

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in Eday Community Centre and via Teams on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr C Dixon, Mr M Scott and Mr H Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

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

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 19 May 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Scott and seconded by Mr H Thomson.

3. Matters Arising

A. Cattle Pens

The Chair advised that a meeting of users had not been arranged yet, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that a meeting had not been arranged.
2. That Mr H Thomson would arrange a meeting on Monday, 27 September prior to the arrival of the ferry.
3. To note that there were health and safety issues to be addressed and that a plan should be prepared, and possible funding secured.

B. Kirkyard Issue – Accessible Path

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer updated members regarding possible repairs to the path and that a Burial Grounds Officer had been appointed and was visiting all the Island Kirkyards, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that the Burial Grounds Officer should be asked to meet with a community council representative when he visited Eday.

C. Road Conditions

After hearing a report from Mr M Scott advising members that he had met with the Roads Inspector and had advised him on the various road condition problems and in particular the Westside Road, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the report.
2. To write to Orkney Islands Council asking for information on when the developer would be required to reinstate the road.
3. That Orkney Islands Council should be asked why little or no maintenance had taken place on the roads and advise that the road north of the school to the westside, which had been repaired, has sunk again and the water can no longer get off the road.

4. Correspondence

A. Connecting Scotland Round 2, Phase 3/Round 3, Phase 2

Following consideration of correspondence from Connecting Scotland, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. 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.

C. Balfour Hospital Helipad

Members considered correspondence from F Clackson, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Orkney Ferries Catering Facilities

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. 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.

F. Workshop 3 – Mobile Networks

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. 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.

H. 2019 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

Members discussed correspondence that had previously been circulated from Scottish Boundary Commissions' Secretariat, regarding the 2019 review of electoral arrangements, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Community Development Fund Update

Following consideration of information received from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Community AT/School Streets Grants

Members considered correspondence from HiTrans, copies of which had previously been forwarded to members, regarding funding opportunities, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. Scottish Land Commission – Orkney Public Meeting

Members considered correspondence which had previously been circulated by Democratic Services, advising on a public meeting being held, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 7 September 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £8,781.84.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 September 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that £1,594.73 remained in the main capping limit for allocation, and that the balances remaining in the additional and island capping limits were £676 and £654 respectively.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 September 2021, it was:

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

6. Financial Requests

A. Picnic Bench at Nurses House

Following consideration of funding the cost of a bench at the Nurse's House, it was:

Resolved to fund the cost of the bench, and that the Chair would submit evidence of expenditure for reimbursement.

B. Membership of Scottish Islands Federation

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the possibility of becoming a member of the Scottish Islands Federation, it was:

Resolved to note that members did not wish to become members.

C. Eday Community Enterprises – Eday Shop

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Enterprises requesting if match funding of £995 could be provided towards their funding application for funding to develop more locally sourced produce for the shop, it was:

Resolved that match funding of £995 could be provided, subject to the match funding being awarded and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for.

D. Eday Community Association – Halloween and Christmas

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the Halloween and Christmas events, it was:

Resolved to provide a donation of £500 towards the two events.

7. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

The Transport Representative advised that it had been asked if the ferry could lie over in Stronsay one night so that Eday residents could have one early boat in the week and that the present timetable did not have any early sailings from Eday. It was noted that Eday residents had no options available to them to be in the town prior to 11:00 on any given day of the week which made it difficult to arrange appointments, and it was:

Resolved to ask if the request had been put forwarded to Transport and if the request could be reconsidered.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

8. Consultation Documents

A. Local Place Plan Regulations

Members noted that there had been a consultation circulated, regarding local place plan regulations, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. EIA Application – Faray Turbines

Members noted consultation received from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of the consultation on the review of the Gambling Policy, previously emailed, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Kirkwall Airport Surface Access

Members had been forwarded information on the Kirkwall Airport surface access and thought that a pool of cars at the airport could be useful, but only if Eday had flights every day, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. SEPA Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan

Members considered a consultation that had been previously circulated regarding flood risk management, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

F. EMEC Billia Croo Section 36

Members discussed the content of the consultation, which had been circulated to members in August, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

G. Electoral Boundaries Regulations

Members noted the consultation, which had been emailed to members in September, regarding electoral boundaries regulations, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

H. Review of Inter Island Fare Structure

Members discussed the content of the consultation, which was circulated to members previously, regarding the review of inter-island fare structure, and it was:

Resolved to note the deadline for submitting responses was 30 September 2021.

