

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

OPEN MINUTES

Held at 13:30 on 12th February 2015
in the Chamber of Commerce, Stanley

Present	Hon J Cheek	(JC)	Chair
	Hon M Poole	(MP)	Second Elected Representative
	Mr M Slater	(MS)	General Manager
	Mr T Miller	(TM)	Chamber of Commerce
	Mr H Wylie	(HW)	FIFCA
	Mr T Mason	(TMa)	Falkland Islands Tourist Board
In Attendance	Mrs N Granger	(NG)	FIG Financial Secretary
	Mr M Betts	(MB)	In attendance (items 14 & 15)
Secretary:	Mrs S Faria		
Public & Press:	None		

PART 1

Action

1. Apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Padgett, Mr T Blake and Mr R Granger.

2. Declarations of interest.

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2014 (open).

- 3.1 9.0 the word 'Agriculture' was replaced by the word 'Agricultural'.
- 3.2 9.2 the word 'work' was removed.
- 3.3 9.3 the word 'Board' was inserted between the words "the" & "on".
- 3.4 Noting the amendments above the Board confirmed the remaining minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2014.

- 4.1 MS advised all matters arising from the open minutes would be covered under the relevant papers.

5. GM Activity and Information report - 083/15

- 5.1 MS advised the Board the new Development Manager would commence full duties on the 2nd March 2015, having assisted in the development of the draft Business Plan in January. He is looking forward to her joining the team.
- 5.2 It was noted that the Corporation is hopeful of filling the position of Rural Energy Advisor in the very near future.
- 5.3 Air Links – The Board was advised that the key findings of the “Assessment of Viable Air Links” report has been presented to members of the Legislative Assembly, His Excellency the Governor and the Chamber of Commerce Board. This is an initial assessment and work will continue on the business case.
- 5.4 Oil & Gas – MS noted that on 19th January 2015, FIDC had presented a draft version of the SAROS website to the Strategic Oil Group, this had been positively received. It is hoped the website will be launched within a few weeks.
- 5.5 Rural Development – The Board was advised that the water survey conducted by Arch Henderson had been commissioned by the Rural Development Strategy Steering Group, to undertake water site surveys in Camp. The Hydro Geologist employed to do the work, had carried out 30 site surveys during his time in the Islands and these had gone very well with a lot of positive comments from Camp residents. MS noted that a report for each of the 30 sites would be drafted by Arch Henderson and the overall findings would be included in an article for the Wool Press.
- 5.6 FIDC Draft Business Plan – MS advised that the Corporation had completed its draft Business Plan for the period 2015 to 2020. Subject to approval by the Board, it was the Corporation's aim to produce and publish a summary version of the Business Plan, to be made available to the general public before the beginning of the new financial year.

6. Finance Update and Management Accounts - 084/15

- 6.1 The Board noted the Corporation's Management Accounts.
- 6.2 MS highlighted that FIDC has not drawn down its quarter 1 or quarter 2 subventions and at this stage has not drawn down its quarter 3 subvention from FIG. With the Corporation now fully staffed it is expected that expenditure will increase during the second half of the year.
- 6.3 MP enquired if any of the Tourism Accommodation Grant had been utilised. MS advised that they had received two expressions of interest at the beginning of the financial year. However, as both these applicants had been in receipt of Tourism Accommodation Grant funds in the past, these had been deferred to ensure first-time applicants were given the opportunity to benefit from the scheme. Having received no other enquiries, these initial applications were now being processed and would be considered at a Credit Committee meeting in the near future.

- 6.4 MS highlighted that the need to review the Tourism Accommodation Grant is expressed in the Corporation's draft Business Plan and would need to be discussed with the Falkland Islands Tourist Board.

7. Exclusion of Press and Public

The public are likely to be excluded from the meeting for this/these item(s) of business by virtue of paragraph(s): Para 4 relating to Information about Economic Interests - Para 7 - relating to Information about individuals, Para 10 – relating to Information about relevant contracts and negotiations, & Para 17 relating to Information about individuals & relating to budgetary information of schedule 2 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012.

The Chair to move as follows:

"I move that the press and public be now excluded on the grounds that the next items to be considered are exempt within the terms of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012"

PART II

8. Declarations of interest in items

- 8.1 There were two declarations of interest.

9. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2014 (closed)

- 9.1 The Board noted the minutes.

10. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2014

- 10.1 Matters arising from minutes were covered under the relevant agenda items.

11. GM Activity & Information update – 0628/15

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 7 of part 2 of schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Information about individuals.

- 11.1 The Board discussed various activities of the Corporation.

12. Loans update – 0629/15

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 7 of part 2 of schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Information about individuals.

- 12.1 The Board discussed various loans that have previously been approved by the Board.

13. Purchase of Property - 0630/15

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 10 of part 2 of schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Information about relevant contracts and negotiations.

13.1 The Board discussed the purchase of property.

14. Draft Business Plan – 0631/15

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 7 & 17 of part 2 of schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Information about individuals & relating to budgetary information.

14.1 The Board discussed and agreed the Draft Business Plan.

15. FIDC Air links Project update – 0632/15

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 4 of part 2 of schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Information about Economic Interests.

15.1 The Board discussed FIDC's Air Links project.

There being no further business the meeting closed 14.40

Minutes confirmed this.....day of2015

Chair

Secretary