

Minutes of Directors meeting of 15th February 2024

Present: Rob Hadfield, Sam Payn, Jackie Inch **Apologies:** None

Chair: Rob Hadfield

Minutes: Sam Payn

Minutes of 18th Jan meeting	To be amended a) that banking choices are restricted as few banks will accept as customers entities that are not registered companies; and b) that directors would like to investigate grants for updating museum heating. As amended proposed by SP, seconded by JI	action
Matters Arising	AGM JI still to circulate the 3 responses to the AGM notification letter.	Jl
Development Plans	Structure of EE SP has had discussions with three third sector support agencies: Accelerate – who cannot help us as we are already trading (WSSC), Just Enterprise who can help with trading, community engagement and fundraising issues, and the Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) who can help us with governance, HR, insurance/accountants' costs, fundraising and community engagement. SP expressed to all three our difficulties engaging with some parts of the island community and a very real fear that there will be no new directors nominated at the next AGM. DTAS explained that if EE has no directors it will have to be wound up: effectively all assets owned by EE would have to be sold, any creditors paid off and the events and premises managed by EE would no longer be under local control. The three current directors all agreed that without new directors added to the board they are all unwilling to stand again. It was agreed that there are great opportunities for funding for projects and support from Just Enterprise and DTAS, but EE needs more local enthusiasm to engage with them. EE needs to stress the urgency of the situation to islanders and members.	All
	SP to write a flyer urging people to consider standing as director, pointing out the restricted pool we have of potential candidates and stressing the great potential, but also what will happen if EE has no directors. JI to advise SP how many EE members there are who are not resident on the island.	SP Jl
	Reducing costs Ongoing, • Museum, electricity supply is still being investigated due to complications with the dual rate and two meters for night storage heaters. • Telephone/internet lines – to be tackled once new electricity supplier has been settled on.	Jl Jl
	• Accounting – SP to contact firms on the list of DTAS Accountants Options	SP
Hall	The electricity bill from new supplier was £102 less than previous month. Great work, Jackie!	
Harbour	RH rounding up volunteers for the next bout of maintenance.	RH

Museum	Cost reduction exercise as above.	
Events	Creative Sessions on alternate Monday evenings are now under way. The QR code for cost contributions is working well. Meter readings taken show that the heating cost is covered by these contributions.	
Stone Skimming	Merchandise to be purchased for sale in Museum just before it opens for the season.	
Treasurer's Report	Bank balance as 15 th Feb £8,166.75	
Date of next Meeting	TBC	