I. NHS Orkney Clinical Strategy

Members noted a consultation received from NHS Orkney, which was emailed to members in September, regarding the NHS Orkney Clinical Strategy and hearing a report advising that NHS Orkney personnel would be visiting the island on 14 October 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the deadline of 11 October 2021 for a response.

9. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications had been made available:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – March, April and May 2021.
- Loganair – Statistics – April, May, June, July and August 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – May, June, July and August 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – May, June, July and August 2021.
- VAO “Worrying About Money” Leaflet.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – July 2021.
- Letter from School Place – May, June, July and August 2021.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland – Community Engagement Orkney – July 2021.
- Police Scotland Orkney Area Newsletter – July 2021.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Bonfire Night

Members discussed the annual Bonfire Night and the necessary arrangements, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the event would be held on 5 November 2021.
2. That the Chair would contact Eday Community Association regarding the event.
3. That the Community Council would provide funding up to £500, and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost.

B. Aggregate to North End of Island

Members discussed the situation regarding the delivery of aggregates to the north end of the island, and it was:

Resolved to note that there were difficulties in aggregates being delivered to the north end of the island.

C. Lack of Airfield Crew

Members discussed the lack of airfield crew on the island and the effect it was having on provision of flights to the island, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To ask Eday Partnership if they could consider providing an incentive to encourage possible applications.
2. To ask Stronsay Community Council how they operated their scheme for Sunday flights to the island.

D. Update on Community Shop

Members heard an update from the Chair regarding the community shop and the progress that had been made recently, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

E. Space at School/Community Centre

Members discussed the situation of the Community Centre area, where the School was now using the Community Room for teaching purposes and as a result the community were unable to use it, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would communicate with the Head Teacher regarding the situation.

F. First Responders

Members were advised that an approach had been made to the Community Council regarding First Responders on the Island. It was advised that the First Responders on the island were all volunteers however in some areas the responders were remunerated for their time. Member were of the opinion that First Responders across Orkney should all be treated in the same manner, and it was:

Resolved:

- 1 That a letter should be sent to NHSO and Scottish Ambulance Services.
2. That Councillor H Woodbridge would discuss this with NHSO and Scottish Ambulance.

G. Eday Partnership – Grind House

Members were advised that Orkney Islands Council had advised Eday Partnership that the present arrangements for Grind House could not be continued. Orkney Islands Council would require taking the property back into the housing stock or Eday Partnership would have to take on the responsibility.

Members queried why it had been suggested at OIC Committee that the request should be put to Eday Community Council as this had only delayed the process, and it was:

Resolved that Grind House should be retained by Eday Partnership.

H. Pier Toilets

Members raised concerns regarding the poor condition of the Pier toilets, and it was:

Resolved to advise Orkney Islands Council on the poor condition of the toilets at the Pier.

I. Roads Operative

Members discussed a recent advert for a full time Roads Operative in one of the north isles and queried why a full-time equivalent post could not be provided for Eday, and it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council why a full-time equivalent Roads Operative could not be employed for Eday and if this could be included with an Airfield Attendant role.

J. Road Crossing at Northside – Airfield

Members were advised that the culvert at the brig was sinking again and that it required to be repaired as the water was running across the road, and it was:

Resolved to advise Orkney Islands Council via the business letter.

K. Fixed Links

Members discussed fixed links and the advantages to the island such as access to education, retaining community employment, opening tourism to the island and possible increase of population, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the discussion.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 22:25.