

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls Community Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 19:00

Present:

G Robertson, A Clark, T Avis, C Bates, and R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Councillor J Stockan.
- Councillor M Thomson
- Hayley Green, Interim Executive Director for Environmental, Property and IT Services
- K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.
- J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer
- Kevin Moar, Orkney Drugs Dogs
- One member of the public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from J Traynor.

2. Presentation by Kevin Moar of Orkney Drugs Dogs

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Kevin Moar of the Orkney Drugs Dogs, who made a presentation about drugs awareness and the work of the charity. The Chair thanked him for the presentation, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the presentation

3. Chris Bell, RSPB

The Chair update the CC that, although Chris Bell of the RSPB would not be attending the meeting, he would be arranging a drop in Community Engagement session at the North Walls Centre at the beginning of December, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 21 September 2021 was approved, being proposed by R Thomson and seconded by T Avis.

5. Matters Arising

A. Verges

Following consideration of an update from the ILO regarding the encroachment of the verge by a resident placing a fence on the verge outside their property, and an update by the ILO that OIC are still trying to resolve the issue with one of the landowners, it was:

Resolved: To note the content of the update.

B. Street Lighting on St Colm's Quadrant

Following consideration of an update from the ILO to advise that the street lighting was being investigated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the update from the ILO.
2. That GR would speak to one of the residents to see if the issue had been resolved

C. Graemsay Potholes

Following consideration of an update from Democratic Services regarding potholes on Graemsay, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the update.
2. That ST (member of the public) advised that there was currently a tractor on Graemsay and that the holes were in the process of being filled.

D. Uplift of Household Items

Following consideration of an update from the JS advising that he had had a conversation with Restart Orkney. They have agreed that they would be happy to accept usable furniture and white goods. JS advised the CC that the OIC lorry (that leaves the island empty once every 6 weeks) could be utilised for the haulage of these items should certain conditions be met, it was

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would look into the schedule of the lorry to present to the CC dates where an uplift might be arranged
2. That the ILO would look into a storage facility to store the items in incidences of adverse weather before the uplift, (limited to the night before and day of uplift)
3. That the ILO would look into the timescale that the OIC island worker would have to load uplifted items

6. Correspondence

A. Isles Special Collections Rotas

Following consideration of the correspondence from OIC detailing the dates of the Isles Special Collection Rotas, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Its Good To Share – an information update from Healthcare Improvement

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Improvement Scotland with and information update, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Resurfacing and Patching Works 2021-22

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC with timetables for the Road Resurfacing and Patching programme, copies of which have been posted locally, it was:

Resolved to note contents of the correspondence.

D. Orkney Drugs Dogs Community Council Engagement

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Drugs Dogs requesting attendance to the meeting for Community Council Engagement, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and to note that the engagement was carried out at the start of this meeting.

E. 211015 -briefing note for Community Councils – Scottish Flood Forum - follow

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Flood Forum, copies of which had previously been circulated, with an update on how the forum week went, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Hoy Visit

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services asking if any CC's would like to meet with Matthew Wylie when he visited Hoy on 15/10/21, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that AC had met with MW on the 15/10/21

7. Consultations

A. DRAFT Consultative Forum Minutes – August 2021

Following consideration of correspondence from DS regarding the Draft Consultative Forum minutes, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

B. Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation Event

Following consideration of correspondence from XODUS group regarding a Pre-application Consultation Event on the Pentland Floating Wind Far, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 30 September 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the Project team would be available for live Q&A from 5 October 2021.

C. National Care Service Consultation – Orkney Digital Engagement Session

After consideration of the information on the National Care Service Consultation – Orkney Digital engagement Session, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 4 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that there would be an online engagement session on 8 October 2021.

