

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 6 September 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr M Lennie, Mr J Muir and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr P Allan, Miss H Dakin and Mr G Ellis.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 18 May 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr J Muir and seconded by Mr M Lennie.

3. Matters Arising

A. Red Telephone Kiosks and Defibrillators

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the red telephone kiosks and the defibrillators, including that she had set up a group of 12 volunteers with Dr Stephen Murray to train in the monthly checks of the defibrillators and training in resuscitation, which was carried out on 15 August 2021. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the defibrillators had been installed inside the telephone kiosks and were registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service.
2. To note that one of the volunteers had offered to make signs for the defibrillator cases, showing the up-to-date emergency contact details to use in the event of an emergency.
3. To note that members considered the quotes received for the purchase of an interior defibrillator cabinet for the Zoll AED plus defibrillator to be situated inside Loth waiting room.
4. That the ILO would arrange for the servicing of the Zoll AED plus defibrillator and arrange for the purchase of the defibrillator cabinet, batteries and replacement pads.

B. Walter Traill Dennison Lair

The ILO advised members of the progress of the renovations to the Walter Traill Dennison Lair, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the NILPS application for £2,000 for the Lair renovations had been successful.
2. To note that the relatives of Walter Traill Dennison had donated £1,500 towards the cost of the Lair renovations.
3. To note that the ILO had contacted the contractor who was manufacturing the railings and was awaiting the final quote.

C. Community Football Pitch

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the Community Football Pitch, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Surface Dressing

Following consideration of a report and photographs from the Chair in relation to the surface dressing recently carried out on Sanday, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to raise the concerns that members had following the recent surface dressing work on Sanday and that she would take photographs to forward on to them showing the areas of concern.

E. Christmas Tree Lighting

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony for December 2021, it was:

Resolved:

1. That there would be a public tree lighting ceremony, with mince pies and carols at the event.
2. To note that the Chair would arrange for the provision of the music at the event for the carol singing.
3. That the ILO would order a Christmas Tree.

F. Rubbish Bins

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the shortage of rubbish bins on Sanday, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members had asked on many occasions over the years for more rubbish bins to be added to the rubbish contract.
2. To note that members were disappointed that they had not been consulted before the final decision was made with regards to the renewal of the rubbish collection contract, and that extra rubbish bins had not been added to the contract.

G. Empowering Communities

Following a report from the ILO advising members of current projects, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO gave an update on the grant requests that she had received with regards to special collections and aggregates.

2. That the ILO's laptop was with Orkney Islands Council waiting to be fixed or replaced.

4. Correspondence

A. Inter-Island Ferry Fares

Following consideration of correspondence from Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council with regards to the lack of consultation by Orkney Islands Council over RET, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Orkney Ferries Response

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries with regards to a complaint from a resident, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Caravans and Mobile Homes

Following consideration of correspondence and photographs from a resident with regards to visitors wild camping in their caravans and mobile homes on the island, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Roll out of the Scottish Islands Passport

Following consideration of correspondence from the Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS) with regards to an update on the progress of the Scottish Island Passport project, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Community Council Meetings

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council with regards to Community Council meetings, in relation to the Scottish Government's restrictions for level 0, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Balfour Hospital Helipad

Following consideration of correspondence from Frideswide Clackson with regards to a report on a Balfour Hospital Helipad, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Inter-Island Transport Study - OBC Phase 2

Following consideration of the correspondence received by the Development and Infrastructure Committee and Orkney Islands Council with regards to an update on the Inter-Island Transport Study – Outline Business Case Phase 2, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Letter from Resident and Response from Orkney Ferries

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident with regards to the new ferry fare structure, copies of which were emailed previously, and a subsequent response from Orkney Ferries, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Island Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Government with regards to the new Island Communities Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Orkney Ferries Catering Facilities

Following consideration of correspondence from MSP Liam McArthur in response to the Ferry Services Manager's correspondence with regards to catering facilities aboard Orkney Ferries, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. P2308 - R100 PAC Event Notifications

Following consideration of correspondence from Intertek Energy and Water Services with regards to the P2308 - R100 event notifications, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

L. Sunday Excursion Westray - Sanday

Following consideration of the correspondence between the Chair and the Ferry Services Manager with regards to an extra sailing to facilitate the parish cup games on Sanday in June, which had gone ahead, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

M. Letter from Resident - Defibrillator

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident with regards to the siting of the Zoll AED plus defibrillator in the south end of the island, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Sanday Surgery had recommended that the defibrillator be situated inside the Loth waiting room due to the wear and tear cabinets receive being exposed to the elements.
2. To note that the defibrillator would be situated at Loth waiting room as it needed to be in a recognised place for visitors to be able to locate and Loth had a higher volume of footfall of the general public.
3. That the ILO would write to the resident to inform them of the decision.

N. CDF Grant

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC with regards to the CDF grant, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

O. VAO Yearly Subscription

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO with regards to the yearly subscription of their newsletter, which was previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would arrange the payment of the subscription, to be paid from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

P. Sewage Waste

Following consideration of correspondence received from OIC with regards to a suggestion from a resident requesting the disposal of waste from wild campers to be carried out by Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

Q. Email from Journalist

Following consideration of correspondence from the Press and Journal, requesting updates on island news, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

R. Sanday Picnic Sites

Following consideration of correspondence from the Roads Support Manager with regards to uneven parking facilities at picnic sites and the investigation as to whose responsibility it was for tarmacking the areas, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council with regards to these areas and provide photographs.

