

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mr I Scott and Mrs H Scott.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mr K Moar, Orkney Drugs Dog (Handler).
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Ms H Galland, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor G Sinclair.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on Monday, 25 October 2021 was adopted, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Mrs H Scott.

3. Matters Arising

A. Orkney Drugs Dogs

A presentation was given about the work of the Drugs Dog, and it was:

Resolved that the presenter be thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

The Orkney Drugs Dog representative left the meeting at this point.

B. National Care Service Consultation

After remembering that this consultation had been ongoing, it was:

Resolved that the public had been informed and no responses had been received.

C. Orkney Aggregates Scrap Car Scheme

After a discussion about the costs of removing scrap cars, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk liaise with Democratic Services to draw up a notice for the public about removing scrap cars.
2. That the £263.63 remaining from the Local Works Fund be used to subsidise the scheme.
3. That the payment for the scrap would come back to the Community Council, regardless of whether it fluctuated.
4. That car owners be asked to contribute £10 per car for their removal.
5. That cars be sent in twos to keep removal costs down.

D. Fuel Tanks - Update

Members heard that the tanks were now sign-written. After a discussion about the regulations regarding fuel in public areas, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Democratic Services would ask Papa Westray about any regulations in relation to their community fuel tanks.

2. That the Clerk liaise with Democratic Services to draw up a notice explaining the conditions of use of the fuel tanks by the public.

E. Cattle Grid - Update

After a discussion about the ongoing ineffectiveness of the gate-holding post, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a wooden post set in sand is ineffective and an alternative should be sought.
2. That the Clerk will write a letter to Democratic Services indicating the issue is not one of vandalism but of the need for a more substantial, eg concrete, post

F. Skips

After a discussion that the skips had been emptied, it was:

Resolved that the issue with skip emptying had been resolved.

G. Core Path Stiles

After discussing the future works to be done by NILPs in the Spring it was

Resolved that

1. The Clerk inform Democratic Services that the priority stile is Doo Geo and that it was anticipated all would be dealt with in a short space of time
2. The Sheep Court, on their next meeting, would provide a plan as to what would be happening to each stile

H. Orkney Ferries Update

After discussion that there had been no headway in addressing the issues it was

Resolved to wait until the new Manager was established, and the issue was ongoing.

I. ANP - Community AEDs

After discussing the issue of community AED maintenance, it was

Resolved:

1. That the Community Council will agree a rolling rota of members who check on them biannually
2. That a standing order be drawn up to keep ordering batteries and pads at the appropriate replacement times.

4. Correspondence

A. VAO Christmas Bazaar

Correspondence had been circulated regarding the VAO Bazaar, and it was:

Resolved to note that the event had passed.

B. The Orcadian

Correspondence had been emailed regarding extending their coverage , and attached. It was

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. North Isles Waste Management Initiative

Correspondence had been emailed and attached. It was

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. 16 Days of Activism

Correspondence had been emailed. It was

Resolved to note the event had passed.

E. Waste and Recycling Officer

Correspondence had been emailed and attached. It was

Resolved to note there was nothing to add to the information sheet

F. North Highlands Climate Action Hub

Correspondence had been emailed post agenda. It was

Resolved to

Ask them for more information regarding a future island house battery project.

G. Route Based Forecasting

Correspondence had been emailed and attached, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the outcome of the forecasts would be assessed over the winter.
2. That Councillor Woodbridge would ask the Interim Executive Director, Environmental, Property and IT Services, about road surface repair on the island.

5. Consultation Documents

A. Introduction of Memorial Permit

Correspondence had been emailed regarding the proposal to introduce a memorial permit, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed.

B. Local Government Planning and Housing Committee

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a survey on involvement in local politics, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed.

C. Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan

Correspondence had been emailed regarding any proposed projects in relation to tourism infrastructure, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed.

D. Local Government Housing Survey - Short Term Lets

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a survey on short term lets, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Aviation Strategy

Correspondence had been emailed and attached regarding a consultation on the aviation strategy, and it was:

Resolved that members would respond individually if they wished to do so.

F. National Planning Framework

Correspondence had been emailed and attached regarding the National Planning Framework, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That members would respond individually should they wish to.
2. That the Clerk would advertise it on the resident forums for them to respond directly.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Members considered the general finance statement as at 30 November 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £17,318.90.

B. Turbine Fund

Members considered the turbine statement as at 30 November 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £21,221.80.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 30 November 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £197.53 remained available for allocation from the main capping limit, and that £534.40 and £534.59 were the amounts left in the additional and island capping limits respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 30 November 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the total available for allocation was £3,656.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 30 November 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £110 left for allocation to any eligible project.

7. Financial Requests

Resolved to note that there had been no applications since the last meeting.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Following discussion of the draft Winter Air and Ferry Timetables for 2022, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would make the timetables available to residents and gather feedback from them.
2. That the Clerk would liaise with the Chair and Transport Representative to write a letter to the Transport Forum asking for clarification on the issue of cancelled Friday sailings and the issuing of replacement sailings or freight flights.
3. That the Clerk additionally ask that the issue of Outer Isles Cattle Transport be added for discussion to the Transport Consultative Forum meeting agenda.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Development Trust Representative

It was reported that the Sheep Dyke Warden had now resigned, and a replacement was being sought under the same funding. The AGM was due to be held in the New Year, date to be confirmed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Publications

The following publications had been made available to members and were noted:

- Loganair - Statistics - September and October 2021.
- Letter from School Place -September 2021.
- VAO - Training and Funding Update - November 2021.
- VAO - Newsletter - October and November 2021.
- Scottish Water - Newsletter - Winter 2021.
- Orkney Ferries - Statistics- August and September 2021.
- Letter from School Place - November 2021.
- NHS Newsletter - November 2021.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Medical Cover Over Christmas

Correspondence received on the day of the meeting from NHS Orkney was discussed, in relation to there being no medical cover available for a period of one week over the Christmas period, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Chair contact Mrs M Firth, Head of Primary Care, regarding the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk liaise with Democratic Services to draw up a letter requesting a Special/Emergency Meeting for the following day with NHS Orkney, and Island Councillors.
3. That the Clerk keep members informed in the process and any ongoing correspondence.
4. That the residents be informed of the situation of Medical Cover over the Christmas break, once clarified.

B. Memorial Refurbishment Costs

Correspondence had been received which gave an indication of the cost of the works, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would pass the costings to the Chair for approval prior to requesting the works be done and invoiced.
2. That the work would not be conducted until the weather improved in the spring.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that a Special Meeting be held on Thursday, 16 December at a time to be arranged, and that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 2 February via Teams, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 22:13.