

# Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in Sanday Community School and via Teams on Thursday, 9 November 2023 at 19:30

## Present:

Andrew Wilcox, Ute Clackson, Liam Holly, Gary Nickells, Ken Snelson and Bruce Stuart.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Stephen Clackson.
- Kenny Macpherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities (via Teams).
- Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (via Teams).
- Gail Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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## **1. Position of Vice Chair**

After hearing a report from the Chair with regards to the resignation of the Vice Chair, Maurice Soord, from his role with Sanday Community Council, and after a secret ballot for the position of vice chair, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that the members gave thanks to Maurice for his commitment and work within the Community Council and that a thank you note would be sent on behalf of Sanday Community Council.

B. That Mr G Nickells be elected Vice Chair of Sanday Community Council.

## **2. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Heather Woodbridge and Melissa Thomson.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 31 August 2023 was approved, being proposed by Gary Nickells and seconded by Liam Holly.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Christmas Tree Lighting**

Following discussion with regards to the Christmas Tree Lighting to be held on Friday, 1 December 2023, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact both shops on the island to order pies and refreshments for the event.

2. That the ILO would organise the music for the carols and print off carol sheets on the school photocopier, kindly agreed by the school, due to the photocopier at the Link Office needing replacing.

### **B. Defibrillators**

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the purchase of the Cardio Caddy, new defibrillator and the purchase of 3 new pads for the defibrillators in the phone kiosks, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that there had been a delay in the payment of these items due to the company needing payment in advance of the dispatch of the items, and that the ILO would look into other options.

2. That an application would be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme to cover the costs to install the CardioCaddy at the Lopness Destroyer viewpoint.
3. To note that one of the volunteer defibrillator checkers noticed that the Defibrillator at Kettletoft had been tampered with, but not damaged.

### **C. 20mph Speed Limit – Island Schools**

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on 20mph speed limits around island schools that was taken back to committee, it was:

Resolved to note the report from the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities, stating that the Development and Infrastructure Committee would be discussing this on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 and that the work entailed to facilitate the new speed limit was still out to tender.

### **D. Rubbish Bins at Kirkyards**

Following discussion with regards to providing bins at the kirkyards, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would contact the Sanday Men's Shed to enquire if they would be willing to construct the rubbish bins.
2. That the ILO would research the legislation involved with providing public rubbish bins.
3. To note that the Community Council were intending to fund the emptying of the rubbish bins.

### **E. Kettletoft Field**

Following discussion with regards to the field at Kettletoft, which had previously been discussed at the meeting on 31 August 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that this request had been forwarded to the relevant officers in Orkney Islands Council for their attention.

### **F. Recycling Bins**

Following discussion with regards to the request to change the siting of the recycling bins from Kettletoft to Burness, it was:

Resolved to note that this request had been forwarded to the relevant officers in Orkney Islands Council for their attention.

### **G. New Hydrogen Ferry Trial**

Following discussion with regards to the New Hydrogen Ferry Trial, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members discussed the many advantages to these faster smaller ferries, in particular that they could run when the planes did not run due to fog and could be used to travel between the inner isles.
2. To note that members agreed that this trial must not mitigate the extreme urgency required from Orkney Islands Council in securing new fleet funding.
3. To note that the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities mentioned that the Safety and Resilience team had plans for discussing with communities the issues they face and that it would be for the islands to say what they require.

## **H. Sanday Cinema and Website**

Following discussion with regards to the Sanday Cinema and the planned Sanday Community Council Website, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would send the completed CCGS application form to the Chair for his input.
2. That an application would be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme, to cover the cost of the licence for one year.
3. To note that the Cinema viewings would be held in the Sanday Community Room for the first year and that discussions were in place to use the Sanday Kirk for viewings thereafter.
4. To note that the Chair reported that he would be setting up the Sanday Community Council Website soon.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Sanday Verge Cutting**

Following consideration of the Sanday Verge Cutting plan in response to correspondence at the last meeting from a resident, and a request from members to look at the verge plan again, it was:

Resolved to note that members have suggested that the verges be left uncut two yards either side of the milestones to prevent them being damaged.

### **B. Stronsay Community Council Member**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Stronsay Transport Representative in response to the Air and Ferry Forum 13 September 2023 draft notes, where he pointed out that there had been no reference to the Stronsay Massive Weekend ferry arrangements for 2024, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the sad news that the Stronsay Transport Representative had passed away suddenly.
2. That the ILO would send an email to the Stronsay Community Council on behalf of Sanday Community Council offering their condolences.

### **C. My Place Awards**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Civic Trust Communications and Events Officer with regards to the My Place Awards, celebration placemaking efforts in Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would forward the details to the Sanday Development Trust as they may wish to make a nomination.

