

ORKNEY LOCAL ECONOMIC FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 2.15pm
IN OE OFFICES, 14 QUEEN STREET, KIRKWALL

Present: Andrew Wilson, Orkney Enterprise (Chairman)
Ken Grant, Orkney Enterprise
Ruth Kirkpatrick, Orkney Enterprise
Jim Foubister, Orkney Islands Council
Jeremy Baster, Orkney Islands Council
Shona Croy, Orkney Islands Council
Duncan Maclean, Orkney Chamber of Commerce
Christine Linklater, Employment Service
Barbara Foulkes, Orkney Tourist Board

In Attendance: Jackie Kirkpatrick, Orkney Enterprise

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Scott and Ian Carse.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2001 were accepted.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Membership

D Maclean updated the forum on the current membership of the Chamber of Commerce (68). It was noted that the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has been running a recruitment campaign in Orkney and this has attracted some new members, some of whom are already members of the chamber. The forum also noted that the Stromness Business & Community Forum membership included community groups as well as business representatives. It was agreed that A Wilson should determine the level of membership existing in each organisation and report back to the next meeting.

Regarding the membership of the careers service, it was agreed that they should continue to be represented on the core forum in the meantime and that the matter would be discussed again once integration with the HIE network had taken place.

The forum agreed the recommended membership for the wider forum with the addition of Orkney Renewable Energy Forum, Voluntary Action Orkney, FSB and SBCF.

5 Action Plan

Following discussion of this paper, it was agreed that J Baster and K Grant should continue to work on the action plan pending receipt of comments from wider forum members. The deadline for comments was agreed as 12 October.

6 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7 Date of next meeting

The next core forum meeting will take place on 26 October 2001 at 2.00pm in the OE office.

J Kirkpatrick
4 October 2001