



**Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre  
Development Trust**  
Registered Office: The Cabin, Pier, Rousay,  
Orkney, KW17 2PU



**REWDT Grants & Budget Board Meeting,  
Saturday 21 February 2026 @ 10:00  
Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Roebuck (Chair), Lisa Croft (Vice-Chair), Alison Mainland (Treasurer), Kayleigh Tipper, Grant Mainland & Callum Flaws

**In Attendance:** Lloyd Gudgeon (CDO), Ellie Roberts (Grants Officer) & Helen Castle (Co Sec/AFO).

- 1. Welcome & Apologies for absence** – Peter welcomed all directors to the meeting. Apologies were received from Carole Maguire, Richard Tipper & Joy Henderson.

Peter welcomed Ellie to the meeting and shared that this budget is ambitious and if the REW DT wishes to continue with such large and ambitious projects this will only be possible if the REW DT continues to receive a generous annual gift from REWIRED Ltd. However, once the current planned projects have been completed and bank balance will be much lower and this could open the REW DT up to being able to apply for funding from many other external funders, which in turn could allow for new projects to be planned and completed in line with the REW DT Development Plan and the communities support.

- 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Saturday 24 January 2026** - The Minutes were approved. Proposed by Peter Roebuck & 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**, **Mark** to phone Eric, **Peter** to remind Mark of this.

13 December 2025

**AP2:** **Peter** to share with the REWIRED Ltd. board that Eric is keen to be on this and could replace one of the REW DT directors. **Superseded**. See AP1: below 24/1/26.

**AP5:** **Carole** to share the RCA hire agreements with Lloyd. **Ongoing**.

REWDT Directors: Peter Roebuck (Chair), Grant Mainland, Alison Mainland (Treasurer), Callum Flaws, Carole Maguire, Eric Shortland, Kayleigh Tipper, Richard Tipper Lisa Croft (Vice-Chair), & Mark Hull (Co-opted Director).

AP6: **Any Director** who wishes to be involved in the new Taversoe Manager interviews, please let Lloyd know. **Discharged.**

AP7: **Peter** to discuss the phase one plans with Sam Walker from OIC EHO. **Ongoing.**

AP8: **Lisa, Grant & Richard** to complete the Co-op Bank proof of ID ASAP please. **Ongoing.**

AP10: **Joy** to discuss access with the landowner and bring the results of this and their ideas to the board meeting in January. The board can then make a decision regarding the purchase of the building. **Superseded.**

#### 24 January 2026

AP1: **Grant** to email REWIRED Ltd. directors that Eric is keen to be a director (replacing Peter as a REW DT representative). REWIRED Ltd. will then make a decision and propose this to the REW DT board for approval. If approved, REWIRED Ltd will then need to appoint a new Vice-Chair. **Ongoing.**

AP2: **Peter** to send **Grant** all the information received from the Taversoe's 13 applicants; Grant will only be involved once the short-list is agreed but is keen to see all 13 applications. **Discharged.**

AP3: **Eric** to inform the person responsible that the directors expect them to make good the stone wall damage as soon as possible. **Ongoing.**

AP4: **Grant** to arrange for a licence for the 14 February event at the Pier Restaurant and arrange for the rubbish left after the previous events to be removed. **Discharged.**

AP5: **Joy** will get the Wyre School House questionnaires to Helen next week with any additional information so this can be shared with the directors as soon as possible for comment. **Discharged.**

4. **Declaration of Interests** – None declared, agreed to declare when each project is discussed.

#### 5. **Grants.**

5.1 G25 10G Orkney Folk Festival – Approved in principle for £762.06 (50% of ferry hire costs). They must contact RCA to book the venue and agree any other requirements, e.g. refreshments etc. before the funds will be awarded.

5.2 Well-being Grant application from someone who lives and works on Rousay 2 weeks out of 4 and wishes to use the grant for gym membership. Not approved as they are not a permanent resident.

#### 6. 2026/27 Budget

6.1 Summary of budget – The predicted gift for 2026/27 financial year will be £150,000, down from £500,000 in 2025/26. Grant said this is the worst case scenario. Our current core costs are high and cannot be sustained into future years without an increase in the 2026/27 REWIRED Ltd gift. The turbine usually covers the staff costs, core running costs and grants the REW DT provides for residents to apply for, plus any projects not covered by external funding. Many of our current large projects will be completed in this year or early in 2027. Directors need to be mindful when looking at costs going forward.

