

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in the Eday Heritage Centre and via Teams on Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Mr H Thomson, Mr M Cockram, Mr A Garson and Mrs L Garson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Councillor M Thomson.
- Mr R Cunningham, Democratic Services Manager.
- Ms L Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services (via Teams).

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr T McCabe and Miss E Wallington and Councillor S Clackson.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Members agreed to postpone the election of Office Bearers to the next meeting, and it was:

Resolved to delay the election of office bearers to the next meeting.

3. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 6 June 2023 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Garson and seconded by Mr M Cockram.

4. Matters Arising

A. First Responders

Councillor M Thomson advised members that the situation of the First Responders was no further ahead. She advised that Radio Orkney was planning to do an item on the situation. It was noted that all the island responders should be working on the same basis, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Scrap Cars and Aggregate Scheme

Following consideration of two applications for funding towards aggregates, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award funding to the two applicants.
2. To advertise the aggregates scheme in the newsletter again with a deadline for applications of 31 October 2023.
3. That all claims for funding should be made by 29 February 2024.
4. To note that the funding awarded was for haulage costs on aggregates from Kirkwall to Eday Pier.

C. Pier Toilets/Waiting Room

Members heard a report from the Chair advising that a Teams meeting had been held with the Head of Marine Services and Transport when the pier toilets and waiting room had been raised, and it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney Islands Council would be looking at the possible provision of a new or improved waiting room and toilets at Eday Pier.

D. Roads Operative

Members were advised by the Head of Neighbourhood Services that the Roads Operative post had been advertised and that an offer of employment had been made and accepted for a two day contract. Members advised that the two days contract for a Roads Operative for the island was not adequate in relation of the amount of work that was required on the island, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the report.
2. That Head of Neighbourhood Services would review the workload balance for Eday and would get back to the Community Council at some point with the findings.

E. Dredging at Eday Pier

Members heard a report from the Chair advising that a Teams meeting had been held with Head of Marine Services and Transport where the dredging at the Pier had been raised, and it was:

Resolved to note that dredging at the pier was due to take place.

F. Airfield

Members heard a report from the Chair advising that a Teams meeting had been held with Head of Marine Services and Transport and he had advised that plans had been approved for a waiting room, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

G. Cattle Pens

Members heard a report from the Chair advising that a Teams meeting had been held with Head of Marine Services and Transport where the cattle pens had been discussed. Plans had been passed to Marine Services by the community council which would be taken into consideration when dealing with the specification, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

H. Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP)

Following consideration of correspondence from the Head of Primary Care Services, NHS Orkney, advising members that an ANP had been recruited for Eday. Members were of the opinion that the information was very vague and did not advise on who had been appointed to Eday, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that Eday Community Council would cover the cost of the meals if it was not covered by NHS Orkney.

I. Medical Cover

Members raised concerns regarding the handling, by NHS Orkney, of recently when there was no medical cover on the island and the lack of communication with the first responder. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that a letter raising the residents' concerns should be sent.

J. Bag the Bruck

After hearing a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services advising members of the procedure for the collection of Bag the Bruck items, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

K. Benches

Following consideration of correspondence previously emailed to members regarding the cost of three picnic benches, it was:

Resolved:

1. To purchase three picnic benches, which should be ordered mid-March.
2. To fund the total cost of £1,562.40 from the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme.

5. Correspondence

A. VisitScotland – Funding Opportunities

Following consideration of correspondence from VisitScotland regarding two funding streams, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and to note that the deadline for applications had passed.

B. Scottish Civic Trust

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Civic Trust regarding My Place Awards 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Furrowend, Eday

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council acknowledging receipt of the Community Council's withdrawal of representation regarding the proposed development at Furrowend, Eday, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Inter-Island Flights

Following consideration of correspondence from L McArthur, MSP, advising on the availability of ear protection on inter-island flights, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. Orkney Community Wind Farm

The Chair asked if members had attended the event, and it was:

Resolved to note that some members were of the opinion that the event on the island had not been well publicised.

6. Financial Statements

A. Annual Account 2022-2023

Following consideration of the annual accounts for 2022-2023, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the annual accounts.

B. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 4 September 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £12,460.02.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 4 September 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that £1,558.90 remained in the main capping limit, £743 remained in the additional capping limit and the island capping limit had been fully allocated.

D. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 4 September 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained for allocation.

7. Financial Requests

A. Eday Partnership

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Partnership requesting financial assistance towards ongoing projects, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a grant of £1,100 should be awarded towards the travel costs involved in the Eday Participation Project, and that Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the cost.

2. That a grant of £1,835 should be awarded towards the cost of providing a polycrub for the Eday Community Growing Project, and that Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the cost.