S. HITRANS E- Cargo Bikes

Following a report from the Chair on behalf of Mr G Ellis with regards to the HITRANS E-Cargo Bike that was currently being used by Sanday Community Shop and was on lease for 6 months, it was:

Resolved to note that Mr G Ellis had requested a further six-month extension be added to the lease to include the summer season next year.

T. Donation from Sanday Saddle Club

Following a report from the Chair with regards to a donation by the Sanday Saddle Club for £325 to be ring fenced for the defibrillators project, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would write a letter of thanks on behalf of Sanday Community Council to the Saddle Club.
2. To note that the donation would be ring fenced for the ongoing costs associated with the defibrillators.

U. Spurness Community Fund-Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from the SSE Community Investments Manager with regards to the previous grant awarded to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme for the Gold award expedition, where they had incurred additional costs due to Covid regulations, it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed that the further £590 requested would be awarded from the Spurness Community Fund.

V. Connecting Scotland Round 3 Phase 2

Following consideration of correspondence from the Service Manager, Community Learning, Development and Employability with regards to removing barriers related to digital exclusion for unemployed young people and adults aged 16 plus, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would forward the information to the Community Development Officer of the Sanday Development Trust.

W. EMEC Billia Croo Section 36

Following consideration of correspondence from Marine Scotland with regards to the construction of a wave tidal test site at the Billia Croo Wave site, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultation Documents

A. Scottish Government – Local Place Plans Regulations

Following discussion of the consultation on the Scottish Government Local Place Plans Regulations, copies of which had previously been circulated, in relation to the replacement cable construction from Eday to Westray and Eday to Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

B. Review of Gambling Policy

Following discussion with regards to the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board Public Consultation Gambling 2005 Review of Gambling Policy, which was previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

C. Kirkwall Airport Surface Access

Following consideration of the consultation with regards to Kirkwall Airport Surface Access, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

D. OCWP Community Benefit Scheme

Following discussion with regards to the Community Benefit Scheme for Orkney's Wind Farm Project, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would inform Orkney Islands Council of the members' comments.

E. Air and Ferry Consultative Forum Agenda

Following a report from the Chair on behalf of the Transport Representative with regards to the Air and Ferry Consultative Forum meetings, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that all routes for capital were being explored.
2. To note that the Orkney Ferries website needed to be updated when changes to sailings are being made.
3. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to put in a request that there should be contingencies in place for when sailings are changed unexpectedly and furthermore that there should be contingencies in place if the isles were ever to be left with only one ship.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the general finance statement as at 24 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,585.34.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 24 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,838.48.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 24 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was fully allocated, and that the balances remaining in the additional and island capping limits were £669 and £405.84 respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 24 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £9,419.68.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 26 April 2021, it was:

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

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Seed Corn Funding

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was discussed in private.

Following consideration of an application requesting financial assistance from the Seed Corn Fund for a start-up scheme aiming to provide Sanday with recycling facilities, it was:

Resolved to continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

B. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Sanday Agricultural Association

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Agricultural Association, requesting financial assistance towards the Sanday Show costs, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the Sanday Show costs from the Micro Grant Fund.

2. Emma-Neave Webb

Following consideration of an application from Emma-Neave Webb, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance to attend an online course in Passive Acoustic Monitoring and PAMGUARD software training, it was:

Resolved that £200.49 be awarded towards the cost of attending the course from the Micro Grant Fund.

3. British Divers Marine Life Rescue Orkney

Following consideration of an application from British Divers Marine Life Rescue Orkney requesting financial assistance to subsidise course fees for Sanday residents, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the grant had been awarded with conditions from the Micro Grant Fund.

4. Amanda Wadiun

Following consideration of an application from Amanda Wadiun requesting financial assistance to purchase study materials to attend an online course in healthcare, it was:

Resolved that the £250 be awarded towards the cost of study materials from the Micro Grant Fund.

5. Chloe Whitman

Following consideration of an application from Chloe Whitman, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of driving lessons in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of driving lessons from the Micro Grant Fund.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

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.

D. NILPS Representative

Following a report from the Chair on behalf of the NILPS Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would get in touch with the Heritage Group to discuss NILPS funding for heritage projects.

E. Resilience Group Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – March and April 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – May, June and July 2021.
- Letter from School Place – June and July 2021.
- Police Scotland - Orkney Area Newsletter.
- Climate Challenge Fund Newsletter.

10. Any Other Competent Business - Scrap Cars and Scrap Metal

Following discussion with regards to scrap cars and scrap metal skips, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that there were approximately 7 scrap cars left to be removed.

B. To note that the Auto Green scheme for the removal of scrap cars was successful, as one resident had successfully had their scrap car removed through the scheme.

C. That the ILO would advertise the Auto Green scheme in the October Sanday Sound.

D. That the ILO would arrange the provision of a skip for scrap metal in the first week of October and a skip for scrap wire in the middle of October, both to be advertised in the October Sanday Sound.

11. 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 Tuesdays, 26 October and 14 December 2021, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

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