D. Local Government Housing & Planning Committee Survey on forthcoming Short-term lets regulations

After consideration of correspondence from K Smith, Community Participation Specialist, Scottish Parliament, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 11 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Local Transport Strategy

After consideration of correspondence from DS regarding the Local Transport Strategy, requesting feedback from members, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 12 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

F. Aviation Strategy

Following consideration of correspondence from DS advising of a drop-in session at Kirkwall Airport on 28 October 2021, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 12 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

G. 00009469 – SSE – Cables – Orkney to Hoy North and Central Orkney – Consultation – Response Required by 23 November 2021

Following consideration of correspondence from MS Marine Licensing Scotland, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 26 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that responses are required by 23 November 2021

H. Consultation – Introduction of Memorial Permit

Following consideration of correspondence from DS regarding a consultation on the Introduction of Memorial Permit, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 3 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the deadline for feedback is 26 November 2021

I. Consultation Scottish Sea Farms Scapa Flow Expansion Proposals

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Sea Farms regarding a consultation of the Scapa Flow Expansion Proposals, copies of which had been forwarded to members 9 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would post the link to the FB Community Page

J. Local Government Housing and Planning Committee – Call for Views on Understanding barriers to participation in local politics

Following consideration of correspondence from Local Government housing and Planning regarding the request for views on understanding barriers to participation in local politics, copies of which had been forwarded to members 10 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

K. Its Good to Share – an information update from Healthcare Improvement Scotland Community Engagement Orkney Team

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland with an information update, copies of which had been forwarded to members 10 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would post to the FB Community Page

L. Consultation – Aviation Strategy

Following consideration of correspondence from DS regarding the Online Consultation – Aviation Strategy running until 21 January 2022, copies of which had been forwarded to members 15 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

8. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications were made available at this meeting:

- Police Scotland - Orkney Area Newsletter - October 2021.
- Orkney Ferry Statistics - June and July 2021.
- VAO Newsletter - October 2021.

- VAO – Training & Funding Update – September & October 2021.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the community council's general finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,909.20 as at 3 November 2021.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2021/2022 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 3 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £432.75 left to allocate in the main capping limit, £676 in the additional capping limit and the island capping limit is fully allocated

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04 as at 3 November 2021.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £1,258.47 as at 7 September 2021.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Landing Lights for Graemsay

After consideration of correspondence from A Lee requesting help towards securing landing lights for Graemsay, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the ILO would email Hayley Green to get contact details for Eddie Graham at OIC to help establish who is responsible for the provision of landing lights

B. Community Council funding for Hoy Christmas Tree Group

Following consideration of correspondence from the Hoy Christmas Tree Group for funding for Christmas trees, it was:

1. Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence
2. The CC to decline the request and invite the Hoy Christmas Tree Group to apply for funding at the next Financial Meeting

C. Road Gritting

After consideration of a request by AC for the Whaness Rd to be reclassified to a Cat 2C for gritting, it was:

Resolved to note the request and the ILO would add to the business letter

D. Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan for Orkney

After consideration of correspondence from DS regarding a request for any project proposals details to be forwarded by the 22nd November, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 14 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Briefing Note for Elected Members for the Movement of the Historic German Guns at the Scapa Flow Museum

Following consideration of correspondence by OIC on the Movement of the Historic German Guns at the Scapa Flow Museum, copies of which had been forwarded to members and posted to the FB Community Page on 11 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

F. Visit to Scapa Flow Museum

Following consideration of a request from the Chair for an update regarding the proposed visit for members to visit the Scapa Flow Museum, it was:

Resolved to note the contents update from the ILO that the last email from the museum on 30 September 2021 stated that there had been further delays at the museum and the visit will be arranged as soon as they can facilitate it.

G. Update on the 5G Trials

Following consideration of a request from the Chair on an update of the 5G trials, it was:

Resolved to note the request ILO to contact OIC for an update

H. Issues with surface water

Following consideration of concerns raised by JS regarding issues with surface water on some of the island's roads, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns raised and that AC would map any roads that may be experiencing problems and advise at the next meeting

J. Covid Advice

Following consideration of concerns raised by a resident regarding up to date information and financial support for those that are struggling due to a Covid positive diagnosis, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would advise the resident to contact C.A.B. for more information

M. Kirkyard on Graemsay

Following consideration of concerns raised by MT that the issue with the Kirkyard on Graemsay has yet to be rectified, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would request an update on the business letter

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 at 19:00.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.