**Sanday Heritage Group**

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Heritage Centre on Wednesday, 21st September 2016**

**Those present:** Myra Stockton (Chair), Sylvia Thorne (secretary) Roderick Thorne (Treasurer) Imogen Sawyer (Projects and Grants Officer, Sanday Development Trust (SDT) Emma Webb Neave (Ranger SDT), Lesley Geekie, Liz Brown, Ruth Peace (Custodian), Jim Towrie, Rona Towrie, Tony Lee,

**Apologies:** Heather Collinson

**Minutes of 21st July 2016** approved by Lesley, seconded by Liz

**Matters arising from the minutes:**

**B98 gun**: Rod reported that he had written to Harvey Johnston on 6th September, to request his support for the proposition that this gun, now believed to be in Portsmouth as part of the national exhibition in commemoration of the Battle of Jutland should be returned to a site close to the B98 Destroyer on Sanday. Rod has not yet received any reply. He copied the same letter to the three North Isles councillors and had received ‘sympathetic consideration’ from Councillor Clackson. No further developments.

**Sir Peter Maxwell Davies; Max:** Myra asked that the Heritage Group agree that she should make an exhibition of photographs, medals and personal effects which she has been given for this purpose by Max’s heir. A discussion followed that had implications for other displays. It was finally agreed that the Sanday Knitters display should be dismantled, the lockable glass cabinet that presently contains modelled christening gowns etc should be emptied, those items stored and that cabinet be moved to the far corner of the main room where the display of Max’s artefacts should be located. Myra and Ruth

**Bill Drever’s Maps:**  Rod reported that copies can be made of all these maps by Orkney Office Supplies at no great cost so that the copies can be available and the originals stored. Ruth reported that Sarah Scobie, architect, had advised that these maps should be folded, not kept in tubes.

**Storage:** The Rocket Hut; Imogen explained that the Community Empowerment Act has not yet come into operation, however when this does happen the **Sanday Development Trust** can register an interest. Imogen outlined the process of acquiring disused property for community use.

The discussion developed into other possible storage buildings in the old Kettletoft Stores, Harbour House and Co-op Yard which is presently being considered for possible acquisition by SDT through funding from the **Scottish Land Fund**. Imogen has contacted Myra about the possibility of The Weighbridge building being considered for funding by the **North Isles Landscape Partnership** as an ‘outreach’ of the Heritage Centre in which information and a display of Kettletoft could be mounted. Myra explained that Kenny Foubister is working on a project ‘Communications’ and Rod has an interest in using this building to hold the Kettletoft archive so that this use of the Weighbridge building is appropriate.

Imogen advised us that we need to put a proposal for our storage needs to the SDT for consideration. Museum storage can require specialised processes, the group would be expected to do the ground work before any paid time was considered by the Board to put this full proposal together. Tony reminded the group that this should include a cataloguing system. **SKS** Consultants are making an initial visit from 5th to 7th October as part of the application for grant aid towards the SDT Kettletoft regeneration project.

**Time Line:** Rona suggested that we should use the media booth to display this time line which was agreed by all. Each group member is to nominate 2 items to feature on the time line, Tony will collate these and Emma will create this on the media booth.Tony

**Imogen left during this discussion.**

**School competition:** Initial enquiries are ongoing; the group agreed that this competition should be open to secondary pupils only. Myra

**Ranger’s Sightings Board:** (accidentally omitted from agenda) This is to be located in the hallway, Emma and Ruth to rearrange the notices to accommodate this board that only Emma would update. Emma and Ruth

**Laser Survey of the B98:** Myra has received brief correspondence from Orkney College who want to complete a laser survey of the B98 with local voluntary help. A blank grant application form was included in their correspondence. Whilst the Group is impressed with the college’s initiative and would be interested in the outcome, it was agreed that the Heritage Group will not seek funding on the college’s behalf. Emma will examine the proposal.

**Displaying the** **Appiehouse Stone :** Following discussion of the proposal by Glen Moon (Orkney Museum) which has approval of Gail Drinkell (Museums Officer, OIC) it was decided that a sub-group of Jim, Ruth and Sylvia will develop Glen’s proposal to best suit our needs, which must include interpretation information, and get this display ‘furniture’ made in readiness for the arrival of the stone. Gail’s approval of the design will be necessary. Jim, Ruth, Sylvia

**End of Season dates, Rota for October:** The centre will be open throughout October. Ruth is taking annual leave in the 2nd and 3rd week of October but will create a manning rota and will leave copies in the Horne Room fro the volunteers. Ruth

**The Outside Notice cabinet** has been fixed.

**Film Show:**  ‘The Field’. Rod will take advice from Irene (Community Centre bookings clerk) for a suitable Friday evening performance in November, ideally 18th Nov, and he will then organise the film show. (N.B. Fridays 11th, 18th & 25th November were already booked; after advice from Irene the booking was made for Saturday evening 19th November)

**Financial Report:** Rod would be meeting with Liz (SDT Teasurer) on Friday 7th October and hoping to match at least some items on his income/expenditure records with those recorded for SDT. Meanwhile, he gave the following comparative figures for donations and Shop Sales (n.b. NOT profits during the last 3 years. 2014 2015 2016 (so far)

Donations £1,748 £1,392 £2,060

Shop Sales £1,512 £3,660 £2,608

**Interested possible new group members:** Lee Oliver; Russ Neave. Sylvia will make contact.

**Paintings; Max and his Grannie:** Myra will write and display an explanation of these two paintings now on the wall of the Horne Room. Myra

**Brian Tulloch’s investigations:** These are continually increasing and include a whole host of different ancient Sanday topics which he is compiling from national records and archives. Ruth adds these to the laptop in the Horne Room for public access. Ruth

**Sanday Chapel Sites:** Tony now has Sarah Jane Gibbon’s Phd dissertation which covers all of Sanday’s known chapel sites. Tony

**Date of Next Meeting:** 2pm, Wednesday 16th November at the Heritage Centre.