

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in Eday Heritage Centre and via Teams on Wednesday, 19 October 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs Suzy Boardman, Mr Marcus Cockram, Mr Aaron Garson, Mrs Lorna Garson, Mr Terry McCabe, Mr Hamish Thomson (via Teams) and Miss Emma Wallington.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Mellissa Thomson (via Teams).
- Councillor Heather Woodbridge (via Teams).
- Mr Kenny MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities.
- Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.

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1. Welcome and Apologies

The Community Council Liaison Officer opened the meeting and welcomed the new members, as well as the new North Isles Councillor. She explained that there had been amendments to the Scheme for Orkney Community Councils to include online meetings, and to allow those aged 16 and over to be eligible for election to a community council. She explained the roles of Clerk, Chair, Councillors and Democratic Services, and what the responsibility was of being a CC member. The process for the election of office bearers was also explained.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr Terry McCabe be elected Chair of Eday Community Council.

B. Vice Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr Hamish Thomson be elected Vice Chair of Eday Community Council.

C. Transport Representative

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs Suzy Boardman be elected Transport Representative for Eday Community Council.

D. Planning Representative

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr Aaron Garson be appointed Planning Representative for Eday Community Council.

3. Adoption of Constitution for Eday Community Council

Resolved to adopt the constitution for Eday Community Council.

4. Adoption of Minute

Following consideration of the minute of the meeting of Eday Community Council held on 16 February 2022, and the notes of the meeting of Eday Community Council held on 30 March 2022, it was:

Resolved:

A. To adopt the minute of 16 February 2022, subject to the removal of the word “not” in the first line of item 4F, being proposed by Mr Terry McCabe and seconded by Mr Hamish Thomson.

B. To note the note of the Eday Community Council meeting held on 30 March 2022.

5. Matters Arising

A. Cattle Pens

Members heard that Mr Hamish Thomson had been looking into this and would pursue the matter further, and it was:

Resolved to keep this as an agenda item.

B. Lack of Airfield Crew

There was no update to provide regarding the issue of airfield crew, and it was:

Resolved to request an update to be taken to the next meeting.

C. First Responders

It was reported that meetings had been held between OIC, NHS Orkney, Scottish Ambulance Service, SFRS and other stakeholders to try and get a picture of what the situation was with First Responders across the county. A mapping exercise had been carried out to see who was involved and what the procedures were for each island. The Community Council Liaison Officer advised that another meeting was due to take place the following day, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Scrap Cars

Members agreed that this should be discussed at a future meeting, and it was:

Resolved to add this to the next agenda.

E. Aggregate Scheme

Members agreed that this should be discussed at a future meeting, and it was:

Resolved to add this to the next agenda.

6. Correspondence

A. Eyland Skyn – Third Aircraft

Members had been forwarded information from Eyland Skyn along with a presentation on a possible third aircraft for the north isles. Questions were asked around funding, and comments made around the severe lack of seats on the only flights for Eday, and it was:

Resolved to note that members were fully supportive of the idea of a third aircraft.

B. Isles Special Collection Rota

The special collection rota for the outer isles up to March 2023 had previously been circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. NSI Directorate

A letter from the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure had been forwarded previously to members and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence and the different remits of the Heads of Service.

D. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study – Briefing Note

Members had previously been sent a copy of the briefing note to inform regarding the inter-island transport study and the outline business case, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Air and Ferry Timetables – Summer 2023

Members had been provided with the proposed air and ferry service timetables for summer 2023, along with information on the consultative forum meeting to be readjourned on 24 October 2022. This would be to give new CC Transport Representatives a chance to feed back any comments on the timetables before they went to committee. Members discussed the statistics for a Thursday sailing and expressed dismay that it had been withdrawn, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the comments and information provided.
2. That the Transport Representative would attend the meeting on 24 October 2022.

F. Eday Kirkyard – Memorial Inspection

Members had been sent information from the Burial Grounds Officer relating to a recent inspection of memorials, which had identified two stones that required attention, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Outdoor Access, Walking and Cycling

Following consideration of correspondence from Development and Marine Planning copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding funding available for footpaths, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Christmas Tree Lighting 2022

Members had previously been circulated correspondence from Democratic Services advising that any tree lighting ceremony would require an event management plan (EMP) and it was:

Resolved to note that the shop would be organising the event.

