

**Unst Partnership Board Meeting
Monday 20th September at 6:30pm. BJHS**

DRAFT MINUTE

1. Welcome and apologies.

Present:

Gordon Thomson
Paul Thomson
Kelda Hudson
Liam O' Neill
Karen Smith
Jane Macaulay

Apologies:

Helen Bradley (Community Work)
Anna Niven
Maggi Reyner
Rory Tallack

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

JM requested an alteration to the last minute.

Updates on Working groups and their projects, 'The food and drink group would like to twin with the Scilly Isles' will now read, 'The food and drink group were interested in looking at opportunities for Unst to twin with other islands or places.'

The minutes were approved by LO and seconded by KH following this amendment.

3. Updates on Working Groups and their projects:

- **Food and Drink (JM)**

JM is still to finalise the terms of reference document.

- **Tourism (RT)**

Rory had arranged a tourism meeting recently

- **Unst Creative (LO)**

Unst Creative will appoint their own director who will be able to serve until the AGM in November.

- **Unst Renewables (KS)**

The group had heard nothing further from their Business Gateway Advisor since he had taken their business plan for waste to waste and action plan away.

The group had received a number of responses to their market research from community recyclers across Scotland. The group was hoping to have a stall at the farmers market to sell some second hand goods.

- **Housing Group (PT)**

PT continues to receive e-mails from a variety of people interested in moving to Unst. The idea of maintaining a property directory was rejected as too time consuming in favour of putting notices up in the shop about enquiries for accommodation and/or forwarding enquiries by e-mail to landlords who may be interested in renting property and have agreed to receive them.

4. Community Development Plan (HB)

The hall has been booked for the Community Development Plan Ideas Day on October 23rd. A meeting will be held on the 11th October at 8p.m to discuss this further.

5. Feasibility Study for Mill

The study has been completed and circulated and the group involved has met to discuss it. The cost of setting up the mill is more expensive than anticipated. LO circulated some interesting information on costs of the Belfast Spinning Mill for comparison. Market research was felt by some

to be thin. KS raised queries about capacity, funding and value for money. Other directors felt the development worker would work on this for us.

GT to arrange a meeting with Phil Brown for interested parties. GT to send study to HIE, EDU, Yell, Fetlar, Unst Community Councils etc.

6. AOCB

- **Training**

Could all directors please confirm their availability for training to HB

- **Membership Update**

LO had compiled useful analyses of the current membership and identified some interesting gaps in membership. This could form the basis of a membership drive.

- **Turbines at Hagdale**

An inverter is to be fitted soon by Shetland Wind Power and a form must be returned to OFGEM by 1st October. MS will complete this. This should allow us to claim FIT equivalent rates which are equal to the old ROC's rate of 9p per unit.

Meanwhile the Unst Community Council has sold the land which the turbines are on to the Unst Show Committee. The Unst Show Committee wants Unst Partnership to fence off the turbines and we will need to arrange to have the land transferred back to the Unst Partnership.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 11th October at 8p.m. Directors Meeting.

Saturday 23rd October Baltasound Hall. Ideas Day.

Monday 11th November at 8p.m Baltasound Hall A.G.M.