

# Minutes of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 30 August 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mrs H Scott and Mr I Scott.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer (ECLO).
- Ms H Galland, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that no apologies for absence had been received.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 2 July 2021 were adopted, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Ms A Duncan.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. ANP Nurse Practitioner for North Ronaldsay- Recruitment**

Members were advised that the first round of interviews had not resulted in an appointment, and after consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney regarding reissue of the same advert, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the majority of members had responded and approved.
2. To note that the Clerk had forwarded this information to NHS Orkney.

### **B. Fuel Tanks**

After hearing a report from the ECLO regarding the progress on the fuel tanks, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Northwards be asked to deliver the tanks to Kirkwall Pier.
2. That the tanks should be filled with Kerosene and additive prior to shipping to North Ronaldsay.

### **C. Orkney Ferries - Cattle Transport and Skips**

#### **1. Cattle Transport**

After a discussion among members and Councillors regarding the new stipulation by Orkney Ferries that cattle would no longer be able to be presented loose for shipping, from 1 September, it was:

Resolved:

- A. That Councillor S Clackson would contact the relevant officer immediately to ascertain the position and would report back in a few days before further action was taken.
- B. To note that the immediate requirement was a temporary measure to address the shipping of cattle for the Winter Sales.

C. That clarification was needed on whether funding was available or allocated for the purchase of trailers by Orkney Ferries.

## **2. Skips**

After a discussion about the issue of getting the skips transported for emptying, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that there had been not response from Orkney Ferries and issue was ongoing.

B. That Councillor S Clackson would include the issue in his correspondence to relevant officers, as at Item 3C.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Island Development Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from North Ronaldsay Trust, copies of which had been previously emailed, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would send a letter to the North Ronaldsay Trust asking what stage they were at in producing a new Development Plan, and report back.

### **B. GC Gibson Charitable Trust Fund**

Following consideration of the correspondence, copies of which had been previously emailed, regarding available funding, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would forward the correspondence to the North Ronaldsay Trust for them to consider.

## **5. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Gambling 2005 – Review of Policy**

Following consideration of the Gambling 2005 Consultation, received from OIC and circulated previously to members, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline for responses had passed, and that no responses had been received from members.

### **B. Kirkwall Airport Surface Access**

Following consideration of the consultation on Kirkwall Airport Surface Access, information on which had previously been forwarded to members, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline had passed and that no responses had been received from members.

## **C. SEPA Orkney Flood Risk Action Plan**

Following consideration of the SEPA consultation on the Orkney Flood Risk Action Plan, copies of which had previously been sent to members, it was:

Resolved to note that the issue was not relevant to North Ronaldsay.

## **D. Orkney Community Wind Farm – Community Benefit**

Following consideration of the consultation on community benefit funding, information on which had been previously emailed to members, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline for comments had been extended.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Members considered the General Finance statement as at 16 August 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £14,653.97.

### **B. Turbine Fund**

Members considered the Turbine statement as at 16 August 2021, 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 16 August 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £444.73, £534.40 and 534.59 remained available for approval in the main, additional and island capping limits respectively.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 16 August 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that total available for allocation was £3,656.00.

### **E. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 16 August 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that there was no funding left for allocation.

## **F. Other Funding**

### **1. Scrap Cars**

Following discussion about the issue of scrap cars on the island, and the benefit of past Schemes to remove cars from the island, it was:

Resolved:

A. That the Clerk would contact Orkney Aggregates regarding whether payment for scrap cars was cash or credit.

B. That the Clerk would confirm whether freight was free from Kirkwall Pier to the Yard.

C. That the ECLO would send details of the car manufacturer's End-of-Life Vehicle Scheme to the Clerk.

### **2. North Ronaldsay Trust Loan**

Following consideration of the £4,000 loan due for repayment by the North Ronaldsay Trust, it was:

Resolved that the ECLO would check records to see if an extension had been given and to report back to the Clerk.

### **3. Community Wind Turbine Fund**

Resolved to consider uses of the fund later in the year or at a Special Meeting.

## **7. Financial Requests**

Resolved to note that no financial requests had been received.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Members heard a report from the Transport Representative advising members on a recent meeting of the Air and Ferry Consultative Forums. He advised that the air and ferry schedules had been approved as per the previous years' timetables. Members discussed the possibility of accessing ad hoc boats to transport stranded passengers due to cancelled planes, and it was:

Resolved that this needed further discussion and Councillor support.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

## **C. North Ronaldsay Development Trust Representative**

It was noted that a part time Sheep Dyke Warden had been recruited for the next year and a half, and that the Sheep Court were being encouraged to take the lead in directing their work.

It was also reported that the Community Bike Shed had been installed, and it was clarified that this shed was not part of the North Ronaldsay Trust Bike Hire Project. It was mentioned that it appeared to be permanently locked, and it was:

Resolved to contact the Transport section of Orkney Islands Council to find out how to access the shed.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications had been made available to members and were noted:

- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Newsletter - July 2021.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – April and May 2021.
- Loganair – Statistics – April, May and June 2021.
- Letter from School Place – July and August 2021.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – July and August 2021.
- VAO- Newsletter- June and July 2021.
- Community Development Fund Update - August 2021.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Face to Face Meetings**

An enquiry was made as to when face to face meetings could resume, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That members and public on the island can now meet but the room being used must have access to Wi-Fi in order to allow people who cannot or do not wish to be in near contact can attend.

2. That the next meeting would be held via Teams.

### **B. War Memorial**

After discussion on the cost of the works, it was:

Resolved that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted for a maximum of £1,000 for the work on the War Memorial.

### **C. Stiles**

After discussion on the ongoing danger of stiles that were damaged or broken, it was:

Resolved that the ECLO would find out who is now responsible for stiles that were in the Core Path Scheme.

## **D. Community Council Vacancies**

A member asked why the two vacancies had not been filled, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that a Public Meeting can be held to elect Members.
2. That if Community Council members were aware of anyone wishing to become a member, to advise Democratic Services who would then arrange a Public Meeting to fill the vacancies.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 25 October 2021 via Teams, commencing at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:10.