

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls Community Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 19:00

Present:

Mrs R Thomson, Mrs T Avis, Ms P Johnson, Ms A Kinsey, Mrs I Mathieson (via Teams) and Mr A Sinclair.

In Attendance:

- Councillor L Hall.
- Councillor G Bevan.
- Councillor J Stockan.
- Ms H Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Ms K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr A Clark.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held on 30 September 2022 was adopted, being proposed by Mr A Sinclair and seconded by Mrs T Avis.

3. Matters Arising

A. Stronsay Plastic Recycling Report

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC with the previously requested update on the Stronsay Recycling Project report, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would raise questions regarding the current availability of recycle bins at Houton Terminal and to request that OIC look at possible alternatives to improve recycling on the isles.

B. 20mph zone at North Walls School

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services with the previously requested update regarding the installation of a 20mph zone at North Walls School, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and await further information.

C. Graemsay Aggregate

Members were provided with an update from the ILO advising that a quote from Orkney Aggregate had still not been received, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the update.
2. That a suggestion to explore a quote from Isbisters would be looked into.

4. Correspondence

A. Marine Services and Transportation Newsletter

Following consideration of correspondence from Marine Services and Transportation with a newsletter, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Funding Application Thanks

Following consideration of correspondence from Graemsay Community Centre to say thank you for the recent funding grant, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note contents of the correspondence.

C. Royal Mail Industrial Action

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising of Royal Mail Industrial Action, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Road Works Update

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council providing a road works update, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would request that updates are sent on a regular basis so that they can be shared with the community.

E. Remembering Together session on Hoy

Following consideration of correspondence from the Ainsley Phillips Project regarding the COVID memorial arts project, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation for Social Care Support - Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Islands Federation regarding a review of the Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation for Social Care Support – Orkney report, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Scottish Islands Federation

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Islands Federation regarding details of various events and consultations, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 30 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

B. Boundary Commission Scotland 2023 Review

Following consideration consultation, copies of which were presented at the meeting, regarding the review of the boundaries, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Verge Maintenance Plan 2023

Following consideration of a consultation from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Verge Maintenance Plan 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

6. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications were made available at this meeting:

- VAO Newsletter – October 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding Update October 2022.
- NHS – Good to Share.
- NHS – SHARE Initiative.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the community council's general finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £20,557.95 as at 28 October 2022.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

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

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £3,117.06 as at 28 October 2022.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04 as at 28 October 2022.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £1,258.47 as at 31 August 2022.

8. Financial Requests

A. Friends of the Hoy Kirk - Insurance

Following consideration of an application from Friends of the Hoy Kirk requesting assistance towards the cost of insurance for the Hoy Kirk, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £765.43 towards the annual insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. Island of Hoy Development Trust

Following consideration of an application from the Island of Hoy Development Trust requesting assistance towards the cost of insurance for the YM Community Hall, it was:

Resolved to grant a sum of £660 towards the cost of the annual insurance, subject to Community Grant Scheme approval

C. Hoy Community Christmas Trees

Following consideration of an application from Hoy Community Christmas trees requesting funding towards the cost of Christmas Trees, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £400 be granted to the Hoy Community Christmas Trees

D. Community Action Plan

Following consideration of an application from the Island of Hoy Development Trust on behalf of the Community Action Plan for assistance towards administrative and hall hire costs, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £400 towards the cost administrative and hall hire costs, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Light up Red for Poppy Appeal

Following consideration of a request by the ILO for the Community Council to support the Light up Red for Poppy Appeal for 2023, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the request, which the Community Council were willing to support.
2. That the ILO would put a funding request in for the cost of light filters for public buildings in 2023.

B. Overhanging Trees

Following consideration of a request from a member to address the issue of overhanging trees, it was:

Resolved that the ILO should forward a list of addresses to OIC for a letter to be sent asking for the cutting of overhanging trees/bushes.

C. Hoy on Hoy Event

After consideration of an update from Councillor J Stockan advising that a provisional date of March 2023 was being considered to rebook the previously postponed event, it was:

Resolved to note the update and offer reassurances that the Community are in favour of the event and want to ensure that they are fully included.

D. Poppy Wreaths for Remembrance Day

After consideration of a request by the ILO for community councillors to confirm who would be representing the Community and laying wreaths, it was:

Resolved to note that the community councillors that would be carrying out the duties were Mrs T Avis at Longhope, Mr A Sinclair at Osmandwall, Mrs R Thomson at Hoy and Mr S Rhodes (as a veteran) would be laying wreaths at the Russian Convoy Memorial and Lyness Cemetery.

E. Rackwick Water Scheme

Following consideration of an update from Councillor J Stockan regarding the Rackwick Water Scheme and advising that planning had now been submitted, it was:

Resolved to note the update.

F. NHS24 Introduction to the Isles

Following consideration of a concerns raised by the Chair and Dr Cromarty regarding the introduction of NHS24 to the isles, Councillor L Hall advised that the North Isles Councillors were taking the situation further and will provide updates where possible, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns and add to the business letter the suggestion that the medial professionals on the island be

G. Youth Club Bus Funding

Following consideration of a request to look at funding the transport for children to attend Youth Club, it was:

Resolved to note that funding is no longer available to fund the transport.

H. Mainland Facilities for Parents

Following consideration of a request raised by a member for OIC to look at providing facilities for parents to stay in for hospital appointments, should they need to support their children who stay in the hostel whilst at school, or for emergency situations, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the request.

2. That Councillor L Hall advised he would explore the request

I. Community Garden

Following consideration of an update by the ILO to state that NHS Orkney were considering an application for a plot of land to be allocated to the community for a garden and requesting members support and participation, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and to keep the CC informed.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:40.