## 6.2 Grants

6.2.1 General Grants – Budget approved at £20,000

6.2.1 Educational Bursary Grant - Budget approved at £10,000, this grant has been offered for both nationally recognised educational qualifications and qualifications in skills. These skills have often benefitted residents widely, e.g. having people on REW who are qualified tradespeople etc.

6.2.2 Driving Lessons – Budget approved £2,500

6.2.3 Well-Being – Budget approved at £25,000, since the board approved changes last budget meeting to open this grant award more widely this has been taken up by more residents and is greatly appreciated. Ellie asked if the offer could be changed to include well-being activities outside of Orkney e.g. spa days but the board declined this. Ellie had also received various requests for equipment for wellbeing activities e.g. modelling items etc., the board declined to make this change. Ellie asked if the books of ferry tickets for senior citizens could be changed from 50 to either 40 or 60 ferry tickets due to an issue getting books of 50 from Orkney Ferries. Peter & Lisa both declared an interest in this element of the grant's discussion. The board agreed that senior citizens could get either 40 or 60 ferry ticket books depending on which they prefer to have under the grant offer.

6.2.4 Community Activity Grant – Budget approved at £7,500, Ellie shared that we still have funds from the pilot NATIONAL Lottery Community Group award. Community groups need to apply to the CAG first rather than the General Grant Fund. The board will review all grant budgets after 6 months in case funds need to be moved between grant funding budget lines.

6.2.5 Medical Support – Budget approved at £2,500

6.2.6 Fuel Grant – Budget approved at £20,000, Peter shared that at the recent CES conference this type of grant awarded by development trusts was discussed and the general consensus is that trusts should be moving towards helping properties become better insulated rather than giving residents funds towards heating bills. Ellie shared feedback from residents that some do not want Government contracted companies informing residents about their homes and that these grants often come with conditions that residents are not happy to sign up for. **AP1:** Callum asked if the REW DT could have a project that provided residents with solar panels, this could be for a future year's project, **Lloyd** to look into this. Ellie shared that applications this year are very similar to last year and that the first two years take-up of this grant offer were lower. The board approved £20,000 instead of the requested budget of £17,000

6.2.7 Emergency Stay – Budget approved at £500 – to be reviewed in 6 months.

Ellie's other questions regarding grants – When outside of RE&W want a community activity should they apply for a Community Activity Grant or a General Grant? Board agreed that all organisations or groups outside of RE&W should apply for a General Grant.

Ellie asked about a new group on Egilsay who wish to put on a dance for all RE&W residents. They are looking for funding to cover the late ferry as well as the dance costs. Board asked that they apply for a Community Activity Grant first and then a General Grant for the balance of the costs, if other local or external funding cannot be found. **AP2:** **Lloyd** was asked to investigate if the Egilsay turbine **is still producing funds for ECA and if not, can it** be fixed and if there are grants available to support this. In which case Egilsay would have an income to help with such applications.

Girl Guides – 4 girls are wanting to go to Japan on a Girl Guide's trip, they are fund raising and are only looking for a REW DT contribution. Board agrees this is not an education Bursary grant and the Girl Guide group should apply for support using a General Grant application.

### 6.3 Projects

6.3.1 Maintenance – Budget approved at £6,000, board requested this is split between all projects rather than grouped together and must not include any capital costs, as these would be project costs shown separately.

6.3.2 Well-Being Activities – Budget approved at £4,626, this is the £4,000 requested by Nicky for REW DT funded well-being

activities plus £626.00 for a REW DT contribution to the MHWB VAO funded award of £5,175.00. The board removed the Triangle club winter lunches and Christmas event and has requested the Triangle Club apply for the REW DT's National Lottery Community Activities grant for the Christmas event (up to £500.00) and also apply via the General Grant for the winter lunches. The Hot Tub activity was also removed from the budget by the board.

