

# Minute of the Meeting of Birsay Community Council held in Birsay Community Hall and via Teams on Thursday, 14 April 2022 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr R Delday, Ms K Coghill, Mr M Leitch, Mr D Scarth, Mr A Spence and Mr S Spence.

## In Attendance:

- Ms M Ward, Orkney Women’s Aid.
- Ms F Milligan, Project Manager, Infinergy Limited.
- Mr K Clouston, Project Manager, Infinergy Limited.
- Mr P Archibald, Nisthill Wind Farm.
- Mr A Breck, Nisthill Wind Farm.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.
  
- One member of the press.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mrs V Sinclair.

## **2. Women's Aid Presentation**

After hearing a presentation from the Women's Aid representative, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the presentation.

## **3. Nisthill Wind Farm Presentation**

After hearing a presentation from Nisthill Wind Farm and a question-and-answer session, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the presentation.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 3 February 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Leitch and seconded by Mr R Delday, subject to the following amendment:

Add the following paragraph at Item 12:

### **B. Snow Clearing**

A member raised concerns regarding the snow clearing on roads during spells of snow asking why the blades on the ploughs could not be lowered to remove most of the snow from the road. Councillor Tullock advised that they blades could not be lowered any further for various reasons, and it was:

Resolved to note Councillor Tullock's comments.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Foreshore from Ministry Huts to Zanzibar**

Members heard an update from the Chair advising that the Transport Manager had been in contact regarding a proposal for a bus turning area and had asked if the Community Council could obtain three quotes for the provision of a bus turning area on the foreshore, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would endeavour to obtain three quotes.

### **B. Slip at Buckquoy**

Members heard an update from the Chair advising that no further information had been obtained yet, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

### **C. Water Fountain**

Members were provided with an update from the Interim Clerk advising that Scottish Water had put their request for a water fountain at the car park for Kitchener's Memorial on their list, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

### **D. Road Safety and Speed Limits**

Members received an update from the Interim Clerk advising that their request for road safety and speed limits to be added to the Dounby Plan had been done, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

### **E. Memorial Bench**

Members heard an update from Ms K Coghill advising that the bench had still to be secured to the ground, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

### **F. Facebook Page**

The Chair advised that Mrs K Ritch had agreed to assist in setting up a Facebook page for Birsay Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Bag the Bruck**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the annual Bag the Bruck Scheme, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the correspondence.
2. To submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application on a cost of £300.
3. That the £300 should be divided between any applicants equally.

### **B. SSEN Resilient Communities Fund**

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN Resilient Communities Fund with regards to available funding, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **C. Climate Action Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence from Climate Action Funding, providing members with information on possible funding, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **D. Letter of Introduction – West of Orkney Windfarm**

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Windfarm, providing members with information on the West of Orkney Windfarm plan, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **E. OIC Marine Planning Update**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Spring 2022 edition of the Orkney Marine Planning update, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **F. Nisthill Wind Farm Proposal**

Following consideration of correspondence from Nisthill regarding the Wind Farm proposal, it was:

Resolved to note that this had been discussed at Item 3 above.

### **G. Scottish Flood Forum Visit**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Flood Forum inviting members to attend the Scottish Flood Forum Visit in April, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **H. iPads Available**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the availability of iPads from Community Learning, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **I. Services from Planning Aid Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding Planning Aid Scotland Services, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **J. Letter of Thanks – Orkney Drugs Dog**

Following consideration of a letter of thanks from Orkney Drugs Dog, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund Statement**

Following consideration of the General Fund statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £6,142.74 as at 25 March 2022.

### **B. Birsay Energy Fund**

Following consideration of the Birsay Energy Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £19,682.09 as at 25 March 2022.

### **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval in the main capping limit was £1,458.32 and the balance in the additional capping limit was £676 as at 25 March 2022.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation was £8,183.37 as at 25 March 2022.

### **E. Seed Corn Fund**

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval was £21.64 as at 25 March 2022.

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Orkney Folk Festival 2022**

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Folk Festival, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the event, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £250 be granted.

### **B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Pentland Pentaqua**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards a Birsay resident attending the Pentland Pentaqua in Wick, it was:

Resolved that an award of £30 should be made towards the trip.

### **C. Edinburgh Festival Ballet School**

Following consideration of correspondence from a Birsay resident requesting financial assistance towards attending the Edinburgh Festival Ballet School, it was:

Resolved that the request did not meet the criteria for grant.

### **D. Bag the Bruck – Milestone Community Church**

Following consideration of correspondence from Bag the Bruck requesting financial assistance towards the annual Bag the Bruck, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Milestone Community Church should be awarded funding for the Bag the Bruck on submission of relevant claim documents.
2. That should there be further applications the £300 should be divided equally between each applicant.

## **9. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Orkney College Survey on Orcadian Identity**

Following consideration of correspondence on the survey on Orcadian Identity, copies having previously been emailed by Democratic Services, it was:

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

### **B. Disability Equality Scotland Event - Picky**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Disability Equality Scotland, copies of which had previously been emailed to members from Democratic Services, it was:

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

### **C. West of Orkney Wind Farm – Scoping Opinion**

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Wind Farm regarding their scoping opinion, copies of which had previously been circulated to members via email, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the deadline for comments was 2 May 2022.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications had been received and made available to members via email:

- VAO Newsletter – February and March 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – February and March 2022.
- VAO Third Sector Emergency Covid Fund.
- Police Scotland Orkney Area Newsletter – April 2022.
- Scottish Water – New Customer Engagement Campaign.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Road Accidents**

Members discussed road accidents resulting in debris being left on the roads and asked who would be responsible for clearing the road, and it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council who was responsible for clearing the road of debris following a car accident.

### **B. Causeway to the Brough**

Members raised concerns regarding the recent treatment to remove the green growth which had resulted in the growth becoming white and extremely slippery in places causing a member of the public to fall, and it was:

Resolved to contact the relevant authority advising of this and asking if it would be possible to put up signage advising of the process.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Following a discussion regarding a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be arranged following the upcoming Community Council election.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:30.