

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held via Zoom on Monday, 15 February 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr C Dixon, Mr T McCabe, Mr M Scott and Mr H Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 2 December 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr C Dixon and seconded by Mrs A Byers.

3. Eday Kirkyard Grass Cutting

Following consideration of tenders for the grass cutting of Eday Kirkyard and amenity areas, it was:

Resolved that the tender be awarded to Mr J Mann.

4. Matters Arising

A. Cattle Pens

The Chair advised that a meeting had not been arranged, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Kirkyard Issue – Accessible Path

Mr M Scott advised members that he had investigated the kirkyard and it would appear that tracks had been made by the equipment used for grave digging, and it was:

Resolved that Orkney Islands Council should be asked to repair the tracks that had been created.

C. Scottish and Southern Energy Networks

Following consideration of correspondence providing an update relating to the Eday to Westray and Sanday subsea cable fault, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the of the correspondence.

5. Correspondence

A. Orkney Scam Action Group

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Scam Action Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members of the recently set up multiagency group with a view to “tackling scams together”, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Fair Start Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from the Fair Start Scotland Delivery Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members of their service and in assisting unemployed people to find work, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. Orkney Ferries – Catering

Following consideration of correspondence from Stronsay Community Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a response received in relation to the catering facilities on Orkney Ferries, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. R100 Roundtable Event

Following consideration of correspondence from L McArthur, MSP, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting members to the R100 event, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Scottish Water – Annual Consultative Meeting

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting members to the Annual Consultative Meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Orkney Ferries Replacement

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr R Leslie, copies of which had previously been circulated, and an update from Democratic Services regarding the replacement of Orkney Ferries, it was:

Resolved to note that consultation was ongoing on the replacement of the ferries.

G. Scottish Government – Clear Your Head Campaign

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Government regarding their Clear Your Head campaign, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

H. Connecting Scotland and Orkney Kickstart

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members that Connecting Scotland had extended the deadline for submission of applications, and providing information on a new scheme to get young people into work, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Scottish Government Covid-19 Marketing Campaign

Following consideration of information that had previously been circulated regarding the Scottish Government's Covid-19 Marketing Campaign, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the information leaflet.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 7 March 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,813.19.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 March 2021, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the balances of £2,011.96 and £669.00 remained available in the main capping limit and additional capping limit respectively, with the island capping limit being fully allocated.
2. That the Interim Clerk should check the letters sent regarding funding awards for haulage of aggregates to ascertain if there was a date for claiming.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 March 2021, it was:

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

D. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 7 March 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £7,258.51 remained for allocation.

7. Financial Request

A. Eday Partnership – Forklift

Following consideration of a financial request from Eday Partnership requesting assistance towards the cost of repairs to the forklift, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £961 should be awarded towards the repair costs and that application should be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost of £961.

B. Eday Community Enterprises – Fuel Tanks

Following consideration of a financial request from Eday Community Enterprises requesting assistance of £10,000 towards the cost of replacing the fuel tanks at the shop, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award the sum of £10,000 towards the cost of replacing the fuel tanks at the shop.
2. That £7,258 should be awarded from the Seed Corn Fund.
3. That £2,742 should be awarded from the Community Council Grant Scheme and that application should be made on the cost of £2,742.

C. Eday Community Enterprises – Shop

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Enterprises requesting financial assistance towards the cost of temporary assistance for the shop, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £692.60 from General Funds towards the cost.

8. Reports from Representatives

A brief report was provided on the Air and Ferries Consultative Forum and the Planning Representative advised that they had nothing to report, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Consultation Document – DEFRA – Animal Welfare and Livestock Transportation

Following consideration of the DEFRA/Scottish Government Consultation documents, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to the content of the consultation and the deadlines of 25 and 26 February 2021.

10. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications had been made available:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – September 2020.
- VAO Newsletter – December 2020.
- Letter from School Place – December 2020 and January 2021.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – January 2021.
- What's on at CLAN.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Shipment of Stone from Oban to Orkney

Members discussed the delivery of stone by boat to Orkney and queried if stone could be delivered to the islands by this method as well, and it was:

Resolved to note the discussion.

B. Road Conditions

Members discussed the condition of the roads on Eday and noted that many of the roads were deteriorating badly and required repair and surface dressing. The Westside Road condition was also discussed, with members advising that it was becoming dangerous in areas due to the recent carting of stone by lorries, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To ask Orkney Islands Council when any works might take place on the roads in Eday.
2. To ask Orkney Islands Council what progress was made with EMEC regarding the reinstatement of the Westside Road.

12. 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, 5 May 2021 at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:44.