



**REWDT Board Meeting,
Monday 8th September 2025 @ 19:00
Minutes**

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

In Attendance: Lloyd Gudgeon (CDO) & Julie Akid (Acting Co Sec/AFO).

- 1. Welcome & Apologies for absence** – Peter welcomed all to the meeting. All Directors in attendance.
- 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July 2025** - The Minutes were approved. Proposed by Callum Flaws & Seconded by Alison Mainland.
- 3. Action points (see below) and other matters arising (if not elsewhere on agenda).**

16 June 2025

AP1: **Mark** to speak to **Eric** to explain why prevention of 'shadowing' is important and answer any further questions Eric has regarding REW DT directors on the subsidiary board. **Ongoing.**

AP3: if **Mark** agrees, Mark to stay as a specialist and REW DT director on the REWIRED Ltd. board. Mark has agreed to stay on the board – **Discharged**

AP5: **Lloyd** to arrange with Shapinsay DT for the delivery of the trike to JBT in Kirkwall, **Eric** will then deliver it to Rousay. **Ongoing.**

AP6: **Lloyd** The board asked to see the worklist of improvements to the building (Taversoe) and would like the list prioritised and costed with any external funding applications linked to the items on the list for discussion at the next meeting. **Ongoing.**

AP7: **Lloyd** 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 - to be discussed at Review meeting see 7.3**

AP11: **Directors** to review the Foodbank request information and let Helen know if they wish to be involved. **Discharged – No Director interest registered.**

22nd July 2025

AP1: **Peter & Grant** to inform the REWIRED Ltd. board of the requirements of their Articles. The Articles state that

- REWIRED Ltd. directors make suggestions of whom they wish to have on their board and the REW DT approves (or not) their suggestions.
- All REWIRED Ltd. office bearers must be re-elected every year on the first REWIRED Ltd. meeting following the REW DT AGM.
- Peter said this means REWIRED Ltd. need to hold a minimum of two meetings each year, one to approve their accounts and one following the REW DT AGM. All REWIRED Ltd. directors must support the REW DT. **Ongoing for all bullet points.**

AP6: **All Directors** to come to the September meeting with ideas for the future plans for the Pier Restaurant. **Discharged – A steering group has been formed and plans for the re-opening of the Pier restaurant are progressing.**

4. **Declaration of Interests – none.**

5. **REWIRED Update – Blades still to be inspected**
Productivity is down over the summer and curtailment seems to be rising.

6. **Grants.**

6.1 General Grant Application G25 07G – REWGCC - Approved.

6.2 Proposed 2025 Winter Fuel grant – Ongoing
Final decision to be made at next Board meeting after budget review.

7. CDO`s Report /Projects

7.1. Affordable Housing – Johnsons Road project is now underway, Lloyd informed the board that the site CDM board had originally been missed by the contractor, but this was now being prepared and would incur an additional cost to the project. Carole asked about a completion date and estimate of November for the first fix given.

7.2. Taversoe

A long discussion again took place, and the board requested that a 6-month review should take place before a new lease is agreed between Bill, and REWDT now the CBS has dissolved.

The review is to discuss general trading, future trading business plans, and to also confirm the current status of Bills licence application.

The board would also like to see another public consultation arranging regarding the long term future plans of the Taversoe.

AP1: Lloyd to arrange a 6 month review meeting with Taversoe Steering group to include Bill and Carey.

AP2: Julie to prepare the Agenda and minute the review meeting between the Taversoe Steering Group and Bill. It will be presented at the next board meeting.

AP3: Lloyd to keep funders informed of changes re CBS closure.

AP4: Lloyd to arrange a suitable date for a public consultation to discuss ongoing Taversoe project.

7.3 Pier Restaurant – A steering group has been formed to include local Rousay residents who are enthusiastic to reopen as soon as possible. The group are working on a business plan and are under instruction from OIC Environmental. A phased opening is expected from spring 2026. Heating, deep cleaning and urgent repairs will be a priority.

The board asked for costings to be included in the budget review if possible.

AP5: Grant to arrange local contractor – R Mainland to visit site asap and advise on works recommended and costs expected.

7.4 Community Transport – The Leaf has failed the MOT – various advisories.

Board agreed to the repairs required to obtain another year's MOT certificate if possible.

7.5 Draft Mobility plan has been circulated, and the board were happy with its progress.

8. Administration, Finance & Office

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

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

8.3. **Companies House** – All directors reminded to complete paperwork required asap. Board member with no photo ID having issues with completing.

AP6: Julie to check with Companies house and Scholes regarding Photo ID and advise board member.

9. AOB

9.1: REW&G CC Notice Board –

Richard suggested a letter to be presented at the next REW&G CC meeting giving suggestions on how to resolve the issues concerning the notice board access.

AP7: Julie/Helen to prepare a letter for the REW&G CC

9.2 **Christmas Lunch** –Board agreed to fund the staff Christmas meal at the Taversoe.

AP8: Julie/Helen to make enquires with Bill at the Taversoe regarding the Christmas lunch

9.3 Mark Hull advised he was making an application for funding to look into the feasibility for a long term replacement turbine.

Board agreed that the trust should lead on this.

9.4 **AP9:** Eric asked if we could investigate the connection of a water supply to the Polytunnel site from or through the current Johnstons road building site. Lloyd to investigate.

9.5 The Darts Club have asked if they may be able to use the Pier Restaurant building to host a club match, should the competition require it. **Approved** subject to usual care and tidying up.

9.6 Richard reminded us that the Cabin's temporary planning permission will need to be renewed in the next 6 months.

9.7 We need to update all Director's preferred means of contact, to include at least one email address and, if possible, at least one phone number. We also need to check the existing policy on short-turnaround decisions taken outwith regular meetings. It was recommended that we give at least 48 hours for reply, and that there is no assumed approval in the event of no reply. A decision taken outwith a meeting would have to show a majority of the whole Board in order to be approved.

API0: Helen/Julie to undertake a review of current policy and update as required. (Directors preferred means of contact & the 48 hour 'rule').

Next Two Board Meetings, all at The Pier Cabin –

- Saturday 01 November @ 10:00
- Saturday 13 December @ 10:00
- Saturday 24 January @ 10:00

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
CBS
CTA
CiN
RCA

Financial Conduct Society
Community Benefit Society
Community Transport Association
Children in Need
Rousay Community Association