I. Neven Point Wind Farm Proposal

Correspondence had been received from GreenPower, and also from Ariane Burgess MSP, in relation to the Neven Point Wind Farm proposal, which was at the pre-application stage. Members discussed the matter and felt that any meeting with GreenPower should be open to all members of the community, and not just the community council. It was agreed that opinion was very much mixed on the proposal. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation with regards to planning applications.

7. Financial Statements

A. Annual Accounts

The annual accounts for Eday Community Council were presented to members at the meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the figures for the financial year ending 31 March 2022.

B. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 11 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £9,967.33.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 11 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that £540 remained in the main capping limit for allocation, £743 remained in the additional capping limit and the island capping limit had been reached.

D. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 11 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained for allocation.

8. Financial Requests

A. ECE – Forklift Training

Members had received a copy of a request from Eday Community Enterprises for consideration, asking for financial assistance with the cost of putting individuals through forklift training. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that, as the request had not come in prior to the event, the application be refused, but that the applicant be advised to approach the community council again for future funding for this purpose, prior to the event, if required.

B. ECA – Eday Harvest Home

Members heard that a request had been received from Eday Community Association, for financial assistance towards the cost of holding a harvest home event. Following consideration, it was:

Resolved to cover the full cost of £91.80 for the band's travel and 50% of the £420 cost of the band fee from CCGS, being £210, as well as 50% of the decorations (totalling £100) from the general fund.

C. ECA – Eday Festive Events

Members heard that a request had been received from Eday Community Association, for financial assistance towards the cost of festive events, and it was:

Resolved to cover the cost of the Christmas tree, £90, from CCGS, and to offer 50% of the total cost of the gifts and party from the general fund, which totalled £262.50.

D. Eday Community Association – Storage Container

Members heard that the previous community council had agreed to cover part of the cost of purchase of a storage container for use at the school, but that the decision had not been ratified due to the last meeting not being quorate. Since the last meeting, a majority vote had been obtained, and it was:

Resolved to note that £2,880 had been provided towards the purchase of a container through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

9. Reports from Representatives

Resolved to note that there were no reports provided.

10. Consultation Documents

Resolved to note that no consultations had been circulated for discussion.

11. Publications

The following publications had all been previously emailed to members, and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – August and September 2022.

- VAO Training and Funding Update – August and September 2022.
- Letter from School Place – August and September 2022.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – August and September 2022.
- Island Wellbeing Project Information.
- Orkney Harbours Offshore Wind – Community Newsletter – September 2022.

12. AOCB

A. Bonfire Night

Members discussed whether they should hold a bonfire night this year, and what should be put towards this event. It was agreed that members would organise it, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Eday Community Association would be asked to provide food and drinks at the hall but that the Community Council would pay for it.
2. To commit £500 towards fireworks, subject to CCGS approval.
3. That the event would be held on Saturday, 5 November 2022.

B. Roads Operative

A member asked what stage the advert was for the roads operative, and what the terms and conditions were going to be. The Head of Facilities advised that this was still being considered, and that he would provide more information in due course, and it was:

Resolved to note the update.

C. Waiting Room at the Pier

A member raised the issue of the waiting room at the pier and commented that it needed to be taken to the top of the agenda to see if we could get this seen to. The Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities offered to see what maintenance was due to the property. He explained that it was not good news this financial year as they have had to cut budgets to only necessary repairs, but it would be looked at in terms of safety and comfort, and it was:

Resolved to ask for an update on the pier waiting room via the business letter to Democratic Services.

D. Dredging at the Pier

A member commented that there was a sandbank just off the steps and asked if this could be looked at and cleaned out or dredged. Councillor Mellissa Thomson reported that this has been raised at Harbours but suggested that if the Community Council put a letter in it might help to get something done about it, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would refer this matter to Marine Services via the business letter to Democratic Services.

E. Warm Spaces

A member raised the issue of the increasing need for warm hubs within communities and suggested this was something that needed to be thought about in Eday. Another member advised that the shop was going to be offering this service, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Ditching at the bottom of Pier Brae

Members discussed that the road edge could do with being dug out at the bottom of the brae towards the pier as it was becoming very dangerous during periods of heavy rain, and it was:

Resolved that the landowner would be asked to do something about this.

G. Lawnmower for Kirkyard Grass Cutting

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer asked if members would like the machine to go in for servicing as the contractor had mentioned some issues with it, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Chair would contact the contractor to see what the problem was with the mower.
2. That if the lawnmower needed to be repaired, CCGS would be applied on the cost.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 11 January 2022.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.