

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Mrs H Scott and Mr I Scott.

In Attendance:

- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Ms H Galland, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs A Duncan and Mrs H Inkster, Orkney Ferries.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on Wednesday, 2 February 2022 were adopted, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Mr I Scott.

3. Matters Arising

A. Auxiliary Nurse Practitioner

After discussing the correspondence from Mr Dickson, Chief Executive, NHS Orkney, and hearing that no report would be published after the investigation of the incident over Christmas, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Mrs H Scott would work with the Clerk to draft another letter making it clear that the initial letter of concern dated 16 December 2022 should be taken as an official letter of complaint and not merely a statement providing opinions from the island.
2. That Mrs H Scott would assist the Clerk in drafting an invitation to a Special Meeting to be extended to Issy Grieve and Stephen Brown in order to speak with the local community to reassure them about the recent events and secure better communication between NHS Orkney and North Ronaldsay.
3. That other islands who had also been affected by the same issue be contacted and invited to contribute to the letter.
4. That the Community Council consider a recruitment campaign in the national newspapers to be funded by the Grant Scheme.

B. Cattle Transport

After a discussion about the significant strain that maintenance costs of the now bought trailers would be to the Community Council budget, it was:

Resolved:

1. That pursuing the issues regarding cattle transport from the island should be postponed until the new Community Council is in place but ask that they prioritise fixing this inequality.
2. That Orkney Islands Council would address this meantime, while Community Councils are in a period of purdah to include the following points:
 - That Orkney Ferries offered a service, and that this service has now been withdrawn with nothing to replace it.

- North Ronaldsay Community Council would request a new 80:20 Grant to help pay for annual maintenance.
- That, if the Community Council is responsible for charging people who wish to hire the trailers, this will be a considerable burden.

C. Island Development Plan

After reviewing the issue, it was:

Resolved that the Trust would be having a second meeting to pull all the information from the consultations together.

4. Correspondence

A. Bag the Bruck

Correspondence had been emailed regarding the bag the bruck event to be held in April, and it was:

Resolved the Clerk would forward the information to the Community Association along with approval for the funding to be used by them for this purpose.

B. Orkney Inter Islands Transport Study - Outline Business Case Reports

Correspondence had been emailed to members regarding progress with the Inter Island Transport study, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Rikki Lidderdale - Orkney College Survey

Correspondence had previously been emailed to all members regarding a survey on Orcadian identity, and it was:

Resolved that members could complete the survey at their own leisure.

D. SSE Resilience Fund

Correspondence had been emailed regarding available funding, and it was:

Resolved to forward the details to the Trust, and post information on island noticeboards etc.

E. Orkney Youth Local Action Group

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a group which aimed to empower young people to make their voices heard, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

F. Climate Action Funding

Correspondence had been emailed previously regarding available funding, and it was:

Resolved to forward details to the Trust and to post information on island notice boards etc.

G. Scottish Water – Nature Calls

Correspondence from Scottish Water had been emailed previously regarding a new customer engagement campaign, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents, which had already been circulated on island.

H. CloudNet Solutions

Correspondence from CloudNet had been previously circulated to members, regarding fibre broadband, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact CloudNet to confirm that the Community Council was fully behind the plans for fibre on island.

I. Orkney Ferries - Island Community Update

An update from the Ferry Services Manager had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to post the information on the island noticeboard etc.

5. Consultation Documents

Resolved to note that no consultation documents had been received.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Members considered the general finance statement as at 25 February 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,731.33.

B. Turbine Fund

Members considered the turbine statement as at 25 February 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, and 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 25 February 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £79.56 remained available for allocation from the main capping limit, and that £424.96 and £454.42 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 25 February 2022, 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 25 February 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

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

F. Orkney Aggregates

After a discussion on what unspent finances were remaining to end of March, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk order 100 tonne of the cheapest quality of scalpings in 1 tonne bags, request immediate invoicing but to delay delivery until a date to be arranged.
2. That the Clerk book 100 tonne scalpings with Orkney Ferries and request immediate invoicing but that delivery will be at a later date to be arranged.

G. Scrap Car Scheme

Members were advised that there had been several interested parties in a scheme to remove scrap cars from the island, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk arrange for any cash payments received in return for scrapping cars to be sent to Orkney Islands Council for deposit in North Ronaldsay CC's funds.

7. Financial Request - Grass Cutting at Memorial Hall

There was a request from Mr I Scott for the Community Council to pay for the annual mowing at the Memorial Hall, total cost for 2021 stated as £240. Payment to be made to North Ronaldsay Heritage Trust and sent to Mrs Sheila Deyell, and it was

Resolved to approve this request.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

It was reported that Orkney Ferries' Online Booking Service was now live, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Planning Representative

Members heard that two Planning Applications relevant to North Ronaldsay were currently being considered, and were accessible for public viewing on Orkney Islands Council's website, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. North Ronaldsay Development Trust

It was reported that the work at Trebb was on hold until planning permission had been granted, and that an AGM would be arranged in due course. Members also heard that the recent Coffee Morning had been a resounding success, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Publications

The following publications had been made available to members, and links had been posted on the island's Facebook Community Connect page, and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – March 2022.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – February 2022.
- Letter from School Place - February 2022.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Seating at Airfield

It was reported that seating was ready to be erected at the airfield, and it was:

Resolved that Mr I Deyell and Mr P Donnelly would arrange for this work to be completed.

B. Councillor Graham Sinclair

It was noted that Councillor Sinclair would not be standing as a candidate in the upcoming Council elections, and it was:

Resolved that a letter of thanks from the Community Council should be conveyed.

C. ANP

Mrs H Scott asked if the Community Council could visit the new Health Centre in Eday, and additionally suggested they and the Trust invite the Medical Director to visit North Ronaldsay, and it was:

Resolved that these issues would be carried forward to the incoming Community Council.

D. Grass Cutting Tender

Members noted that the closing date for tenders was 25 March, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would liaise with the Chair on how to proceed once the closing date had passed.

E. Outgoing Chair

The Members wished to express their gratitude to the Chair Mr Deyell for all his hard work during the past term of office, and it was:

Resolved to note the thanks and well wishes of members.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that as the Council was in purdah and Community Council elections were approaching, no future meeting date be scheduled.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:30.