

STROMNESS COMMUNITY BUSINESS FORUM

16th January 2007
7.30pm @ CESS

Present: M Craigie, M Davidson, G Davies, I Richardson, R Gauld, M Swanney,
N Brass

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the last meeting on 22nd Nov 06, were adopted (Prop : G Davies, Sec: I Richardson).

Matters Arising

CD-ROM

We have given out 111 free DVD's to members and prospective member and have sold 83 DVD's including another 10 or order from Paper Shop.

MC will contact Northlink buyer to ask why they have not yet got them on display in their shop on Hamnavoe.

Pierhead Update

Community Planning meeting (VAO) was last Thurs 11th (150) and Town Planning Open day at Community Centre on Friday had 153 visitors + 10 organisers.

Both events went extremely well with Stromness having more at Community Planning event than all other parishes in Orkney put together !

We are now hoping for good turnout on Sat morning at Academy Dining Hall (10.00 - 13.00) for the working group session

MC agreed to draft an Invoice to OIC when costs are worked out (£3,000 + hire of halls, etc.)

Renewables Update

Issues regarding ownership of land still need to be addressed and resolved before things can move forward.

Scottish & Southern Electric: Expect feedback on grid connection later this month or early next.

SCDT Meeting on Thurs evening.

MC had still not received response from EMEC on potential to tie-in to their 7 MW grid connection.

Membership

No changes. £4,254 in Bank.

Suggested we hold AGM on Tues 27th Feb after the Dinner Dance on 24th Feb.

Ian would ask - Omand to review figures.

Member Visits

MC to liaise with OFS and Orkney Herring to suggest suitable dates for next open day/evening

Police & "Boy Racers"

Still waiting for Norman to draft letter regarding the prevalence of late night "round the town" races, speeding on Hellihole with young motorists, plus thefts, etc, and circulate for comment.

Dinner Dance

Maurice Davidson had spoken to Royal Hotel and agreed in principle to hold on Sat 24th Feb. Dinner/buffet would cost £15 each and another £5.00 for band.

Gareth suggested list of prizes to be awarded to best businesses – He would draw up list.

Date of Next Meeting

To be held on Wed 21st Feb, before the Dinner Dance and week before the AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.