

Minute of the Special Meeting of Sanday Community Council held at Sanday Community School and via Teams on Monday, 14 November 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr A Wilcox, Mrs U Clackson, Mr G Nickells and Mr L Holly.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor M Thomson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.
- Dr S Murray.
- Dr C Thorne.

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1. Apologies and Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, and it was:

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr M Soord.

2. NHS Orkney-Primary Care

The Chair gave a report detailing the plan by NHS Orkney to roll out NHS24 as the first point of contact out of hours service for the (non-mainland) Orkney Isles from early December. The Chair had previously attended an urgent meeting with NHS Orkney along with representatives of the North and South Isles Community Councils on 7 November 2022. As a result of this meeting the Chair held a meeting with Dr Chris Thorne, Sandays resident Doctor, to discuss the proposal from NHS Orkney. Due to the impact this proposal would have on the outer isles out of hours service the Chair requested a special meeting with members, Dr Stephen Murray, Dr Chris Thorne, the North Isles Councillors and Democratic Services, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that Dr Chris Thorne explained to everyone present the facts surrounding NHS24 and gave a detailed account of what it would entail. Dr Chris Thorne was at the meeting to provide factual information and to answer any questions.

B. To note that the Chair had welcomed retired Sanday Dr Stephen Murray to speak, where he gave a detailed account of the positives and negatives that the impact this proposal would have on Orkney's residents.

C. To note that the advantages and the disadvantages of this proposal were discussed and members requested an urgent meeting to be held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022.

D. To note that Democratic Services would be asked to arrange for a meeting to be held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 inviting two representatives from each isles Community Council in Orkney, plus Dr Stephen Murray and the three elected North Isles Councillors.

E. To note that Councillor Heather Woodbridge kindly offered to chair the meeting on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 and that her offer was accepted.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:30.