

# Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held via Teams on Wednesday, 1 December 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director (Environmental, Property and IT Services).
- Mr J Wylie, Executive Director (Education, Leisure and Housing).
- Ms F Troup, Head of Housing
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that no apologies had been received.

## **2. Introduction**

The Interim Executive Director of Environmental, Property and IT Services, Orkney Islands Council, introduced herself and advised that she would be attending as many community council meetings as possible over the next few months in order to pick up on any matters concerning the individual community councils.

## **3. Gateway House**

The Executive Director (Education, Leisure and Housing) and the Head of Housing provided information and asked for feedback on what should happen with the Gateway House (The Grind), and following discussion and questions, it was:

Resolved:

A. That members were of the opinion that The Grind should be retained by the Eday Partnership.

B. To note that this had been discussed already at the previous meeting.

## **4. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting held on 22 September 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Scott and seconded by Mrs A Byers.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Cattle Pens**

Mr H Thomson advised that discussions had been had around what was required, and it was:

Resolved .....

### **B. Kirkyard Issue – Accessible Path**

It was advised that if works were to be carried out at the kirkyard, it would need to wait until summer and drier weather, and it was:

Resolved to take this item off the agenda for the time being.

### **C. Road Conditions**

As the Interim Executive Director was in attendance, she was able to provide an update on planned road works, explaining that they would be working over the winter period to spend additional budget that had been allocated. She also gave a background on the issues relating to improvements to the Westhill Road. She gave assurance that this was being looked into.

Members advised that roads had been mended by putting in bags of tarmac and asked whether it would be possible to go back to the previous method of tarring and chipping.

Members also queried recent advertising for Roads Operatives and asked whether it would be possible for other roles to be incorporated, and it was:

Resolved:

- A. To note the information provided.
- B. That the Interim Clerk would check the roads programme and update members on what works were planned for Eday in the near future.
- C. That the Interim Executive Director would look into staffing possibilities.
- D. That the Interim Clerk would ask Roads Support if tar and chips could be used.

#### **D. Ferry Request – Early Sailing**

It was reported that there was still not one day in the week where Eday residents had an early enough sailing so that they could have a full day in town or catch afternoon connecting ferries to the mainland, and it was:

Resolved:

- A. That the Interim Clerk would bring this up with Transport/Orkney Ferries.
- B. That the Transport Representative would bring this up again at the forthcoming Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting.

#### **E. Lack of Airfield Crew**

This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting, where members agreed it was still an issue. It was agreed that the air service was so unreliable that it was almost better not having it, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

#### **F. Space at School**

There was no update on this item. In addition, member advised that the school and surrounding areas were looking very run down and were in need of some attention, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would speak to the Head Teacher.

#### **G. First Responders**

Mr M Scott advised that he and Mr H Thomson had attended a meeting with NHS Orkney and the Scottish Ambulance Service, and it was:

Resolved to .....

## **H. Pier Toilets**

Members heard an update from ....., and it was:

Resolved to .....

## **I. Roads Operative**

..... provided an update to members regarding ....., and it was:

Resolved to .....

## **J. Road Crossing at Northside – Airfield**

Members received an update from ....., regarding ....., and it was:

Resolved to .....

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Scottish Flood Forum**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Flood Forum, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Winter Service Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from ..... with regards to ....., it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Broadening our Coverage**

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

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. North Isles Waste Management Initiative**

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

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at ....., it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was .....

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at ....., it was:

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

## **C. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at ....., it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of ..... remained for allocation.

## **8. Financial Requests**

Resolved to note that no financial requests had been received.

## **9. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

The Transport Representative advised ....., and it was:

Resolved to .....

### **B. Planning Representative**

Resolved to note .....

## **10. Consultation Documents**

### **A. OCWP Scammalin Bay**

Members noted that there had been a consultation circulated, regarding ....., and it was:

Resolved to note the contents and that the deadline for comment had passed.

### **B. Local Transport Strategy**

Members noted consultation received from ..... and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the deadline for comment was 1 December 2021.

### **C. Aviation Strategy**

Following consideration of the consultation on Aviation Strategy received from ....., previously emailed, it was:

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

## **D. Introduction of Memorial Permit**

Members considered information from ..... regarding ....., and it was:

Resolved to .....

## **E. Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan**

Members considered a consultation that had been previously circulated regarding ....., it was:

Resolved to .....

## **11. Publications**

- Resolved to note that the following publications had been made available:
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – July 2021.
- Loganair – Statistics – September and October 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – September and October 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – September and October 2021.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – September 2021.
- Letter from School Place – September and October 2021.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland – Community Engagement Orkney – September and October 2021.
- Police Scotland Orkney Area Newsletter – October 2021.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – Autumn 2021 and “Protect your Pipes”.

## **12. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Resignation from ECC**

Mr C Dixon advised that he was stepping down from the community council as he was leaving the island, and it was:

Resolved to note his resignation and thank him for his time as a community councillor for Eday.

### **B.**

Members discussed ....., and it was:

Resolved to .....

### **C.**

Members discussed ....., and it was:

Resolved .....

## **13. 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 via Teams on Wednesday, 16 February 2022.

## **14. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:55.