

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr P Allan, Mr G Ellis, Mr M Lennie and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
 - Councillor H Woodbridge.
 - Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director (IED) Environmental, Property and IT Services.
 - Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO).
 - Ms G Speers, Clerk/Island Link Officer (ILO).
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- 2 members of public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr J Muir and Councillor S Clackson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Towrie and seconded by Mr M Lennie.

3. Interim Executive Director - Introduction

The Chair welcomed Hayley Green to the meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note that the IED had introduced herself and explained her role within Orkney Islands Council, and that she was open to discussing any issues or concerns in relation to matters within her remit.

4. Matters Arising

A. Defibrillator at Loth

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the defibrillator to be situated in the Loth waiting room porch, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the defibrillator was with Wessex Medical supplies being serviced and replacement pads and batteries were on order.
3. That the ILO would arrange for the Orkney Islands Council contractor for Sanday to install the cabinet in the Loth waiting room porch.

B. Walter Traill Dennison Lair

The ILO advised members of the progress of the renovations to the Walter Traill Dennison Lair and the request made from the contractor for the Kirkyard gates to purchase extra wood stain to give them an extra coat of stain before the winter at no extra cost to his contract, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the railings from Hamnavoe Engineering Ltd had arrived on Sanday.
2. That the ILO would order chippings, sand and cement.
3. To note that members agreed to the purchase of wood stain and that the ILO would apply to the CCGS fund to cover the cost.

C. Picnic Benches

Following discussion with regards to the consideration of quotes received for picnic benches, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would order five black recycled plastic Solway benches from Birsay Farmers.
2. That the ILO would issue a tender notice for the removal of the old picnic benches and the installation of the new benches and that the tender notices would be advertised in the shops, community notice boards and Sanday residents Facebook page with a deadline date of Friday, 26 November 2021.

D. Scrap Metal and Scrap Wire

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the scrap metal and scrap wire skips that were made available for the removal of scrap metal and scrap wire for residents in October 2021, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO had contacted Orkney Aggregates with regards to the value of the scrap metal and that this would be provided soon.
2. That the ILO would apply to the Community Council Grant Scheme for funding of £500 to be added to the scrap wire fund.

E. Rubbish Bins

Following discussion with regards to the request by members for extra rubbish bins, and a further request for additional bins to be located at the edge of the road by Cata Sand and the Lopness Destroyer viewpoint, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the correspondence from Orkney Islands Council stated that funding for litter bins across Orkney was currently capped and did not allow for any additional bins to be provided.
2. To note Orkney Islands Council's suggestion of moving bins that the community considered to be underutilised in their current position, to either Cata Sand or Lopness Destroyer (members agreed that this was not possible as the bins on the island were well used and placed appropriately already).

F. Special Collections

Following discussion with regards to Special Collections and whether the reimbursement would be within each financial year or a year between claims, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members had agreed to reimburse residents within each financial year to coincide with Orkney Island Council's arrangements for special collections.
2. To reiterate to residents that no retrospective claims would be reimbursed.

3. That the ILO would advertise the isles special collection rota 2021/2022 in the local shops, community noticeboards and Sanday residents Facebook page, alongside information explaining how residents could make one claim up to £50 reimbursement from the Community Council within each financial year.

G. Hostel Query

Members had previously enquired as to why the isles school children could not stay at the hostel if they were in Kirkwall for an overnight stay to attend sports training events, as a child from Sanday had been declined this service recently. The Head of Community, Learning, Leisure and Housing had responded, via Democratic Services, stating that there wasn't a change in policy and that the Papdale Halls was a school care accommodation service registered with the Care Inspectorate and as such, they were required to adhere to tight criteria. It was a service to allow isles school pupils to attend school and they required to have in place care plans for every child within the halls. It also advised that they do not provide accommodation for isles children who wish to come in for activities which are not linked to the curriculum, irrespective of what those are. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. To note that the ILO would make enquiries to find out if the parent had formally requested for the child to stay at the hostel, or if the request to stay in the hostel had been made by the Education department/the organisation running the course.

5. Correspondence

A. Review of Inter-Island Fare Structure

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transport Manager, Marine and Transportation Services, with regards to the survey on the revised Orkney Ferries fare structure, it was:

Resolved to note that the survey had previously been circulated and advertised to Sanday residents for their individual participation.

B. Preparation for Remembrance 2021

Following consideration of correspondence from the Royal British Legion Industries with regards to purchasing a Tommy to be displayed on Sanday, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact the branch of the British Legion on Sanday to enquire if they would like to apply for funding from the Spurness Micro Grant fund to purchase a Tommy, and that the Community Council would pay a contribution towards this.

C. Scottish Land Commission - Public Meeting

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Land Commission, copies of which had previously been circulated, with regards to the Orkney Virtual Public Meeting held on 29 September 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Scottish Flood Forum Visit

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Flood Forum with regards to the Forum's Community Resilience Manager visiting flood affected communities and holding drop-in sessions on Orkney Mainland between 20-23 September, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Sanday Heritage Group – Unit 1

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Heritage Group, requesting approval for the proposed renovations to Unit 1 at the Heritage Centre, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members gave their approval.
2. To note that members would hope that the Heritage Group would consider renovating the reuse part of the building at the same time when the other renovations take place.

