



**REWDT Board Meeting,
Monday 05 May 2025 @ 19:00
Minutes**

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

In Attendance: Lloyd Gudgeon (CDO), Helen Castle (Co Sec/AFO) & Nicky Jacques (Wellbeing Co-ordinator).

- 1. Welcome & Apologies for absence** – Peter welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Richard Tipper. Grant kindly agreed to chair the meeting as Peter was attending virtually from a noisy boat in the North Sea
- 2. Wellbeing Co-ordinator Presentation** –Project plan outline for the development of an Isles Wellbeing Network for post VAO after September 2025. Nicky explained the background to the previously circulated paper. At the last board meeting the board had considered the three options presented and agreed that option one was the best way forward, to support the development of an Isles Wellbeing Network. Nicky went through her report detailing the key project actions needed between now and September 2025 to make this happen. Nicky has had further discussions with Vikki Pevitt (Programme Manager) & Mark Bailey (Project Team Enabler) from VAO, who can both provide support up until September. They have identified various actions that they can lead on, but in addition to their input an additional average 2 days a week project support time will be needed for this project. Nicky has drawn up a month by month project plan to aid the successful creation of the Network.

Kayleigh asked Nicky about the benefits of the network compared to a standalone worker. Nicky outlined that the benefits of the Network are that the network will reduce staff isolation, provide peer support and a monthly on-line group meeting where staff can share contacts, learn from each other's experiences and help each other to work smarter by reducing duplication across the isles. The wellbeing programme needs this formal network and structure, which would include visiting

speakers at meetings, better sign posting opportunities and information sharing with all island communities, including any new projects that start in Orkney and how best to access these for the isles.

The risk to the REW DT by acting as the lead development trust, is mainly financial. The majority of the other Isles involved have confirmed their interest in being involved in the network and one is still to confirm or not. VAO have supported this work as a project for over 5 years and it now needs to become self-sustaining. VAO's remit is to start programmes, not to deliver a direct service. Vikki & Lloyd have spoken to the National Lottery who are keen to see a proposal for a network project and happy to consider funding it. The Isles would need to get match funding and other local organisations have offered to help, some with funding and potentially others with training etc. Nicky asked the board to decide if they wished to be the lead and share this project with the other isles? Eric suggested that those isles with turbines help with future funding needs and those without do not need to put funding in, if they cannot do so. Lloyd added that some CDO's are worried about their obligations when delivering wellbeing but if this network works then the roles can be defined and staff will have clarity and consistency while also being able to be flexible within agreed boundaries. The network would also allow Isles to find out about offers from their development trusts as well as the wellbeing links.

All directors approved the budget and the request for the REW DT to lead on this project.

3. **CBS Update re The Taversoe** – The Taversoe is now open for business. The electrical work is almost complete and there is a list of non-urgent work that would be a benefit to have completed, Lloyd is currently applying to external funders for funding to cover these items and other general improvements. Grant shared feedback he had heard from the community, saying they were happy the Taverso is open again and they seem to like the take-away food service. Peter wanted to add the acknowledgment of the involvement of the CBS for getting the Taversoe this far and added the longer-term remediation will come to the board, post the AGM.
4. **Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday 07 April 2025** - The Minutes were approved subject to acknowledging that Mark had sent

his apologies. Proposed by Carole Maguire & Seconded by Grant Mainland.

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

27 January 2025

AP2: Grant to approach the OIC Local Action Group and the OIC Community Development Fund to see if they are willing to fund or part-fund a building such as a large shed to be built to house the Snooker Club. **Discharged.**

22 February 2025

AP1: Helen to contact DTAS re insurance brokers with a view to getting alternative insurance cover for the board prior to the August renewal date. **Discharged.**

AP2: Ellie to speak to the REW&G CC to see if they are willing to match fund any of the grants the REW DT offers. **Discharged.**

AP3: Lloyd to find out how we can access data on how many 'hits' the website gets and what people are searching for when they visit our website. **Discharged.**

AP4: Lloyd to contact Shapinsay on Monday, to get the details of how The Smithy is managed. **Discharged.**

24 February 2025

AP1: Helen to check with the RCA that there are no other planned events on these days before advertising. **Discharged.**

07 April 2025

AP1: Lloyd to check that the Taversoe has an updated premises licence. **Discharged. Discharged.**

AP2: Lloyd to arrange for a new borehole to be drilled at The Manse. **Discharged.**

AP3: Lloyd or Christine contacts the Chair of NHS Orkney to see if our ambulance crew could undertake any vulnerable residents transport off Rousay. **Ongoing.** This is due to the number of organisations involved.

AP4: Nicky will be invited to the next board meeting to share her role with directors. **Discharged.**

AP5: All Directors to think about the investment opportunity with OHAL. **Ongoing.** Lloyd is still awaiting OHAL to go public with this.

AP6: All directors to get their feedback/changes back to Helen for the Annual Report by Tuesday 15 April 12:00 noon. **Discharged.**

AP7: Carole to speak to the two properties who get their water supply from the school about the changes planned and how this may affect their

water supply. **Carole** to also send Helen a plan of the changes for NTS. **Discharged.** The board discussed the cost implications of moving the electrics and that this shed also held the school electrics. The water tower is unsuitable to house the electrics due to being too damp. Carole shared that the football pitch could be used for parking, Helen suggested applying for external funding to get the pitch changed to an all weather pitch to prevent damage if used for parking. Alison & Callum felt that removing all bar the one shed should allow enough parking spaces for the number of children not arriving and departing school on the school bus.

