

# **Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls Community Centre and via Teams on Friday, 30 September 2022 at 13:00**

## **Present:**

Mrs T Avis, Ms P Johnson, Ms A Kinsey, Mrs I Mathieson, Mr A Sinclair and Mrs R Thomson.

## **In Attendance:**

- Mr K McPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities.
- Councillor L Hall.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Clark.

## **2. Election of Office Bearers**

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer introduced herself and welcomed Community Councillors to the role. She also confirmed the role of Democratic Services and the support that they provide for Community Councillors and Clerks and explained the role of the ILO. The protocols of voting for Office Bearers were followed and the election of Office Bearers took place. Following a series of secret ballots, it was:

Resolved to note that the following appointments were made:

- Chair of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council: Mrs R Thomson.
- Vice Chair of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council: Mrs T Avis.
- Planning Representative: Mrs K Dobrzynski (in role of ILO).
- Transport Representative: Mrs R Thomson.
- Vice Transport Representative: Ms A Kinsey.

## **3. Adoption of Constitution**

Following consideration of a requirement to adopt a renewed constitution, it was:

Resolved to note the adoption and signing of the Constitution on behalf of all members of the Community Council by the Chair, Mrs R Thomson.

## **4. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held on 29 March 2022 was adopted, being proposed by ?? and seconded by ??.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Graemsay Kirkyard Gate**

Members considered correspondence regarding the new gate that was fitted to the Graemsay Kirkyard. They voiced concerns that it had not been fitted correctly, that it was already coming away from the stone and that it was now difficult to open and close, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would raise the issue on the Business Letter and request that an inspection be carried out.

### **B. Graemsay Cattle Pens**

Following consideration of correspondence that Mrs I Mathieson had received from a Graemsay resident stating 'the plastic gates have removed the safety features from the main gates from the second holding pen behind the rotary gate. The middle gate between the holding pens should be replaced with two metal gates that can be

opened and shut easily to allow the cattle to flow through the system. Another problem is getting the gates shut on the crates when the animals are pushing back so the addition of a slam catch similar to what you find on a cattle crush would protect the users', it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the ILO would add to the business letter to Democratic Services.

### **C. Carbon Neutral Islands**

Members were provided with an update from the ILO detailing the CNI project and the request that a member of the Community Council become part of a steering group that needs to be set up to start the project. Councillor L Hall also gave an update on the requirements of the Steering group, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and that a CC member will attend upcoming steering group meetings where they can.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm - Project Information Update**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Pentland Offshore Wind Farm with a project information update, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Speed restriction Signs at North Walls Community School**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been previously circulated, with an update on plans to introduce part time 20mph speed limit signs around a number of schools, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note contents of the correspondence.
2. To acknowledge a further update from the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities.
3. That the ILO would chase via the Business Letter to Democratic Services.

### **C. Island Wellbeing Survey Findings Report**

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO regarding the Island Wellbeing Survey Findings report, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **D. Crown Estate Scotland's Sustainable Committees Fund**

Following consideration of correspondence from S Morrison, West of Orkney Wind Farm regarding the Crown Estate Scotland's Sustainable Committees Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **E. Isles Special Collection Rotas up to 31 March 2023**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Isles Special Collection Rotas up to 31 March 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. NSI Letter to Community Council**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding a letter from the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **G. It's Good to Share – an information update from Healthcare Improvement Scotland Community Engagement Orkney Team**

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland regarding and information update, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

# **7. Consultations**

## **A. Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm – Section 36 and Marine Licences Application**

Following consideration of correspondence from Marine Scotland regarding the Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm – Section 36 and Marine Licences Application Consultation, a response to which was requested by 2 October 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 24 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

## **B. Social Security Consultation – Online Event**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Islands Federation regarding the Social Security Consultation online event, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm – Onshore Pre-Application Consultation and Offshore Consent Application Submission**

Following consideration of correspondence from Pentland Offshore Wind Farm regarding the Onshore Application Consultation, launched 29 August, and Offshore Consent Application Submission, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Existing Public Safety and Emergency Services Installation (NOR292): Land at Rackwick Hostel, Rackwick, Hoy**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the consultation on the Existing Emergency Services Installation (NOR292): Land at Rackwick Hostel, Glen Rackwick, Hoy, Orkney Islands KW16 3NR: NGR E319877 N999776, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **8. Publications**

Resolved to note that the following publication was made available at this meeting:

- VAO Newsletter – August and September 2022.

## **9. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the community council's general finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £21,419.42 as at 31 August 2022.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2022/2023 Community Council Grant Scheme statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval of £3,674.40 as at 31 August 2022.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04 as at 31 August 2022.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £1,258.47 as at 31 August 2022.

## **10. Financial Requests**

### **A. Longhope Lifeboat Museum Trust**

Following consideration of an application from Longhope Lifeboat Museum Trust requesting funding from the Jubilee Funding towards the cost of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £250 be granted to the Longhope Lifeboat Museum Trust towards the cost of Jubilee celebrations.

### **B. North Walls Community School**

Following consideration of an application from North Walls Community School requesting funding from the Jubilee Funding towards the cost of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £250 be granted to the North Walls Community School towards the cost of Jubilee celebrations.

