



**REWDT Grants & Budget Board Meeting,
Monday 22 July 2025 @ 19:00
Minutes**

Present: Peter Roebuck (Chair), Grant Mainland (Vice-Chair), Alison Mainland (Treasurer), Kayleigh Tipper, Joy Henderson & Lisa Croft.

In Attendance: Lloyd Gudgeon (CDO) & Helen Castle (Co Sec/AFO).

- 1. Welcome & Apologies for absence** – Peter welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Richard Tipper, Carole Maguire, Eric Shortland & Mark Hull.
- 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2025** - The Minutes were approved. Proposed by Callum Flaws & Seconded by Lisa Croft.
- 3. Action points (see below) and other matters arising (if not elsewhere on agenda).**

16 June 2025

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AP7: Lloyd & Grant to find the answers to the following (via the CBS): -

- Grant wants to know when the CBS will have confirmation of Bill taking over from Carey re the personal license. **Ongoing.** Bill is in the process of gaining his licence.
- Carole asked why the TVs have all been removed from the building, including those in the bedrooms. These are currently being stored in the Pier Restaurant. **Discharged.** This is Bill's business/manager's choice, and not all the TVs have been removed from all the bedrooms.
- Kayleigh is concerned about the recent costs of assets purchased for the building and who is managing this spend, **Lloyd & Peter** to go through this with the CBS and share this information at the next board meeting. Julie is producing the asset register, which will also be shared at the next meeting. **Discharged.**

AP9: Lloyd will start looking for external funding to increase our stock of E-Bikes for loan. **Discharged.** Lloyd has arranged for external funding from CES to purchase additional E-Bikes and to have a separate electrical connection to the Pier Cabin instead of this coming via the Pier Restaurant connection.

AP10: Lloyd to ensure the Fair Work Statement is uploaded onto the REW DT website. **Ongoing.**

AP11: Directors to review the Foodbank request information and let Helen know if they wish to be involved. **Ongoing.**

4. Declaration of Interests – none.

5. REWIRED Update –

Productivity at the turbine for the past 3 months:

2024/25	Actual Productivity (kWh)	% Productivity (against 37% target)	% Curtailment (against 7% expectation)
April	184,224	28.43%	15.0%
May	199,287	30.75%	13.8%
June	259,837	40.10%	19.9%

June's productivity was a pleasant surprise, it was likely helped by a lack of technical issues from both the turbine itself and the grid, we anticipate a little more issues with curtailment going through the summer as SSE continue to work on the ANM system.

Despite frequent contact with Enercon, they have been unable to confirm when the blades team will be able to attend site. We are not the only CPO member chasing this issue.

The PPA price has been fluctuating quite a lot due to unrest across the world. REWIRED Ltd are in constant contact with various PPA partners and will keep a close eye on the markets going forward.

6. Grants.

The Grant report was previously circulated.

G25 06G – REW & G CC – Re-painting of the names on the War memorial. £2,032.00 but only requested £1,000.00 towards this cost. Approved.

The board wished to thank Alice Mainland for bringing this issue to the REW & CC board.

7. Trust Manager Report /Projects Projects

7.1. Affordable Housing – Rural Housing Fund have approved (tbc) a grant of £320,000 towards the cost of the two new houses at Johnstons Road. We expect to be allocated £100,000 from OIC with additional £100,000 available as a concessionary loan. However, approval of these is not yet confirmed. The contractor has begun site-preparation. As the REW DT has not yet signed the contract with Rendall's this work is at their own risk. All agreed to let this work continue as the ground preparation is best done during the drier weather.

Drill Orkney have completed the drilling of the new borehole at the Manse. The test data has been forwarded to OIC Environmental Health. Lloyd is re-applying for planning permission to convert the Manse into three flats.

7.2. Taversoe/CBS – There was a long discussion about the Taversoe, the costs involved and feedback from the community that the board had been made aware of. **AP2: Lloyd** to arrange a meeting with CBS (Chris Jacques), Peter and Bill to discuss how the REW DT can support the project going forward, what is expected of both parties and the creation of a support/steering group once the CBS is disbanded.

7.3 Pier Restaurant – Our insurers are dealing with the claim for damages to the neighbouring property. If we cannot settle, this will go to a court hearing in October. We hope that claim will be settled via our public liability cover. This is currently in the solicitors' hands.

Many thanks to Eric and Mitch who have cleared the café room. Some items have gone to Restart, and some have been put in the Sharing Shed; the rest has gone to landfill.

SEPA have confirmed that their interest in the building is at an end and have said that the final air quality tests were acceptable. Peter asked if the mains water can be connected again in time for the Sailing Club regatta. **AP3: Lloyd** to contact Scottish Water to see if we can physically connect the building so the toilets can be flushed. Notices will be put up to say 'not drinking water' until OIC Environmental Health has passed the water supply as fit.