6. Declaration of Interests – Peter & Callum declared an interest in the Sailing Club grant application.

7. REWIRED Update –

Productivity at the turbine for the past 3 months:

2024/25	Actual Productivity (kWh)	% Productivity (against 37% target)	% Curtailment (against 7% expectation)
January	223,521	34.49%	37.6%
February	319,736	49.35%	14.8%
March	360,280	55.60%	8.5%

March was the most productive month of the financial year – A nice end as winds will start to drop away for the summer months. The connectivity issues seem to have been sorted and in early April Enercon visited site to replace a pole shoe so hopefully that will improve the turbine's reliability.

Planning permission is still ongoing with OIC. Eric asked what rate REWIRED received from the turbine production, Mark said it was 16 pence per KWH for FITS and 8.5 pence for export (both figures are gross).

8. Grants.

The Grant report was previously circulated.

G25 02G Rousay Sailing Club – This is for 4.4% of the cost of purchasing three boats to be used in the Island Games and then for Rousay Sailing Club to take ownership of for the community to use. The total cost of the project is £34,100 and the Sailing Club requested £1,500 which was approved by the board.

G25 03G Egilsay Community Association- They are currently applying to the SLF for a grant to purchase the community building from OIC

on Egilsay. They need to have proof that the group can run the building successfully and this application is for funding to cover some of the essential core costs over the next 3 years. £5,000 in total paid as follows: -

Year one - £2,500

Year two - £1,500

Year three - £1,000

The annual expected running costs are in the region of £10,000.

The REW DT showing 'buy in' now will help the ECA in their SLF application. The board agreed only for these amounts over the three year period, and they would have liked more details regarding the running costs breakdown. All agreed to this grant award.

9. Trust Manager Report /Projects Projects

- 9.1. Affordable Housing – We have been told by Scottish Government that the funds have been allocated to us as requested, but they have yet to be formally approved as the civil servants involved have been pulled onto policy work for a month. They say we should get official confirmation by the end of May.

The Manse's new bore hole will be drilled on Friday and is likely to need a new pump. Once done, we can go back to the planning department.

- 9.2. Pier Restaurant - The air sample taken last month has passed the tests. RSK will submit a report saying the building has been cleaned of contamination to the REW DT who can then pass this to SEPA. If SEPA accept the report, then we will be given permission to start using it again.

RSK have found us a haulier to remove the spoil heap. This is relatively expensive but must be done correctly under SEPA guidelines. The board were updated on the clear out of the non-REW DT items in the Pier building and the idea of getting a skip to take these away, AP1: Eric has offered to give Lloyd a quote to remove the unwanted items cleared from the Pier building. Any items that could be used will be offered to the community.

- 9.3. Community Transport - New EV charge points due outside the cabin: still waiting for RS Merrimans to install and connect the charge points.

The E-bikes have all been serviced and are now going out on loan, two remain available for loan. The new bike repair station has arrived and is waiting to be installed next to the bike store. Eric asked about having a Trike from Shapinsay on loan. AP2: Eric to arrange with

Shapinsay DT for them to put the Trike onto the ferry for him to collect and return to Rousay for hire.

Both the van and the Leaf have been repaired and are back in action now.

9.4. Waterfront - Phase 2 SLF application has been submitted without agreement in principle to sell from some of the landowners. SLF are discussing with us while they assess the application.

9.5. Events, Networks, other activities and opportunities – The National Lottery has approved funding of £10,000 for us to distribute to groups in our community in small amounts – up to £500. We will add this to our own grants scheme and monitor its impact.

Peedie Lap next month – Grant has offered to cover the marshal point at the Fire Station.

The Government is consulting on the Community Wealth Building draft bill and is encouraging communities to feed into the process.

AP3: All Directors – if you want to find out more, please contact Lloyd, views on this Community Wealth Building draft bill need to be submitted by 23 May 2025.

The Scottish Islands Plan is being updated; Government staff are hoping to visit Rousay for 'drop in' sessions on 02 June 2025. **Lloyd** will circulate the details when he has them.

9.6. Estate Manager's update – Hannah has a budget of £5,500 previously approved for the year but this was agreed before Hannah was employed. Hannah's paper requesting an increase to her budget was discussed. This would be for a more detailed survey of the estate and to create a Rousay Field Club. This request was approved.

Eric mentioned the poor condition of the seating on the board walk, Hannah is looking into this and ways to improve it. Carole said that the bin had not been emptied for a while, **Helen** to remind Darren that this is part of his regular maintenance work.

10. Administration, Finance & Office

10.1. **New Membership** – one application received, and board approved.

10.2. **Finance** – Kayleigh pointed out a few formatting issues with the new 2025-26 budget spreadsheet, **Helen** to correct these and double check the budgets are feeding through correctly to the master page.

10.3. **AGM** – No changes to the Articles were received from directors. As we currently have four vacancies on the board, no directors need to stand down at this AGM. The members invitations are going out in the post this week, if **AP4: Directors** know of anyone who is a member and would like to become a director, please can they encourage them to apply.

11. AOB or extending the life of the turbine.

- 11.1 Bill wanted to pass his thanks to the REW DT for their generous donation to the opening of the Taversoe.
- 11.2 Callum asked if the Wasbister Boat House could be used to temporarily store the skiff and then it could also be used to train young people how to use it on the loch which would be safer than the open sea. **Lloyd** to check if it will fit.
- 11.3 The Snooker Club application for funding to provide a new home for the equipment requires the club to have a constitution. Grant is looking to merge the Snooker Club with other clubs on Rousay including the Darts Club, once done they will merge their constitutions and an application for funding will be resubmitted. **Lloyd** to share with Grant his information about a suitable shed on another island that could be appropriate for the Snooker Club to use.

12. Next Board Meeting –

- Monday 16 June 2025 @ 19:00, Pier Cabin. At this meeting, the board meetings for the next 12 months will be agreed.

Summary of outstanding action points.

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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
REWIRED	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