

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in the Sanday Community School on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr J Muir, Mr P Allan and Mr A Towrie).

In Attendance:

- Councillor S. Clackson.
- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO).
- 1 member of public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from H Dakin, G Ellis and M Lennie and Councillors G Sinclair and K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 18 June 2019 was approved, being proposed by J Muir and seconded by P Allan.

3. Matters Arising

A. Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies

Following discussion with regards to the date and arrangements of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, it was resolved:

1. To note the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony would be on Saturday, 7 December 2019.
2. That the ILO order the Christmas tree.
3. To ask Sanday School if they would be agreeable for the community council to plant a Fir tree alongside the other trees in the Putters Park for future instead of having to purchase a tree every year and if they were in agreement the ILO should make enquiries with suppliers in Kirkwall for the purchase of a tree.
4. That J Seatter would arrange the refreshments and music for carols with M Dearness.

B. Cemetery Extensions

Following correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Burial Ground Improvement programme, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

C. Grass cutting and Walter Traill Dennison Lair

Following a report from the Chair regarding extra cuts, dog fouling, repair of a dyke at Burness kirkyard, repair to the railings, general upkeep of the Walter Traill Dennison lair and a loose gravestone, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Members would review whether another cut was needed before the contract finished at end of the month and Chair would consult with contractor.
2. That the dyke shall be reviewed by members before deciding on further action.
3. That the ILO make enquiries to find out if Walter Traill Dennison has any living descendants and if so contact them asking for permission before repairs can be undertaken.

4. That J Seatter would write to Steve Pugh regarding the extra cuts and dyke repairs.
5. That the ILO would arrange for dog poo signs for all the kirkyards, war memorial and for the dog poos signs on the lampposts at Kettletoft and Lady Village to be replaced.
6. To note that a letter was received from Mr John Muir thanking the grass cutting contractor for his outstanding work which members agreed with and Chair would include in letter.
7. That the ILO contact OIC regarding that very large loose gravestone.
8. That the ILO should enquire if the Community Council could use funds from their CDF to run a cemetery repair project.

D. Scrap Metal

Following discussion regarding arranging two scrap metal skips and one scrap wire skip to be delivered to Sanday, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO ask the haulier if two scrap metal skips can be placed at the Heritage Centre at the same time.
2. That the ILO book two scrap metal skips to be on Sanday from Monday 7 October to Friday 11 October and to book the scrap wire skip to be on Sanday from Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October.
3. To note that as the scrap metal skip was overfilled the last time which incurred extra haulage costs, the ILO make notices explaining the strict rules surrounding the use of the skips and for residents to ask the ILO for information if they need advice on the matter.
4. That the ILO advertise in the Sanday Sound the dates the skips will be in Sanday.

E. Scrap Car Scheme

Following discussion regarding the allocation of funds for the scrap car scheme at that members would like to allocate additional funds, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact the haulier for an update on the collection of the cars currently under the scrap car scheme, as no more can be allocated until current list is removed.

F. Special Collection

The ILO provided an update on the amount of funds that were available for special collections, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

G. Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosks

Following an update from the ILO, it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council had been successful in adopting three red telephone kiosks on Sanday.

H. Sanday Sound and Survival Guide Production

Following further discussion regarding the running costs of the Sanday Sound and Survival Guide production, it was:

Resolved that there would be a full review of The Sanday Sound production costs at the end of December 2019 once a year's production had been completed.

I. Plastic and Beach Rubbish

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding plastic rubbish, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information received.
2. That current bins were all used regularly making it difficult to move them from their present location.
3. That the ILO ask if extra rubbish from prominent places could be collected and disposed of with the litter that is collected from verges by OIC.

J. Rag Bag

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding a member of public acting on behalf of Cats Protection Orkney wishing to house a Rag Bag at the recycling depot at Kettletoft, it was:

Resolved to note that as the land where the recycling bins are situated is owned by Marine Services, they do not give permission for the Rag bag to be sited there due to possible confusion with other recycling items.

K. VAO Annual Membership Subscription

Following discussion regarding continuing the annual membership of Voluntary Action Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note that members would like to renew the membership.

