report to directors, this will be here later this week. **AP2: All Directors** to go through the Marina Project report and give feedback/comments to Anne within two weeks of receipt.

Anne then went through her presentation, this included a summary of the work that has already been done, suggested project outcomes, the need for consultation with residents around the waterside development (as this is not just the creation of a Marina but the complete development of the land for community use and benefit).

The Marina part currently has twenty-three berths with a plan to have sixteen for residents and seven for visitors. Peter commented that it would be beneficial if the plans had a 15' wide slip added and if pontoons could be added to increase the numbers of berths available. Various other parts of the plans were discussed including the dampeners and the breakwater, which will be using the rocks excavated in the building of the marina but may need additional granite. Anne stated that the ground investigation would show the rock requirements. The optimism costs for the marina section is £5.9m, these costs should go down once the survey work is finalised. Callum asked if he could speak to Anne re the plans later in the week.

Smaller resident's boats will be lifted out easily with the Sailing Club equipment, but two residents have heavier and wider boats that will require the use of a crane and struggle to get along the new access road. There is room allocated in the plans for vessels such as these to stay out of the water in the Marina area. **AP3: Anne** to look at boat lifts and their costs versus the request for a new slip to be included, **Peter** to send Anne details of the Sailing Clubs boat lift.

The land buildings were also discussed and **AP4: Peter & Callum** to speak to residents re one of the sheds to gauge their support in the project and selling the shed to the REW DT and once contact has been made with the owners of the old Fish Factory **Peter** to contact to see if this too can be purchased. Eric asked if the community has been asked about the development of the site and building of the marina, Peter replied this was covered in depth at the Road Show two years ago and that he and Lloyd have discussed a new consultation in January. Anne added that she was on Rousay in the summer and spoke to many residents about the project, all of whom were happy for this to proceed. Scottish Land Fund (SLF) Stage 1 was then granted as a result of the consultations to do detailed feasibility. Anne is happy to speak to the community again once all the landowners are on board.

Anne then went through the proposed different funding phases and shared that this would fit in well with the Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 2, which is happening January to March 2024. As the marina will take the longest to do, the other development can take place. The total maximum project cost is in the region of £7.4 million, and Anne needs in principal agreements regarding the remaining buildings sale by the end of December to meet the SLF stage 2 January funding deadline. Davey added that we need to work to the SLF January submission to get the maximum funding allocation and that if the two buildings sale is not secured, this will be a risk to the success of the application. Anne has offered to meet with the landowners in January before the community consultation. Peter thanks Davey & Anne.

Grant suggested the consultation be held at the school and focus solely on the waterside development; this was agreed by the other directors. Lloyd suggested going 'door to door' after the consultation to gauge the buy-in support of residents who could not attend as this would benefit the SLF Stage 2 application. This was agreed by

directors. AP5: **Lloyd** to start planning the waterside development consultation event.

4. **Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday 30 September 2024 -**
The Minutes were discussed and approved: Proposed: Callum Flaws;
Seconded: Peter Roebuck.

5. **Action points (see below) and other matters arising (if not elsewhere on agenda)**

29 July 2024

API: **Carole** to return her annual declaration of interests and code of conduct forms back ASAP. **Ongoing.**

AP3: **Callum** to empty the Manse oil tank and refund the REW DT for the fuel value. **Discharged.** **Helen** to advertise the oil tank in the next Review as a sealed bid.

30 September 2024

API: **Carole** could help Lloyd with the sports shed size needed, the location could be at Windbreck and a full plan with costings would be required before external funding was applied for. **Discharged,** **Lloyd** to take this forward.

6. **Declaration of Interests.** Eric declared an interest in the waterside development and marina project due to owning some of the land.

7. **REWIRED Ltd.**

Productivity at the turbine for the past 3 months:

2023/24	Actual Productivity (kWh)	% Productivity (against 37% target)	% Curtailment (against 7% expectation)
July	124,880	19.27%	58.9%
August	278,644	43.00%	19.9%
September	44,467	6.86%	81.5%

September's productivity was severely hampered by the pitch control issue and the inability to get a team to Rousay not only because Enercon have limited resources currently, but also due to the Eynhallow being booked full on many occasions. REWIRED Ltd. are currently awaiting scheduled maintenance after it being delayed when the track was being upgraded.

The REWIRED board met last month and approved the accounts. They also discussed the annual gift to REW DT. All payments are detailed below:

- Gift Aid donated to REW DT £300,000
- Corporation Tax £98,182.75
- REW DT loan repayment £15,833.55
- Rent paid to REW DT £28,625
- Lease paid to REW DT £360

The board asked Helen to check with the TM re the delays in getting the TR SIM issue addressed.

Mark shared the repowering update, planning permission has been submitted for all DT turbines but OIC have requested these be resubmitted individually per turbine location. This is to extend the current planning permission end date to the life of the turbine.

Peter shared his concerns about the REWIRED Ltd Articles, the board discussed the reasons for the way these were written in this way back in 2014. Peter's main concern is around the appointment of directors and how changes are made to the Articles. **AP6: Peter & Mark** to relook at the REWIRED Ltd Articles and Mark offered CES support first in addressing Peter's concerns. REWIRED Ltd must operate as a separate business with the REW DT as the parent organisation. The main issue currently is that Peter and Grant are Chair and Vice-Chair of the REW DT but also Grant is Chair and Peter is Vice-Chair of REWIRED Ltd. And this could be construed as shadowing. Peter suggested that once CES has helped if more support is required DTAS could be contacted.