F. Picnic Sites

Following consideration of correspondence from the Roads Support Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, with regards to the maintenance of parking areas at picnic sites, as to who was responsible for the tarmacked roads at the picnic sites, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Roads Support Manager had advised that the council would not be responsible for the parking area at picnic sites and that they may form or be part of the turning area at the end of a public road, in which case the turning area would be maintained as part of the public road network.
2. To note that some parking areas and roads have been surfaced in the past using other budgets which would not necessarily have transferred any responsibility to Orkney Islands Council and that all sections of road shown on the winter service plan were part of the public road network and are maintained by the Roads and Environmental Services.

G. HITRANS E-Cargo Bike – Insurance

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services with regards to the addition of public liability and damage insurance for the HITRANS cargo bike, it was:

Resolved to note that the additional insurance costing £54.66 would be paid from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

H. VAO: Community Directory Update

Following consideration of correspondence which had previously been circulated from VAO with regards to the Community Directory update, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had updated VAO with the Community Council's contact details.

I. Sanday Business Forum - Meeting Minutes

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Business Forum with regards to the sharing of their meeting minutes, it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed to the minutes being shared with them to keep up with the current plans of the Forum.

J. Winter Service Plan

Following consideration of the Winter Service Plan agreed by Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the request to change Langbigging road from Priority 3 to Priority 2S due to school children living in that road, had not been changed in the Winter Service Plan.
2. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council with regards to the previous requests that members had made, that had not been applied in the Winter Service Plan.
3. That the ILO would contact Hayley Green to advise her on the previous requests that members had made with regards to the Winter Service Plan and will forward all correspondence relating to these requests.

K. Stronsay CC – Orkney Ferries Timetable

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council with regards to a request from Stronsay Community Council for alterations to the ferry timetable to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2022, which is being planned for Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that this alteration had been approved and that notification of the changes would be issued in due course.

L. 16 Days of Activism

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Rape and Sexual Assault Service (ORSAS) with regards to their request, to help them promote their campaign for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender based Violence which runs from 25 November to 10 December 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that members have agreed to help promote their campaign by displaying their posters around Sanday and that the ILO would contact ORSAS to arrange this.

5. Consultation Documents

A. NHS Orkney Clinical Strategy

Following discussion of a consultation letter which had previously been circulated, with regards to the NHS Orkney Clinical Strategy, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

B. National Care Service Consultation

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on the National Care Service which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

C. NHS Orkney Clinical Strategy

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney with regards to a short community survey which was previously circulated and shared with the public, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed and that it had been shared with the public for their participation.

D. Short-term Lets Regulations

Following consideration of correspondence from the Local Government, Housing and Planning committee with regards to the consultation on the forthcoming changes to short-term lets regulations, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the general finance statement as at 6 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,391.09.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 6 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,006.98.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 6 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was fully allocated, and that the balances remaining in the additional and island capping limits were £676 and £503.52 respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 6 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £9,419.68.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 6 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,689.03.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Spurness Community Fund

Resolved to note that no applications for financial assistance from the Spurness Community Fund had been received.

B. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Caitlin Muir

Following consideration of an application from Caitlin Muir requesting financial assistance to attend an intensive driving course in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of attending an intensive driving course in Inverness.

2. Grace Muir

Following consideration of correspondence from Grace Muir requesting financial assistance to attend the Under 17 Netball Orkney training in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of attending the Under 17 Netball Orkney training in Kirkwall.

3. Charlotte Hoque

Following consideration of correspondence from Charlotte Hoque requesting financial assistance to purchase four Ballet Barres to enable her to run Ballet classes on Sanday, it was:

Resolved that £235.80 be awarded towards the cost of purchasing four Ballet Barres.

4. Luca Oldfield

Following consideration of correspondence from Luca Oldfield requesting financial assistance towards the cost of Maths and Science tutoring, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of Maths and Science tutoring.

5. Skye Oldfield

Following consideration of correspondence from Skye Oldfield requesting financial assistance towards the cost of Maths and Science tutoring, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of Maths and Science tutoring.

C. Seedcorn Funding

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was discussed in private.

Members resumed consideration of an application for Seed Corn funding, and discussed related correspondence from Economic Development, and it was:

Resolved to go back to the applicant for further information.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that Sanday Community Council would be putting forward requests to Orkney Islands Council for alterations to sailings on Saturday, 18 June 2022 to accommodate Sanday hosting the North Isles sports, and for alterations to sailings on Friday, 5 August 2022 to accommodate the Sanday Show.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note there was nothing to report.

C. Development Trust Representative

Resolved to note that the Development Trust Representative was not present at the meeting and that there was nothing to report.

D. NILPS Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

E. Resilience Group Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries - Statistics – May and June 2021.
- Loganair - Statistics – July and August 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – September 2021.
- Letter from School Place – September 2021.
- Scottish Rural Action Newsletter – September 2021.
- It's Good to Share – an information update from Healthcare Improvement Scotland Community Engagement Orkney Team.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – September 2021.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Resolved to note that there were no other matters to discuss.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Sanday Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 14 December 2021, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:07.