

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in Sanday Community School and via Teams on Thursday, 31 August 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Andrew Wilcox, Maurice Soord, Ute Clackson, Liam Holly, Gary Nickells and Bruce Stuart.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Mellissa Thomson (via Teams).
 - Matthew Webb, White Ribbon (via Teams).
 - John Richards, White Ribbon (via Teams).
 - Lorna Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services (via Teams).
 - Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (via Teams).
 - Gail Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.
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- One member of the public.

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1. Presentation - White Ribbon Orkney

After hearing a presentation from the White Ribbon representatives regarding the charitable organisation in Orkney working with men to end violence to women, it was:

Resolved to note that members were in support of their work and that the White Ribbon representatives would forward posters and all relevant correspondence to the ILO to display on Sanday.

The White Ribbon representatives left the meeting at this point.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ken Snelson and Councillors Heather Woodbridge and Stephen Clackson.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 15 June 2023 was approved, being proposed by Gary Nickells and seconded by Liam Holly.

4. Matters Arising

A. Sanday Sound

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the Sanday Sound Newsletter, and discussions around options to make the Sanday Sound economically viable, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the part needed to repair the photocopier at the Link Office had arrived, and that Irene would be fitting it as soon as possible.
2. To note that a notice had been put in the August Sanday Sound stating that due to the rising cost of consumables and the fact that a substantial quantity of Sanday Sound newsletters were not being picked up from the shops, could residents who did not wish to receive a Sanday Sound inform Irene.
3. That the cost of subscriptions for the Sanday Sound had increased from £25.00 to £30.00 per year.
4. To note that the application to Scottish Sea Farms for financial help with the costs to produce the Sanday Sound for one year was unsuccessful.

B. King Charles III Coronation

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the full costs incurred to host the King Charles III Coronation, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would send the details via email.

C. Remembrance Sunday Wreaths

Following discussion with regards to the purchase of a poppy wreath to be placed at the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would look into the costs for the Poppy Wreath as he is the representative of the Royal British Legion in Sanday and that an application would be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme to cover the costs.

D. Christmas Tree Lighting

Following discussion with regards to the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies in December 2023, and an offer from the Sanday Development Trust to hold a candlelight music event in the community garden following the Christmas tree lighting, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would order the Christmas Tree and send in the completed EMP form.
2. That members were intending to provide refreshments and mince pies.
3. That members agreed to the Sanday Development Trust holding a candlelight music event in the community garden following the Christmas Tree lighting.
4. That the full details of the evening would be arranged and advertised nearer the time.

E. Lady Kirkyard

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the hinge pins of the small gate at Lady Kirkyard going missing, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Rubbish Bins at Kirkyards

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the need for rubbish bins at kirkyards, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would make enquiries into the cost of public rubbish bins for the kirkyards.
2. To note that the Chair had discussed the possibility of enlisting volunteers to empty the bins at the kirkyards.

G. Backaskaill Picnic Area

Following discussion with regards to the Backaskaill Picnic Area, it was:

Resolved to note that members discussed erecting fixed barbeques/fire pits at the site and would contact the Sanday Men's Shed to enquire if they would be interested in making these.

H. Kirkyard Mowing Contracts

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the kirkyard grass cutting contracts, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact Democratic Services to request that the kirkyard mowing contracts for Sanday be advertised earlier this year.
2. That the ILO would contact the former Chair for details regarding the Community Council's mower.

I. Defibrillators

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the defibrillator batteries and the fundraising that had been performed to purchase an exterior cardio caddy defibrillator cabinet and defibrillator, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the charge on the defibrillator batteries were still at full power and that replacements would not be needed until the four-year mark, unless the charge shows different.
2. To note that the cardio caddy cabinets were now in stock, and that the ILO would arrange to purchase a cardio caddy, defibrillator and arrange the installation.
3. That the cardio cabinet would be paid from the fundraising efforts of groups, individuals on the island and the donation from the saddle club which had been ring fenced for the defibrillators.
4. That the extra funds needed would be covered from the General Fund.