8. Grants. The grants report was shared with all directors.

- **A Review of the Fuel Grant Proposal for Director Consideration.** – The board discussed the proposal to change the last meetings decision to only offer a fuel grant to those in extreme fuel poverty (20% or higher). Lloyd shared what other development trusts are offering and how this is permissible under OSCR charity rulings. The board agreed to offer the fuel grant at £150 per household to all households who were affected by the cost of living. For those also affected by the high costs of fuel and additional £150 could be applied for. A tick box on the application form to state which grant was being applied for and why will be sufficient.
- **General Grant Application from the Darts Team** – Peter explained how the staff and he interpreted the Community Activity grant

criteria, which Peter shared and said had not been applied to the Darts Team application for a General Grant, which the board changed to offering a Community Activity Grant at a previous meeting. Peter has had discussions with the Darts Team about the grant offer and the board clarified that they felt the correct decision had been made. Alison summed up that for her the board has made the decision it made for a General Grant application and not a Community Activity. As such that was the decision that the board stood by and there was no need for any further communication with the Darts Team.

The board said that their interpretation of the criteria was up to two applications in a year to a maximum of £1,000 but each award was to be no more than £500. This is how the board would like this grant offer to be continued for this year. This will need to be made clear on the website.

9. Trust Manager Report/Projects.

7.1 HR – Lloyd has received emails from eleven people interested in the Environmental Ranger post. Lloyd is waiting for applications to be returned. Alison has agreed to be in the interview panel for this position. Lloyd shared that he is struggling with producing communications to the high standard that Stuart did and would like the board to consider someone to be enlisted to support this work. This would be up to 4 days a month to produce the Review and video newsletter, update the website and make Facebook posts etc. The board asked if **AP7: Lloyd** to put this costed proposal of communication support to the board for consideration at the December meeting.

7.2 Projects –

- **Johnston Road Housing** – Planning permission has now been granted for the two bungalows. Lloyd is waiting for the costed plan to come back from the contractors. Lloyd shared that the costs may be higher than first planned due to the length of time it has taken for planning to come through. **AP8: Lloyd** to check with all housing funders for both Johnston's Road & The Manse re the REW DT's contributions needed for the delivery of the five housing units.
- **The Manse** – Lloyd shared OIC's planning application issue with the way the bore hole report was presented, this is being addressed.
- **The Taversoe** – The leases are still to be signed. The solicitor has requested that both leases are signed on the same day, and this is the hold up due to the number of people involved in both leases. Richard raised concerns about the lack of communication from the

CBS to residents about the opening of the Taversoe. Lloyd shared it is difficult for the CBS to release a statement about opening dates until the leases are signed due to legality and the insurance. The board requested that Lloyd keep speaking to the CBS and report back any developments at the next board meeting, including asking the CBS if they would be kind enough to provide an update. The board will need to clarify Grant's position as the REW DT representative on the CBS.

- **Pier Restaurant** - RSK are coming back for the final phase of the fuel leak clean up on 19 November for a few days. The building can then be discussed with the CBS and wider community regarding how and when to bring it back into use.
- **Marina** – Once the report has been commented upon and agreed by directors, they agreed that this can then be shared with Paull Harrington from SLF.
- **Community Transport** – Lloyd shared the progress regarding the correspondence received (and previously shared) from a resident about the advertised trips to Kirkwall. A meeting between the shop, the resident and Lloyd is planned for this Thursday. Lloyd is keen to offer REW DT's support to Rousay Shop wherever possible.
- **Trumland Estate** – Lloyd is starting a conversation regarding carbon credit income for Trumland estate and will update the board at future meetings as more details come through. Lloyd is keen to do this as an island wide project not just on the land the REW DT owns.
- **Pier Store** – The REW Heritage SCIO has started to prepare artefacts for installation in the Pier Store, they plan to open this in the Spring.

10. Administration, Finance & Office.

10.1 **Membership** – Three new membership form received, all approved.

10.2 **Finance** – No queries from Directors regarding the 2024/25 budget spreadsheet shared prior to the meeting.

11. AOB

11.1 Lloyd's shared information from Cook Aquacultural Scotland information regarding the changes to their fish cages in the Sound by The Manse. They will be putting an additional cage in, making seven cages and all cages will be slightly larger. The company will be visiting Rousay in December to meet with residents regarding these changes.

12. Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be on **Saturday 14 December**. The meeting will start at **9300** and held at The Pier Cabin. Followed by meetings on

- **Saturday 25 January 2025 @ 09:30**
- **Saturday 22 February @ 09:30 (Grants & Budget only Meeting)**

Summary of outstanding action points.

11 November 2025

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Acronym List

AFO	Admin & Finance Officer
TM	Turbine Manager
Co Sec	Company Secretary
CDO	Community Development Officer
REW DT	Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust
DT	Development Trust
NILPS	North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme
OIC	Orkney Islands Council
OHAL	Orkney Housing Association Ltd.

SLF	Scottish Land Fund
BLF	Big Lottery Fund
OSCR	Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator
REWGCC	Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre & Gairsay Community Council
REWIREDD	Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Islands Renewable Energy Development
CPO	Community Power Orkney
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
HIE	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
FCA	Financial Conduct Society
CBS	Community Benefit Society
CTA	Community Transport Association
CiN	Children in Need
RCA	Rousay Community Association