

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held at Sanday Community School and via Teams on Thursday, 19 January 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Mr A Wilcox, Mr M Soord, Dr U Clackson, Mr L Holly and Mr G Nickells.

In Attendance:

- Councillor M Thomson.
- Ms L Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services.
- 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 Councillor H Woodbridge and Councillor S Clackson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 17 November 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr G Nickells and seconded by Mr L Holly.

3. Matters Arising

A. NHS Orkney – Primary Health Care

Following a report from the Vice-Chair with regards to the online meeting that was held on 13 December 2022 with Stephen Brown the Chief Officer of Orkney Health and Care, representatives from the outer isles Community Councils, North Isles Councillors and Democratic Services to discuss the rollout of NHS24 to the outer isles of Orkney in response to the letter of opposition written by all the Community Councils dated 21 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that there would be a meeting on 23 January 2023 for further discussion and that the Chair would be attending.

B. King Charles III Coronation

Following discussion with regards to the upcoming King Charles III Coronation in May 2023, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that U Clackson would arrange a meeting with the Community Council and the Community Association to discuss plans on how the two groups would work together to mark this occasion.
2. That the ILO would research gift ideas for the event and that the details would be forwarded on to members.
3. To note that L Holly would make enquiries into the event being televised on Sanday, as he had been approached by a friend who worked in the television industry.

C. Sanday Sound Newsletter

Following a report from U Clackson with regards to a separate August edition of the Sanday Sound Newsletter to trial in August 2023 and an update from the ILO advising members of the cost to produce the newsletter per month, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that U Clackson had asked Irene Brown, who produces the Sanday Sound newsletter on behalf of the Community Council, if she would be willing to produce an August edition in 2023, to which she agreed to do on a trial basis.

2. To note that members were in agreement to trial an August edition in 2023.

D. Defibrillators

Following a report from the ILO with regards to an update on the defibrillators, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the telephone box housing the defibrillator at Burness had been repaired.

2. To note that a cheque had been received from Mrs Jacqueline Seatter for £3,737 who had been fundraising along with other groups and individuals to raise funds to pay for an outside defibrillator case and defibrillator, to be situated at the Lopness Destroyer viewpoint.

3. That the ILO would send thank you cards to all those involved in the successful fundraising.

4. That the ILO would arrange a meeting with the volunteers that check the defibrillators on a monthly basis for an update.

5. To note that the ILO would distribute maps of the areas where the defibrillators are situated around the island, to be placed inside the phone boxes housing the defibrillators, local shops and all communal areas throughout the island.

4. Correspondence

A. HITRANS – Scottish Islands Windracers

Following consideration of correspondence from the Project Officer of Sustainable Aviation Test Environment at HITRANS on behalf of Windracers who are looking to gather data on how to best support those living in the Scottish islands with new drone technology, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members were in favour of the Windracers and felt that although there was not an urgent need for them, they would be beneficial to the island, for e.g. carrying blood samples, as blood samples only leave the island twice a week.

2. That the ILO would contact HITRANS advising them that Sanday Community Council were in favour of the Windracers.

3. To note that the members would complete the survey attached with the correspondence.

B. Comments on 20mph speed limits

Following consideration of correspondence from the Team Manager of the Roads Support Team and further discussion with regards to a request for comments from Community Councils in response to Orkney Islands Councils plans to instruct officers to install part-time mandatory 20mph speed limits around island schools by the end

of 2023, and correspondence from U Clackson advising members of plans that had been submitted to Orkney Islands Council over the past couple of decades where the Community Council had tried to get the speed limit changed to 30 mph and had been successful in getting it changed to 40mph in 2010, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members were in agreement that the speed limit should be permanently changed to 20 mph around the school, they discussed various options to reduce motorists speed and agreed that further discussions were needed in the future to implement permanent change.
2. To note that the Head of Service for Neighbourhood Services advised members that to implement a permanent change to 20mph around schools where signs are displayed showing the speed limit, there must be measures put in place to slow motorists down, such as speed ramps.
3. That the ILO would look into the 20's Plenty campaign to see if this would be feasible for Sanday.

C. Stephen Brown

Following consideration of correspondence from Stephen Brown the Chief Officer of Orkney Health and Care in response to the letter from the outer isles Community Councils, retired GP Stephen Murray and North Isles Councillors dated 21 November 2023 opposing the NHS24 rollout, it was:

Resolved to note that NHS24 was put on hold for further discussion and consultation and that Stephen Brown has ensured that communities would be updated on the progress. This letter was discussed during item 3a in Matters Arising.

D. Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council

Following consideration of correspondence from the Chair of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council opposing the plans to roll out NHS24, it was:

Resolved to note that the Health and Wellbeing Officer on Hoy and Walls had organised a petition against the NHS24 rollout and that the Chair had attended the meeting on 13 December 2023. This letter was discussed during item 3a in Matters Arising.

5. Consultations

A. Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum 2023

Following consideration of the timetables which had gone to the recent Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that comments had been fed back by the Transport Representative.

B. Orkney Ferries Booking, Ticketing and Back Office Systems

Following consideration of the December 2022 Orkney Ferries Booking, Ticketing and Back Office Systems Consultation, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members agreed that the system for ticket books was not acceptable, and that discount should be applied at point of sale.
2. To note that Orkney Ferries would be introducing an app for customers to book journeys.
3. To note that Orkney Ferries were encouraging foot passengers to book online as a means of acquiring their details.
4. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to request that there would still be the option for foot passengers to be able to walk on and pay on board without the need for prior booking.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 5 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £14,737.23.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 5 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £7,385.50.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2022/2023 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 5 January, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £200.18, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £503 and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £328.95.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 5 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,806.34.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 5 January 2023, it was:

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

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Sanday Branch of the British Legion

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Branch of the British Legion requesting assistance to purchase bulbs and compost for the war memorial which had been previously agreed at the meeting of 22 September 2022 and would be awarded from the Community Council Grant Scheme on the production of receipts, it was:

Resolved that £47.89 was awarded, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. Micro Grant Fund - Hannah Dodd

A Wilcox, G Nickells and L Holly declared an interest in this item and were not present during discussion. Due to there not being a quorum to make a decision on this application, Democratic Services made the decision on behalf of Sanday Community Council by their agreement.

Following consideration of an application from Hannah Dodd, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of dance uniforms, it was:

Resolved that £137.50 be awarded towards the cost of dance uniforms.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

The Transport Representative gave a report advising members that they had attended the Air and Ferry Consultative Forum held on Monday 24 October via Teams and following discussion with members, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that due to the airport No 4 bus doing school runs at vital times in the day when passengers need to get to the airport for flights, and that other companies had been approached in the past to cover these times to no avail, the Transport Representative suggested that an alternative service should be sought such as a mini bus or large taxi to cover this lack of bus service during those times.
2. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to highlight this issue.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that an application had been submitted to erect a Pod at Sunnybrae.

C. Development Trust Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO Newsletter – November to December 2022.
- Letter from School Place – November to December 2022.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Following a report from the Chair advising members of the problems with EE mobile and broadband download speeds which through monitoring had shown that the average download speed was below 8 Mbps most of the time, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair had forwarded on a chart monitoring the speeds and raw data to MSP Liam McArthur who would be meeting with EE to discuss the poor connections.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 16 March 2023 commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:20.