

# Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in the via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 5 August 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs P Gee, Mr N Cheeseman, Mrs H Howe, Mr M Howe and Mrs I Smith.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor J Stockan.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Mr H Johnson, Voluntary Action Orkney, Island Wellbeing Project.
- Miss J Gatfield, Clerk.
- One member of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that an apology for absence had been received from Mr C Mullins and Councillors R Crichton and M Thomson.

## **2. Presentation – Island Wellbeing Project**

The Project Officer, VAO, provided members with information on the Island Wellbeing Project, and the proposal to extend the project to all interested ferry-linked isles, including Flotta. It was hoped that a Coordinator would be employed one day per week to provide one-to-one support to those who need it and develop new projects and groups for the island. Members were in agreement that this would be a worthwhile thing to pursue for Flotta, and it was:

Resolved to add the Community Council's support for this project to be rolled out to Flotta.

The Island Wellbeing Project Officer left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Election of Office Bearers**

Following a series of secret ballots, it was:

Resolved:

A. That Mrs P Gee should be appointed Chairperson of Flotta Community Council.

B. That Mr N Cheeseman should be appointed Vice Chairperson of Flotta Community Council.

C. That Mr N Cheeseman should be appointed Transport Representative for Flotta Community Council.

D. That Mr M Howe should be appointed Planning Representative for Flotta Community Council.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 22 April 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mrs I Smith and seconded by Mrs H Howe.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Community Asset Transfer – Area of Land**

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer went over the information received for the Community Asset Transfer from Orkney Island Council and members discussed. After hearing that Orkney Island Council had agreed to their offer of £3,000 for the purchase of the area of land, providing Flotta Community Council pay for the legal costs arising from the sale, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the purchase of the land should go ahead.
2. That Democratic Services would engage a solicitor in order to make the required legal offer to Orkney Islands Council for the land discussed.
3. That this item would be discussed again with regards to proposed use.

## **B. Island Emergency – COMAH Plan**

Members discussed the need for an updated COMAH Plan, particularly because of the number of new residents having recently moved to Flotta. Mrs H Howe advised that there was no update available from Repsol Sinopec, and it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would speak to the relevant officer at Orkney Island Council.

## **C. Repsol Sinopec – Play Park Equipment**

Mrs H Howe advised she would speak again to the relevant officer at Repsol Sinopec to see if she could progress the issue regarding the play park, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this item again at the next meeting.

## **D. Putting Green**

Members discussed the remaining work that needed to be carried out and the possible purchase of a small trailer, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Chair would obtain quotes for the cost of a small trailer.
2. That the Chair would speak to the volunteer regarding works.
3. To discuss results of above points at the next meeting.

## **E. 13 and 14 Burnside**

The Chair raised the need for some remedial works needing to be carried out and also acknowledged the need to obtain meter readings for Democratic Services. It was discussed that two volunteers carried out a lot of work to bring 13 Burnside to a suitable standard be rented out again, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Democratic Services would organise two gift vouchers to the value of £50 each for the said volunteers.
2. To note the information provided.

## **F. Orkney Native Wildlife Project**

Members discussed the Biodiversity Plan and agreement was made that, although one or two parts of it were not right for Flotta, the majority of the plan was correct, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That if further information was required, the Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk would arrange for the Biodiversity Officer to attend a future Community Council meeting.
2. That the incorrect items should be amended in due course.
3. To note the information provided.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Islands Council – Adoption of Planning Guidance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding three planning documents that had been recently approved by Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Agri-Environment Climate Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence which had previously been forwarded to members from the Rural Planner, regarding the Agri-Environment Climate Scheme, members discussed a coastal path that was in need of attention. It was agreed that if there was funding available it could be used to help make the path more accessible for maintenance purposes, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Chair would contact the Rural Planner in this connection.

### **C. Tesco Community Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence from Tesco informing members of the relaunch of Tesco Community Grants, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk would obtain the name of the Community Champion at the local Tesco branch.

3. That the Vice Chair would contact the Community Champion at Tesco and find out more about the Tesco Community Grants.

### **D. Connecting Scotland – Phase 3**

Following consideration of correspondence about Connecting Scotland Phase 3, advising that organisations could apply for digital devices, internet connectivity and training and support for ‘digital champions’ to support people in their use of the internet, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To note that the deadline stated in the correspondence had already been missed and this was something that needed to be prevented if possible.