J. Abandoned Vehicles

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the abandoned vehicles, the success of the Community Council's scrap car scheme and the visit from the Environmental Technical Officer who had put notices on abandoned vehicles in the island, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact the Environmental Technical Officer for an update on the removal of the abandoned vehicles not under the schemes.

K. 20mph Speed Limits - Island Schools

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on 20mph speed limits around island schools that was taken back to committee, it was:

Resolved to note that due to the further comments of the island Community Councils ahead of the deadline, a further report was to be heard at the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

L. Doun Helzie

Following discussion with regards to supplying brown signs showing the route to Doun Helzie, and information that it had been removed as a Core Path, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members discussed arranging the manufacture of unofficial signs showing the route.
2. To try and enlist a group of volunteers to tidy the route.
3. That the ILO would get in touch with members of the Sanday Men's Shed to ask if they would be willing to make a walkway to Doun Helzie beach, similar to what they had created at Saville beach.

M. Kettletoft Field

Following discussion with regards to the field at Kettletoft belonging to the Harbours department and after the Chair advising that he had inspected it and felt it was contaminated by oil, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to request if Marine Services would be willing to clean up the field and hire it out to the Community Council for a nominal rent for community use.
2. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to request that the recycling bins are moved from Kettletoft Pier to an area in Burness.

5. Correspondence

A. Good to Share – Information Bulletin

Following consideration of correspondence from Healthcare Improvement Scotland Community Engagement Orkney Team, giving an update of their services, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Ear Protection on Inter-Island Flights

Following consideration of correspondence from MSP Liam McArthur with regards to ear protection on inter-island flights stating that due to the infrequent and short journeys on the aircraft was such that there was no requirement for hearing protection to be in place, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Verge Cutting

Following consideration of correspondence from a Sanday resident with regards to the verge cutting, it was:

Resolved to note that the area of verge discussed was in a conservation area and that any changes to the verge maintenance plan would be discussed at a later date.

6. Consultations

Resolved to note that there were no consultations to consider.

7. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

The Transport Representative advised that they would be attending the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 13 September, and that she would raise any issues on behalf of the Community Council. She also advised of a request from a resident asking that the third sailing to and from Kirkwall on a Friday be reinstated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Transport Representative would raise this concern, along with any others, at the Forum.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that an application had been submitted to extend a house, erect a shed and alter an access (retrospective) at Crotrive.

C. Development Trust Representative

The Development Trust Representative gave a report advising members of the various projects being undertaken by the Trust at present, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 7 August 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £20,903.65.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 7 August 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £10,041.00.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 August 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £597.19, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £680.60 and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £118.95.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 August 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,806.34.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 7 August 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £3,689.03.

9. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Sanday Afternoon Club

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Afternoon Club, requesting assistance to support the costs of its part time coordinator and minibuss insurance costs, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £3,158 be provided from the Spurness Community Fund.

B. Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Group

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Group, which was previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the costs for 3 members undertaking their silver award in different expeditions and assistance with the kit store insurance, it was:

Resolved that £1,690 be awarded from the Spurness Community Fund.

C. Sanday Agricultural Association

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Agricultural Association, which was previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the running costs of the Sanday Show 2023, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded from the Community Council Grant Scheme on the production of receipts.

D. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Charlotte Hoque

Following consideration of an application from Charlotte Hoque requesting financial assistance towards the cost of costumes to stage a free performance of the Nutcracker on Sanday, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of costumes to stage a free performance of the Nutcracker on Sanday.

2. Sanday Agricultural Association

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Agricultural Association, which was previously circulated, requesting financial assistance to provide a band for the Sanday Show in August 2023, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of providing a band for the Sanday Show in August 2023.

10. Publications

The following publications had been made available to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – June and July 2023.
- Letter from School Place – June and July 2023.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command Newsletter 2023 Issue 2.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – May to July 2023.
- Loganair Annual Statistics.

11. Any Other Competent Business – Sanday Swimming Pool

Following an update from the Chair with regards to the reopening of the Sanday Swimming Pool, it was:

Resolved to note that the provisional date for the reopening of Sanday Swimming Pool would be in October 2023.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Sanday Community Council would be held on Thursday, 9 November 2023, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:05.