B. Eday Community School – Christmas

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community School requesting assistance towards the cost of a Christmas tree, decorations and gifts, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £310 towards the cost and that an application should be submitted for assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

C. Remembrance Sunday

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the annual poppy wreaths, it was:

Resolved to fund the cost of the Remembrance Day poppy wreath and that Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the estimated cost of £34.

D. Eday Community School – Bicycles

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community School requesting assistance towards the cost of repair and maintenance of the bicycles at the School, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £368.45 be awarded towards the cost of maintenance of the bikes and that Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the cost.

E. Eday Community Association - Christmas Event

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Association requesting assistance towards the cost of gifts, decorations and food for the Christmas party, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £680 towards the Christmas party costs.

F. Eday Community Association - Harvest Home

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Association requesting assistance towards band costs and decorations for the Harvest Home, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award a grant of £91.80 towards the travel costs of the band and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost.

2. That a donation of £620 should be made from General Funds towards the cost of the band and decorations.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Councillor H Woodbridge advised members that a meeting between Eday and North Ronaldsay Community Councils Transport Representatives and Chairs with the Transport Manager was to be arranged to discuss flights to each of the islands. She also suggested that the islands should work together with a view to utilising all the flights which would strengthen the requirement for a third plane.

The Chair advised that he wished to thank all the new recruits at the Airport as this would ensure the present plane service to the island.

The Chair also asked that a face-to-face meeting be arranged with the Ferry Services Manager regarding the possible review of ferry timetables due to a change in haulier arrangements.

Members also queried why Eday did not have access to ad hoc flights, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That a face-to-face meeting should be arranged with the Ferry Services Manager and Eday Community Council representatives regarding the possible review of ferry timetables due to a change in haulier arrangements.
2. That members wished to know why Eday did not receive ad hoc flights.

B. Planning Representative

Members asked if there had been training arranged for Planning Representatives, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council Liaison Officer would be arranging a suitable time for training with the Head of Planning and Community Protection.

9. Consultations

A. Draft Procurement Strategy 2023-28

Resolved to note the information provided and that no comments would be submitted.

B. Scottish Government: Planning Phase 3 of Permitted Development Rights Review

Resolved to note the information provided and that no comments would be submitted.

C. Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board - Review

Resolved to note the information provided and that the deadline for providing feedback had passed.

D. Women's Aid Orkney

Resolved to note the information provided and that no comments would be submitted.

E. Visitor Levy Bill

Resolved to note the information provided and that no comments would be submitted.

10. Publications

The following publications had been previously circulated to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – June, July and August 2023.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – June, July and August 2023.
- Letter from School Place – June, July and August 2023.
- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter – September 2023.
- Scottish Rural Action Newsletter – August 2023.
- Police Scotland Newsletter – Issues 2 and 3.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – April, May, June, July 2023.
- Loganair Statistics.
- SRA Newsletter – June, July 2023.
- Health Improvement Scotland – Bulletin.

11. AOCB

A. Roads

The Chairman advised that there were various areas of road that needed attention including the road between the School and New Manse, the brig north of the Airport that had repair work done was subsiding again which would indicate that the work undertaken had not been successful. The Head of Neighbourhood Services advised members that road works was scheduled on a priority bases including the amount of traffic using the roads, and it was:

Resolved to forward the details of the areas requiring attention to Orkney Islands Council.

B. Bins

Members discussed the need for public bins on the islands and where they would like to have ones placed, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To request provision of five bins which should be collected with Orkney Islands Council's waste collection.

2. To ask if the bins could be weighted and bird proof.
3. That the bins should be placed at the Community Shop, Community Centre, London Airport, Bird Hide and the Pier.

C. Eday Show 2023

The Chair wished to acknowledge the success of the Eday Show with the various classes of produce and crafts on show, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

D. Community Council Lawnmower

The Interim Clerk advised members that the current contractor had advised that the lawnmower was in poor condition and may require replacement. The Chair raised the condition of the grass at the school football pitch and that the school mower was no longer useable. It was noted also that there was a mower at the Airport that would be in Orkney Islands Council's ownership. Councillor Thomson advised that she had been approached regarding the weeds that had been in the Lower Kirkyard at the time of a recent committal, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To that Mr Thomson would investigate the lawnmower and report back to the next meeting.
2. To note that the grass at the school may require cutting due to the lawnmower being unusable.
3. That enquiries should be made into the possibility of using the mower at the Airfield for cutting the grass at the school.

E. Annual Fireworks

The Chairman asked if members would consider funding the cost of the fireworks for the annual fireworks display, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To purchase fireworks up to the cost of £500 from W Shearer.
2. That Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the total cost.
3. That the Chair would make arrangements to collect the fireworks on a date to be arranged between him and the supplier.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of the next meeting date, it was:

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Eday Community Council would now be held on Wednesday, 29 November 2023 at 19:30 at Eday Heritage Centre.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 22:30.