L. Empowering Communities

Following discussion by members regarding the production of the new Sanday Community Council brochure, members suggested that the ILO get in touch with Sanday Community School asking if the school children could design a logo for the brochure and for these designs to be with the ILO in time for the next meeting, it was|:

Resolved that the ILO would contact the Sanday School.

4. Correspondence

A. North Islands Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS) – Footpath Works

Following correspondence from NILPS giving an update on the new footpath route, various interpretation boards and the infrastructure to improve access to some areas on Sanday and maintenance of the existing infrastructure, it was:

Resolved to note the ILO would forward the Sanday Community Councils NILPS representative's details to the Project Officer, thus enabling him to be updated on all existing and future plans for Sanday.

B. Special Collection

Following correspondence from a resident in relation to a special collection claim, and further discussion from members, it was:

Resolved to note that no special collection claims can be retrospective.

C. Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk

Following correspondence from a resident who had previously been contacted in relation to a red telephone kiosk at their property, asking if it would be possible if the Community Council could adopt it, it was:

Resolved to note that the resident had made arrangements to adopt the red telephone kiosk and was successful in their application.

5. Consultation Documents

Resolved to note that no Consultation Documents had been received.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 16 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £7,848.47.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 16 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £7,114.31.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 16 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was fully allocated, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £507.92 and the Island capping limit was £330.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 16 August 2019, it was:

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

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 16 August, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £4,218.03.

F. Sanday Community Future Fund

Following consideration of the Sanday Community Future Fund Endowment statement as at 24 June 2019, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the total funds available was £78,272.95.
2. That the ILO contact SSE to find out the balance of the Spurness Community Grants Fund for the next meeting.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Sanday Community Craft Hub

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Sanday Community Craft Hub requesting financial assistance towards the rental and insurance for their hub at Bank House as well as mobile phone rental, it was:

Resolved that two thirds totalling £858.33 should be paid from the Spurness Community Fund.

B. Sanday Agricultural Association

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

Resolved that a donation of £303.77 be awarded from the General Fund.

E. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Sanday Football Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Football Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of Sanday Football Club attending the Parish Cup final and an after match evening event for players and supporters on County show night, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund.

2. William Sichel

Following consideration of correspondence, previously circulated from William Sichel, requesting financial assistance to attend an Ultra running event in Milwaukee, USA, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund.

3. Sanday Community Craft Hub

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Community Craft Hub, requesting financial assistance to purchase paint, materials and equipment for the decoration of the Community Craft Hub, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Following a report from the Chair on behalf of the Transport Representative from the recent meeting, advising that there had been no change in any timetables.

The chair enquired regarding the Sunday Excursions to Papa Westray/Westray via Sanday and Eday, with Eday included in this sailing this year it makes the visit in Papa Westray and Westray very short, and it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would get in touch with OIC with a request from members that Eday have a separate Sunday Excursion trip to Papa Westray.

B. Planning Representative

The Planning Representative was absent, but a member had noted an application, and it was:

Resolved to note that an application had been submitted for the erection of a house at a field near Bressigarth.

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 an update on the Kettletoft project, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

D. NILPS Representative

Resolved to note there was nothing to report.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd Statistics – June/July 2019.
- VAO Newsletter – June 2019.
- Loganair Inter Island Statistics.
- Community Planning News – Summer 2019.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Ragwort at the quarry at Loth

Following a report from a member advising that Ragwort was growing at the Quarry at Loth and had now spread to neighbouring fields and verges of the Loth Road where it had never grown before, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would get in contact with OIC to request that these areas be sprayed to eliminate the Ragwort.

B. Salmon Cages at the quarry at Loth

Following discussion regarding the Salmon cages at Loth, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact OIC to ask if the Community Council could obtain revenue from this rental to use for the benefit of the Sanday Community.

C. Scottish Water

Following a report from the Chair regarding the Scottish Water land next to the Old Cross kirkyard, which they propose to gift to Sanday Community Council, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that it was hoped there would be around twenty car parking spaces and benches with an area of trees and plants.
2. To note that funding would not allow the erection of a life size fibreglass commemorative sperm whale but as a compromise member have asked for an outline drawing of a whale on the ground with interpretation boards.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings would be held on Tuesday, 8 October 2019 and Tuesday 26 November commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:17.