

**Unst Partnership Board Meeting  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 8pm. BJHS**

**DRAFT MINUTE**

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**1. Welcome and apologies.**

**Present:**

Gordon Thomson  
Anna Niven  
Kelda Hudson  
Rory Tallack  
Jane Macaulay  
Mike Smith  
Paul Thomson

**Apologies:**

Karen Smith  
Helen Bradley

**In attendance :**

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

- **Ideas Day**

25 local people turned which was slightly disappointing although Helen had worked hard contacting local groups, companies and associations. Ideas were generated and it was a productive meeting regardless.

- **Training**

Training for directors would be on hold until after the AGM

- **Turbines**

Form submitted to OFGEM for ROC equivalent tariff. Still requires meter and inverter which is to be installed by Shetland Windpower. They have no timescale on when this is to be completed although Mike has expressed to them the importance of the project.

Ewan Thomson has been contacted regarding the fencing off of the turbines although no response has been received.

- **Powerdown Projects**

5 months left to go and 7 projects available. These include:

- Allotments
  - 7 out of 12 taken. Water source still to be finalised which is imperative.
- Recycling Centre
  - Half of the airport hangar (£1 per year) secured. Equipment sourced includes cardboard shredder, paper shredder, sander, planer, briquette maker.
  - Requires a business plan to source funding for centre manager.
  - Local groups could be approached to run/manage the facility at certain times.
  - Robertson's Trust have indicated project may be suitable for 50% funding.
- Fuel Poverty
  - Huge project which may involve SIC and a project they have been looking at.
  - Would need to eradicate fuel poverty on Unst entirely.
- Turbines
  - Huge project.
  - Unst Inshore Services keen to make and test (3kW) turbines to be used.
  - No obvious funding available.
- Transport
  - Scooter acquired.

- PURE keen to be involved in converting scooter into Hydrogen powered community asset.
- Community Renewables
  - Renewables for schools, halls, centres etc...
  - Huge project.
  - Community Energy Scotland are looking into this in some way.
- Community Development

Directors present agreed to focus on the following 3 projects and see through as far as possible, the remaining projects will be included in a report and this would made available to anyone who wishes to explore these ideas further in the future.

1. Allotments
2. Recycling Centre
3. Transport

- **Development Plan**

Ideas generated so far at Ideas Day would feed into this. Feedback at public events (chip suppers etc) is a good place to start and should be more discrete for people to complete at their table.

### 3. Working Groups

Food and Drink:	No further update.
Tourism:	Talk on brand development may lead to funding issues regarding Mairi Pottinger's email. This may need to be looked at.
Renewables:	No further update.
Housing:	No further update.

### 4. Mill Feasibility Study

The working group came to the conclusion that the project should continue and apply for funding. A consultation questionnaire has been created that will go out to the public. There was some discussion with regard to the distinction between "Shetland sheep" and "sheep from Shetland". This needs to be clarified – does the business plan projection or feasibility study make any incorrect assumptions? How does this affect the proposal? The SGRPD may be a source of information on sheep classification.

### 5. AGM

Karen, Rory, Ruth, Gordon, Maggie and Anne are to step down. It was suggested that a smaller group of directors and focus on fewer, more tangible projects may lead to a more efficient UP in 2011.

### 6. AOCB

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### 7. Actions

Paul:	Housing advert in local shops.
Anna:	Speak to Uyeasound Salmon regarding a date for vacating the Baltasound Hangar.
Gordon:	Look at the Mill Feasibility Study with regard to the definition of Shetland sheep and its impact on the business plan projections.

### 8. Next Meeting

The AGM is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the Baltasound Hall.