

Minutes of the Board Meeting Held at The Boathouse on Monday, 23rd June 2025

Present: Simon Meason (SM), Adrian Bird (ABird), Ashley Boyd (ABoyd), Barry Moncrieff (BM), Graham Rendall (GR)

In Attendance: Lisa-Marie Muir (LM), Davie Campbell (DC)

1. **Apologies:** Toby Diamond
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Proposed by Simon Meason, seconded by Adrian Bird. Approved.
4. **Action Log:**
 - **Photos:** Ask Ken Amer to judge.
 - **SWAP** Update: Ready to publish.
 - **Crisis Fund:** Directors' notes approved by the Board.
 - **Medicals:** LM to book once a decision is made on the future of the service.
 - **SLF Repurposing:** DC to ask SLF next week if the Spion Brae funding can be used for feasibility work and drawings.
 - **Youth Activities:** LM has engaged with OIC. There is some interest in football, limited interest in kickboxing, and no interest in rugby. LM to continue working with OIC to initiate activities in the autumn.
 - **RBS:** Bank account switch to be progressed by DC in July.
 - **Marinas:** Begin early enquiries
 - **Policies:** LM to engage with VAO to update policies.
 - **Board Health Review:** To be reviewed as soon as possible—add to next agenda.
5. **Turbine Update:** A meeting was held with Aquatera to define parameters for the investigation into turbine replacement. A report is expected within six months.
6. **Accounts:** Going forward, quarterly accounts will be produced. DC gave a brief update and shared a potential investment opportunity in OHAL community shares, to be presented to the public at the AGM.
 - Orcadia have recommended a new external auditor due to their increased involvement in the accounts, citing a conflict of interest. The Board agreed to proceed with the external auditor.
7. **OOH Boat**
 - The Board received the survey report for the *Enbarr* via email. The report highlighted significant work required to bring the boat up to code.
 - Northerly Marine proposed leasing a newer boat. Although the offer was attractive, the Board felt it was too large a financial commitment without proof of concept.
 - The Board agreed to pursue works on the *Linnhe Venture*, which may generate income to offset costs. LM to liaise with Northerly Marine and Burray Boatyard regarding necessary works.
8. **Balfour Cottages**
 - Building warrant still outstanding after four months; compound planning permission outstanding after three months.
 - DC has been advised that higher-grade insulation and quantum heaters are more economical than air-to-water systems, considering maintenance and repair challenges. The Board approved this change.
9. **Smithy Update**

- An Environmental Health visit identified some issues. The only serious concern was the absence of a visible food safety management system—though it was in place, it was not available to view on the day and forms were kept separately. LM has since updated and submitted it for review. Training logs are also being updated.
- Minor issues included freezer container labelling and cooling records. A follow-up review is expected in 12 months.
- Staffing issues will result in one day of closure and two days of limited service (soup and sandwiches) next week.

10. Wellbeing Update

- The latest proposal from the REW trust was reviewed. The Board reiterated that the project's direction does not align with its own future plans. LM to thank the group and confirm withdrawal from the larger project.
- More community consultation will take place at the AGM/show. The project will be rebranded as a "Community Support Programme" with hopes of having a dedicated person to coordinate group activities, signposting, and partnership working.

11. SWAPS

- Chaney: Climbing – approved for 4 terms, payment to be made termly upon confirmation.
- Sosnowska: Declined.
- Chaney (Traditional Music School): Approved pending submission of SWAP form.

12. AOCB

- Rulinvoe: It was noted that there are currently 10 tenants. LM to speak with D&H.
- No. 9 Refresh: LM to contact S. Bews for an update.

13. Date of Next Meeting

- Monday, 28th July 2025 at 6:30pm.