### **C. Graemsay Community Association**

Following consideration of an application from Graemsay Community Association requesting assistance towards the cost of insurance for the Community Hall, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £473.90 towards the cost of the annual insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

### **D. St John's Kirk SCIO**

Following consideration of an application from St John's Kirk SCIO requesting assistance towards the cost of the insurance for the Kirk, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £640 towards the cost of the annual insurance for the hall, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

### **E. North Walls Centre**

Following consideration of an application from the North Walls Centre requesting assistance towards the cost of insurance for the Centre, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £540 towards the cost of the annual insurance for the centre, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

### **F. YM Empower**

Following consideration of an application from YM Empower requesting assistance towards the cost of insurance for the YM, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £455 towards the cost of the annual insurance for the YM, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

## **G. Hoy Youth Hub**

Following consideration of an application from Hoy Youth Hub requesting funding towards a Halloween and a Christmas party, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £200 be granted to the Hoy Youth Hub.

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

### **A. School Bus Stop Signs**

Following consideration of a request by a member to remove the School Bus sign from Melsetter Corner and relocate to Quoydale, it was:

Resolved to note the request and for the ILO to put a request out on the Facebook page for feedback from the Community asking where school bus stops may be needed and to report back at next meeting.

### **B. Overhanging Trees**

Following consideration of a request from a member to address the issue of overhanging trees, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and for the ILO to put up a Facebook post to ask the community to ensure that their trees are cut back.

### **C. Hoy on Hoy Event**

After consideration of an update regarding the postponement of the Hoy-on-Hoy event due to the national mourning period due to the demise of the Queen, it was:

Resolved to note the update and the ILO to raise the inclusivity of the Community for the whole of the celebration on the Business letter to Democratic Services.

### **D. Emily Smith**

After consideration of an issue raised by Emily Smith regarding a business dispute with OIC, it was:

Resolved to note the issue but for the ILO to contact Ms Smith to advise that, as it is a private business issue it is not under the remit of the Community Council.

### **E. Rackwick Water Scheme**

Following consideration of an update from the ILO regarding the Rackwick Water Scheme and seeking support from the Community Council, it was:

Resolved to note the update and show support for the Scheme

### **F. West of Orkney Islands Wind Farm Literature**

Following consideration of a request by the ILO as to where to site the West of Orkney Islands Wind Farm Literature so that it can be available for public access, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would ask if the Scapa Flow Museum would make it available to the public for their Community Hub, and contact WOOWF to advise as to where they expect the literature to be housed.

## **G. Scalpings**

Following consideration of a request by a member to look into the aggregate allocation for Graemsay, it was:

Resolved to note the request and that the ILO will make enquiries regarding the cost per ton and haulage costs to present to the next meeting.

## **H. Ro-Ro**

Following consideration of a request by a member that the residents of Graemsay are to be included in any consultations on the possible ro-ro ferry for Graemsay, it was:

Resolved to note the request and for the ILO to contact Democratic Services to seek an invite to the next consultative forum meeting, currently scheduled for 24 October 2022.

## **J. Landing Lights on Graemsay**

Following consideration of issue raised by a member regarding two landing lights (previously part of a full set) still on Graemsay, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO updated to state that they were no longer required and could be disposed of.

## **K. Internet on Ferries**

Following consideration of a request raised by a member for Orkney Ferries to consider making internet and wi-fi available on the ferries, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the request and for the ILO to add to the Business Letter to Democratic Services.

## **L. Current Weekend Sailings**

Following consideration of a request by Mrs R Thomson for Orkney Ferries to look at changing current weekend timetables by swapping Saturday and Sunday sailings timetables, and a request by Ms A Kinsey for it to be highlighted that the community needs and not those that own holiday lets are prioritised, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the requests and for the ILO to add to the business letter to Democratic Services.

## **M. Young Scots Travel Cards**

Following consideration of a request by a member for the extension of the Scots Travel Card to include free ferry travel along with free bus travel, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and that the ILO would raise on the Business Letter to Democratic Services.

## **N. Potholes at Lyness**

Following consideration of an issue raised regarding potholes at Lyness and road subsidence by the pumphouse and grid at Rackwick, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the issue.
2. That the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities would look into this.
3. That the ILO would raise on the Business Letter to Democratic Services.

## **O. Stronsay Recycling Trials**

Following consideration of a query raised by a member regarding an update on the Stronsay recycling trials, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the query and for the ILO to add to the Business Letter to Democratic Services.

## **P. Shed at Hoy Kirkyard**

Following consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the dangerous state of the shed at Hoy Kirkyard, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would raise on the Business Letter to Democratic Services.

## **Q. Memorial Inspection**

Following consideration of an email from Orkney Islands Council regarding the tracing of owners/descendants of hazardous memorials, and an update from Mrs R Thomson regarding a broken memorial at the Hoy Kirkyard, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would put out a Facebook post and ask some of the local community for information on hazardous memorials and take photos of damaged memorial and add to the Business Letter to Democratic Services.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 15:35.