7.4 Community Transport – The Vivaro is still at the garage in Thurso awaiting parts so that it can be fixed. There is a steady demand from local people for the Dial-a-Ride service, which is being met by the drivers using their own vehicles and the LEAF while the van is away. Peter thanks the drivers for using their own cars to support this work. ~~Lloyd is working with Christine to produce an island plan for transport which will feed into the OIC's Orkney wide plan; this is in partnership with the Community councils and a consultant will be engaged to produce the final report. Christine is working on the production of an Island Mobility/Transport Plan liaising closely with Lloyd and the team. A final draft will be presented to the board soon. The Mobility/Transport Plan will feed into OIC's Orkney-wide Local Place Plan initiative, which will be delivered in partnership with the Community Councils. A consultant will be engaged to produce the final Place Plan.~~

The E-bikes are also in demand from local people. There has been a request for an additional, more accessible bike shelter at the Pier. Funding can be available via HiTrans or CES. The Board is happy for a new bike shelter to be placed in front of the Sharing Shed – easily accessible from the road, but not on the road. **AP4: Lloyd** to arrange this.

- 7.5 Waterfront – SLF has offer the REW DT £198,000.00 to buy the properties that have agreed to sell for this project. Three properties do not wish to sell currently. If this changes in the future the REW DT could look into applying for external funding if the properties would benefit the project. Grant asked what the implications are for the project due to the three properties not being included. Peter shared that it was not ideal, but the project can continue as the development can be moved further westward due to the shoreline being owned by a resident that is happy with the development plans. Peter also shared that OHAL own a triangle shaped piece of land near the entrance to the site at Johnstons Road which they may be willing to sell to the REW DT to ensure the access is larger and therefore more suitable.

In the SFL application there were no stipulations other than the purchase of the properties that had already agreed to sell to the REW DT. This funding must be spent by the end of March 2026. The REW DT will then go out to the community once more to share ideas for the development

and get the communities buy in. Current plans are not 'set in stone'. The board agreed to take the SLF award and progress this project.

Lloyd shared an email from a resident stating their concerns with this project and other projects the REW DT are currently working on, plus his reply. The board were happy with Lloyds reply and did not wish to add anything more to this.

- 7.6 Events, Networks, other activities and opportunities - Lloyd has submitted a funding application to The Orkney Fund (the old Town Fund) for a consultant to run a series of consultation events leading to a Local Place Plan. We are working with the Community Council on this. If successful, the outcome would be place plans for each island, plus an aligned Mobility/Transport Plan ~~Transport Strategy~~, a Carbon Action Plan, and a Resilience Plan. These are documents that OIC and Government are increasingly demanding from Trusts seeking support.

Nicky, Peter and Lloyd attended a workshop in Kirkwall to start designing an islands well-being network. They are taking a lead role in this, with support primarily from Sanday, Hoy, Stronsay and Eday, as well as VAO. It will take time to get a design agreed, and meanwhile the VAO-led well-being project is closing in September. The Board agreed to commit to funding our current well-Being Co-ordinator for 6 months from October 2025 to March 2026 to ensure continuity during the transition phase, with a review to be presented at the December board meeting. This will include well-being work as well as work to develop the new Network. Application to the National Lottery to take this project forward from April 2026+ are more likely to be successful if a number of development trusts are involved.

8. Administration, Finance & Office

8.1. **New Membership** –No new membership forms received.

8.2. **Finance** – no additional questions re the budget spreadsheet.

9. AOB

9.1 Grant shared that he has not got very far with gaining his event licence. **AP5: Grant** to take this forward. The Sailing Club has applied for an event licence for the regatta, but Grant can once he has his licence cover for future events.

9.2 **AP6: All Directors** to come to the September meeting with ideas for the future plans for the Pier Restaurant.

9.3 **AP7: Lloyd** to check if the original people still living on Rousay wish to be a part of the Pier Steering Group and if not to advertise in the next review for volunteers to be on this group. Grant would like to continue to be on this group.

9.4 Due to the ferry times once the DT board meetings move to a Saturday the board agreed to change the start time to 10:00 so that Joy could attend in person.

9.5 Powered by People event at Stromness Museum 16/05/2025 to 18 April 2026, Helen shared this information, if directors wish to go.

10. Next Three Board Meetings, all at The Pier Cabin –

- Monday 08 September @ 19:00
- Saturday 01 November @ 10:00
- Saturday 13 December @ 10:00

Summary of outstanding action points.

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TM	Turbine Manager
Co Sec	Company Secretary
CDO	Community Development Officer
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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