

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
 - Councillor H Woodbridge.
 - Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director, Environmental, Property and IT Services.
 - Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer (ECLO).
 - Ms G Speers, Clerk/Island Link Officer (ILO).
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- 1 member of public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor G Sinclair.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 26 October 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Towrie and seconded by Mr G Ellis, subject to the following amendment:

Item 6C to be removed as it was the same consultation as previously mentioned under Item 6A.

3. Interim Executive Director - Introduction

Following an introduction from the Interim Executive Director for Environment, Property and IT Services, it was:

Resolved to note that the Interim Executive Director 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. Picnic Benches

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the picnic benches purchased from Birsay Farmers, and the tender received for the removal of the old benches and the installation of the new benches, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the picnic benches had not arrived on Sanday and for the ILO to investigate this.
2. That the ILO would make an application to the Community Development Fund for the purchase price of the new picnic benches and haulage costs.
3. That Mr A Towrie would check the picnic benches when they arrive to ascertain that they are all the same size and that they will fit on the concrete pads already in place where the old benches are situated.
4. To note that the tender received to remove the old picnic benches and install five new benches had been approved and that the ILO would contact the successful applicant to inform them of the members decision.

B. Scrap Metal Wire

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the scrap metal value from the recent skips, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that a total of £387.54 was collected in scrap value for the two skips in October 2021.
2. That the ILO would contact Orkney Aggregates for confirmation of the final credit due after the deduction of the cost of the hire of the skips.
3. To note that members have requested that the scrap metal and the scrap wire fund be amalgamated in the Community Council Grant Scheme Fund.

C. Kirkyard Paths

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the path in Burness Kirkyard where the path is sloped inwards and the width of a single footstep to walk on, making it dangerous to use, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would forward the information to Orkney Islands Council for their attention.

D. War Memorial Tommy

Following a report from the ILO advising members that the War Memorial Tommy's had arrived on Sanday, and were shown to the members at the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact the Orkney Islands Contractor for Sanday, requesting that they install the two Tommy's on the side pillars of the War Memorial.

5. Correspondence

A. The Orcadian

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orcadian Newspaper, requesting feedback from groups, event organisers and the public with regards to pieces of news they would like to share, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact the Orcadian and advise them to advertise their request for feedback in the Sanday Sound Newsletter.

B. Scottish Water

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water, with regards to the request of an interview with their key stakeholders, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would agree to an interview on behalf of Sanday Community Council.

C. Protect Your Pipes

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water with regards to their winter campaign, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would advertise the campaign on the Sanday Residents and Sanday Community Resilience Group Facebook pages.

D. Waste and Recycling Officer - Isles Donations

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council with regards to the new Waste and Recycling Officer being appointed and their request for information on initiatives on the island, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would forward the details to the Sanday Development Trust so that the Sanday re-use centre could be added to the list on the where to donate page.

E. Briefing Note – Route Based Forecasting

Following consideration of the Briefing Note to introduce Route Based Forecasting and the Improvements that it means for our Winter Service, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Briefing Note – Double Interments

Following consideration of the Briefing Note to update members on permission for double interments at new extensions and a further discussion with regards to concerns on the condition of the lairs after an interment and the condition of lairs in general, it was:

Resolved to note that the Interim Executive Director had advised members that lairs on mainland Orkney at first looked uneven due to new procedures of patching the turf, rather than rolling and with the ground being very dry, the lairs did settle in overtime and grew over well.

G. Winter Service Plan Revisions and Consultation Responses

Following consideration of correspondence with regards to the revision of the Winter Service plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Sanday Roads

Following consideration of correspondence from the Road Services Manager with regards to the recent road resurfacing on Sanday, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To note that the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council with regards to Loth Car Park to enquire if the Car Park were intending to be swept, as there seems to be a large surplus of loose aggregate on it.

6. Consultation Documents

A. Introduction of Memorial Permit

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on the Introduction of Memorial Permit, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

B. Aviation Strategy

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on the Scottish Government's Aviation Strategy, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would email the consultation link to members to enable them to respond to the consultation.

C. Fourth National Planning Framework

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on the Scottish Governments Fourth National Planning Framework, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would email the consultation link to members to enable them to respond to the consultation.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the general finance statement as of 30 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £13,149.23.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 1 December 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,321.18.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 30 November 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 30 November 2021, it was:

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

E. Sanday Community Future Fund Endowment

Following consideration of the Sanday Community Future Fund Endowment statement as at 30 September 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of total funds available was £93,499.37.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 30 November 2021, it was:

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

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Spurness Community Fund – Sanday Duke of Edinburgh

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Duke of Edinburgh, requesting assistance towards Gold and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition costs and kit store insurance, it was:

Resolved that the grant of £2,880 be provided from the Spurness Community Fund.

B. Sanday Afternoon Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Afternoon Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance towards the cost of a Christmas shopping trip to Kirkwall for the members of the Sanday Afternoon Club, which had later been cancelled and changed to a trip to Stronsay, it was:

Resolved that the grant of £258.76 be awarded from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

C. Sanday Gardening Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Gardening Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance to purchase compost and bulbs for the War Memorial, it was:

Resolved that the grant of £39.72 be awarded from the general fund.

D. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

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

E. Seed Corn Funding

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

Members resumed consideration of an application for Seed Corn funding. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to support the funding.

F. Sanday Sound Production Costs

Following discussion with regards to repairs needed for the photocopier at the Link Office and the purchase of ink and paper for the Sanday Sound Newsletter production, it was:

Resolved to note that a grant of £338.54 be awarded from the General Fund.

9. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Following a report from the Transport Representative highlighting the disruption incurred due to a last-minute cancellation of a Kirkwall to Sanday sailing by Orkney Ferries, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Transport Representative would contact Councillor S Clackson via email to discuss the disruption that was caused as Councillor S Clackson would be attending a meeting with the Transport Department imminently.
2. To note that the Orkney Ferries 2022/2023 winter timetable was discussed, and it was noted that the Friday is returning to a late morning ferry.
3. To note that the next Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting was due to be held on 12 January 2022.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that an application had been submitted to re-roof an outbuilding and install a replacement door at Quivals Farmhouse.
2. An application had been submitted for change of use of land and former school rooms to domestic and extend at South Schoolhouse.
3. An application had been submitted retrospectively for a self-catering cabin accommodation at Marston.

C. Development Trust Representative

Following a report from the Development Trust Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that there would be a board meeting of the Sanday Development Trust on 16 December 2021.

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.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – July, August and September 2021
- Loganair - Statistics – September and October 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – October and November 2021.
- Letter from School Place – October and November 2021.
- Orkney Area Command Newsletter for Community Councils – October 2021.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Newspaper Report

Following a report from the Chair with regards to an article published in the Orcadian on 4 November 2021, where there were concerns on some of the information in the article regarding an overhaul of the health and social care services. Councillors were asked if they were aware of any information in this report, it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor H Woodbridge would investigate this on behalf of Sanday Community Council.

B. Grass Cutting

It was advised that there had been a clerical error meaning that the contractor had invoiced for £40 more than quoted for the grass cutting at the war memorial. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that members were in agreement that the contractor should not have to repay the extra monies paid to him as he had done a good job of the cutting this year.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Sanday Community Council would be held on Tuesdays, 1 February, 22 March and 17 May 2022 commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:20.