### **E. P2308 – R100 PAS Event Notifications**

Following consideration of correspondence from Intertek, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members that British Telecom plc (BT) was to submit sixteen applications to install telecommunication Cables, including Hoy to Flotta and Flotta to South Ronaldsay, the Chair informed members that BT had been to Flotta carrying out surveys, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **F. Island Communities Fund**

Following consideration of correspondence relating to the Island Communities Fund for applications for transformative capital projects, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That projects need to be already in development to apply and that this was something to look into for future projects.

### **G. Get Into Summer**

Following consideration of correspondence which had previously been forwarded relating to the “Get Into Summer” campaign, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **7. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils**

After consideration of information received from Orkney Islands Council on amendments made to the Scheme for Orkney Community Councils, it was:  
Resolved to note the information provided and that members had no comments.

## **B. Winter Service Delivery**

Following discussion of the Winter Service Delivery, including amendments to both the policy and plan, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Councillor J Stockan would follow up regarding the inspection of roads.
2. That road surfaces need to be dealt with following the amount of surface water present during the winter.

## **C. Audit Scotland – Reporting on your Local Council**

After consideration of a survey for feedback to Audit Scotland regarding the report into Orkney Islands Council's performance, a copy of which had previously been forwarded to members, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **D. Voluntary Action Orkney – Island Wellbeing Survey**

Following the presentation provided earlier in the meeting from Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) about the Island Wellbeing Survey, which explained the plan to expand the initiative to Flotta, it was:

Resolved that a response to VAO would be given by members by the end of August 2021 if they were interested in the project progressing.

## **E. GO-HI Rural Maas Project**

After consideration of a survey for GO-HI Rural Maas Project, a survey to learn more about transport and technology needs and preferences of people, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **F. Under 22s Free Bus Travel**

Following discussion of the Under 22s Free Bus Travel in Scotland, it was agreed that this was a good idea, and it was:

Resolved to note that the consultation had closed on 21 June 2021.

## **G. Local Place Plan Regulations**

Following discussion of the email regarding Local Place Plan Regulations, an initiative for community led, collaborative opportunities to create great local places, it was:

Resolved to note that the consultation had closed on 25 June 2021.

## **H. Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board – Review of Gambling Policy**

Following receipt of the Review of Gambling Policy consultation by Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that members had no comments.

## **I. Ferry Timetables – Summer 2022**

Following discussion of the papers for the Ferry Service Consultative meeting to be held on 25 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that Mr N Cheeseman would attend the forum and discuss any matters at the next Community Council meeting.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £47,870.45 and that this would be reduced when the invoice for the works carried out on 13 and 14 Burnside were paid.

### **B. Burnside Account**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £13,841.14.

### **C. Wind Power Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,141.77.

### **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £1497.21, £676.00 and £654.00 remaining in the main, additional and island capping limits respectively.

### **E. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £5,980.51 remained for allocation.

## **F. Seed Corn Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £3.161 remained available for allocation.

## **9. Financial Request - Road Aggregate Scheme**

Following consideration of one application for the Road Aggregate Scheme from S Rosie, Serraquoy, which met the requirements of the scheme, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to £500 be given from CCGS towards the purchase and transport of aggregate.

## **10. Publications**

It was resolved to note that the following publications had been circulated to members.

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – March 2021.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update -April, May, June and July 2021.
- VAO – Small Grants Scheme Information.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland/NHSO – Newsletter – July 2021.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area – Newsletter – July 2021.

## **11. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

Resolved to note that there were no issues to report in relation to transport.

### **B. Planning**

Resolved to note that there were no issues to report in relation to planning matters.

## **12. Any Other Competent Business - Old Cinema Site – Fundraising Event**

Members discussed the proposal to have a fundraising event for the Heritage Centre in the old cinema in the form of a theatre or musical in Summer 2022 by two members of the public, it was:

Resolved to agree in principle to the proposal.

## **13. Dates of Future Meetings**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the Flotta Community Council would be held on Thursday, 7 October 2021 either in Flotta Community Centre or online, commencing at 19:30.

## **14. Conclusion of Meeting**

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