### **D. Sanday Men's Shed**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Men's Shed in response to a request to them to make firepits at Backaskaill picnic site, and steps at Doun Helzie, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Sanday Men's Shed had kindly offered to make fire pits for the Backaskaill picnic site for a donation.
2. To note that making steps to Doun Helzie was not feasible and that members had passed this on to the Sanday Development Trust for their consideration.
3. That the ILO would write to the Men's Shed to thank them for their kind offer to make the firepits.
4. To note that Scottish Water had thanked the Community Council for the high attendance at the official opening of the Backaskaill Picnic Site.
5. That the advertising for tenders to plant grass seeds at the Picnic Site, be postponed to the next meeting.

### **E. Climate and Ecology Bill**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Councils/Zero Hour team with regards to seeking support for the Climate and Ecology Bill, it was:

Resolved to note that the vote on this item would be postponed to the next meeting.

## **6. Consultations**

### **A. Winter Service Plan 2023/2024**

Following consideration of the Winter Service Plan 2023/2024 that had been forwarded on to members for their reference, it was:

Resolved to note that members had made requests to add a couple of areas to be upgraded to a Priority 1, but that it was too late for this year and that a request would be made for these areas to be added next year.

## **B. National Islands Plan Review Orkney**

Following discussion with regards to the National Islands Plan Review events held in Stromness and Westray on 6 and 7 November 2023 respectively, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact the organisers to ask if a similar event would be held on Sanday.

## **7. Reports from Community Council Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Following a report from the Transport Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that she had attended the Air and Ferry Forum on 13 September 2023 and that the timetables were discussed.
2. To note that the Transport Representative had suggested that Orkney Ferries reserve one car space on sailings for emergency hospital appointments.
3. To note that the Transport Representative suggested that there should be a two pronged approach and integrated system of sharing information, such as delays in travel.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that an application had been submitted to change the use of a domestic outbuilding to studio (Class 4), café/restaurant (Class 3) and amenity facilities and change of use of land to motorhome pitches (part retrospective) at Whistlebrae (Land Near), Rue Road.
2. To note that an application had been submitted to convert a redundant barn to a house, extend, install an air source heat pump, erect a shed and create an access (part retrospective) at Miry Park.
3. To note that an application had been submitted to erect a house with integral garage, and air source heat pump, create an access and install a temporary static caravan at Lonnie (Land Near).

### **C. Development Trust Representative**

The Development Trust Representative gave a report advising members of the various projects being undertaken by the Trust at present and mentioned that they

were approaching their 20-year anniversary and would be holding a series of events to mark the occasion, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 26 October 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £20,708.86.

### **B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund**

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 26 October 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £9,541.00.

### **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 26 October 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £350.24, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £680.60 and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £118.95.

### **D. King Charles III Coronation**

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the full costs incurred to host the King Charles III Coronation, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the full cost of the event was £472.47 and that an application had been made to the Community Council Grant Scheme to pay for the event.
2. To note that the Sanday Community Shop kindly donated refreshments for the event.

### **E. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 26 October 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,806.34.

### **F. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 26 October 2023, it was:

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

## **9. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Sanday Branch of the Royal British Legion**

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Branch of the Royal British Legion, requesting assistance to purchase bulbs and compost for the War Memorial, previously circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £59.50 be provided from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

### **B. Spurness Micro Grant Fund**

#### **1. Maria Jenkins**

Following consideration of an application from Maria Jenkins requesting financial assistance towards the cost of dance costumes and exam fees for two children, it was:

Resolved that £104.50 be awarded towards the cost of dance costumes and exam fees for two children.

#### **2. Evelyn Hough**

Following consideration of an application from Evelyn Hough, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of dance costumes and exam fees, it was:

Resolved that £95 be awarded towards the cost of dance costumes and exam fees,

#### **3. Harrison Hough**

Following consideration of an application from Harrison Hough, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of dance costumes and exam fees, it was:

Resolved that £102.50 be awarded towards the cost of dance costumes and exam fees.

## **10. Publications**

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

- VAO Newsletter – August to October 2023.
- Letter from School Place – August to October 2023.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command Newsletter 2023 Issue 4.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – August to September 2023.
- Foundation Scotland Newsletter – September and October 2023.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Marston Track**

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident who owned property on the track past the Council road worker's portacabin, which was being used more frequently by motorised vehicles, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to enquire if the track was an adopted road.

### **B. Kirkwall Halls of Residence**

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr L Holly on behalf of parents and young people at the school, with regards to the Kirkwall Halls of Residence not enabling the children from the Northern Isles to stay over when attending certain events, and after hearing a response from the Head of Community Learning, Leisure and Housing, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would be meeting with the Sanday School Parent Council for further discussion, and he would be having a meeting with Democratic Services to discuss this, along with other items.

## **12. 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 Thursday, 18 January 2024, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:25.