- 6.3.3 Youth Worker – Budget approved at £4,935, Rachel has very good attendance at all events. **AP3: Rachel** to look to find external funding to support the Youth Worker's activities and salary costs for next year's (2027/28) budget.
- 6.3.4 Transport – Budget approved at £20,000; Helen has applied to OIC for £10,000 towards these costs but will not know the outcome until the end of March. If successful, the budget will be reduced by the awarded external funding amount. Details of who the current drivers are were shared with the board.
- 6.3.5 Here2Help – Budget approved at £8,000
- 6.3.6 Pier Restaurant – The carry-over ring-fenced budget from last year is £130,337.00, the board have asked **AP4: The Pier Restaurant Group (via Grant)** for a costed budget to be submitted by the Pier Group for 2026/27, to include a spending profile for the next 12 months. The board will then be able to approve the budget at the March meeting, and staff will be able to apply for external funding to support the costs. A structural engineer will be visiting the week beginning 23 February and then the group will be able to get quotes for the work needing to be done.
- 6.3.7 REW Heritage SCIO – No budget agreed as the organisation can apply for funding via a Community Activities Grant.
- 6.3.8 Peedie & Rousay Laps – Budget approved at £2,000
- 6.3.9 Housing Project – Budget approved at £590,000, **AP5: Lloyd** to ask Davie Campbell for details of the funding package.
- 6.3.10 Trumland Estate – Budget approved at £7,700, the board thanked Hannah for a good job being done so far. Lloyd updated the board that they are applying to external funders to extend Hannah's contract as Hannah wishes to see the Windbreck project through to its completion. NILPS funding

has been awarded, and Hannah is waiting for OIC planning to be approved to start this work.

6.3.11 6kW Turbines – Budget approved at £2,000 for each turbine (Rousay & Wyre).

6.3.12 Website improvements – Budget approved at £4,000

6.3.13 CDO Budget – Budget approved at £1,000

6.3.14 Taversoe – Provisional budget approved at £25,000; Lloyd updated the board that the successful applicant for the role of managing the Taversoe has accepted the offer and handed in their notice at their current employer. They are very enthusiastic and energetic, Lloyd will be reviewing their references and if all good, they will arrive around 01 April with a planned opening for 01 May. A detailed discussion occurred about how best to manage this project and AP6: Lloyd & Helen to arrange a TEAMS meeting with Ryan and Kayleigh to discuss the options further, Lloyd to also ask Shapinsay how they manage their cafe/restaurant.

The board agreed to replace the main area carpet with laminate, AP7: Lloyd to ask local contractors regarding the laying of the laminate flooring at the Taversoe. Sam Walker from OIC will be advising regarding any improvements required for the kitchen. Peter & Grant would like to be involved with this visit too. Sam to be asked to check the Pier restaurant at the same time. AP8: Lloyd to draft the contracts for the couple who will be working at the Taversoe.

6.3.15 The Manse – Budget approved at £1,000 to be added to the Housing Budget.

6.3.16 Waterfront Development – Budget approved at £13,610.00 (carry-over from last year). AP9: Lloyd to finalise the transfer of Eric's land to the REW DT. Lisa then left the meeting.

6.3.17 Wyre School Purchase – This will be reviewed in six months' time once further information is known about a potential project beginning.

6.3.18 Reserve in case of any Staff Redundancy – This budget to be ring-fence in case of future need.

6.3.19 Core Costs – Staff to be given a 3.4% pay increase in line with CPI plus a 1% increase to staff pension payments by the REW

DT to align staff so that all staff are receiving the same percentage amount. All other core costs were approved.

**6.3.20 Potential Project Manager Role** – Lloyd's workload is very high and unsustainable. A discussion occurred about options to support Lloyd and take into consideration the end of his fixed term contract. **AP10: Lloyd** to draft a proposal based on the director's discussion for the March board meeting regarding the potential for a Project Manager position which could also include future asset manager's role and other project related duties.

## **7. AOB**

7.1 The board approved a small change in date for the April and May board meeting dates. The 27 April meeting will now happen on 04 May and the 25 May meeting on the 01 June.

7.2 Peedie Lap date is 14 June & Rousay Lap 22 August.

7.3 **AP11: Eric** must inform Helen before 14 March of his Companies House personal code to allow Helen to complete the annual return to Companies House.

7.4 Staff would like to contact all households to ask how they would like to receive correspondence from the REW DT e.g. only by email or only by letter/post. This would then be applied to the AGM mailshot. The board agreed to this.

## **8. The next Two Board Meetings, all at The Pier Cabin Community Room-**

- Monday 23 March 2026 @ 19:00
- Monday 04 May 2026 @ 19:00

## **Summary of Action Points.**

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### Acronym List

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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

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**CTA**

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**RCA**

**Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Islands Renewable Energy  
Development**

**Community Power Orkney**

**Scottish Natural Heritage**

**Highlands and Islands Enterprise**

**Financial Conduct Society**

**Community Benefit Society**

**Community Transport Association**

**Children in Need**

**Rousay Community Association**