

# **Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held in the Rousay Community School and via Teams on Saturday, 22 April 2023 at 09:30**

## **Present:**

Mr Angus Firth, Mrs Zoe Flaws, Mrs Diana Compton, Miss Alice Mainland, Mrs Carey Mainland, Mrs Carole Maguire and Mr Richard Tipper.

## **In Attendance:**

- Mrs Emma Soames, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that there were no apologies. However, there were internet issues resulting in those hoping to join via Teams not able to attend.

## **2. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the meeting held on 4 February 2023 was approved, being proposed by Miss Alice Mainland and seconded by Mrs Zoe Flaws.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Notice Boards**

Members were advised that the signs still needed to be erected and were no further forward. The Chair had been in touch with someone who had shown interest in arranging this but now may be too busy to undertake the work. There were four boards to be erected at the school, the post office, the Heritage Centre and possibly Egilsay pier, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would advertise in the review for someone to undertake the work.

### **B. Kirkyard Matting**

Mrs Carole Maguire explained that a response had not been received at the time of the meeting, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk informed members after the meeting via email that matting is available to borrow but more information was required to find out how to make the arrangements.

### **C. Memorial/Path at Rousay Kirkyard**

Members were advised that Mrs Zoe Flaws had been in touch with a local stonemason, regarding benches at the kirkyard and he was keen to help, but was quite busy at present, and it was:

Resolved to keep this item on the agenda.

### **D. Additional Passing Places**

Miss Alice Mainland had suggestions regarding new passing places on Rousay, being at Quandale and near Westness Farm, and it was:

Resolved to include this in the business letter, and that Miss Mainland will give more information to the Clerk.

### **E. Brinian Kirkyard – Turning Space and Parking**

Miss Alice Mainland brought an idea of improving the parking alongside the kirkyard and a turning space at the bottom of the new track, and it was:

Resolved that the space would have been better to be installed at the time of the track, and that parking at the top would be discussed at another time.

## **F. Grit boxes**

Miss Alice Mainland suggested that some scoops be provided for the boxes to allow for the removal of grit, and it was:

Resolved that Miss Mainland will price the scoops and return to the next meeting with costs.

## **G. Phone boxes on Rousay**

Miss Alice Mainland wanted to know if there are plans for the redundant phone boxes on Rousay. Members were informed that one at the Pier is being purchased by Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust and the other two on Rousay are to be reintroduced as working phones, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

## **H. Advertising Community Council Support to Residents**

Miss Alice Mainland suggested that residents be informed of the various ways that Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council can support financially, and it was:

Resolved for the clerk to make an advert for the review, with past funding, to show residents of what is available.

# **4. Correspondence**

## **A. VAO Third Sector Cost of Living Funding**

Members discussed correspondence from VAO regarding third sector cost of living funding, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

## **B. Orkney Islands Marine Region - Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance**

Members discussed correspondence from Orkney Islands Marine Region regarding Finfish farming spatial guidance, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **C. Coronation Letter – Orkney Islands Council**

Members discussed the letter that was emailed in advance of the ceremony, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **D. Follow up letter – Coronation Orkney Islands Council**

Members discussed correspondence regarding the upcoming Coronation and the Clerk informed members that a further email had been received to say funding was not obtained but Community Councils can provide funding from their own finances, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **E. Crofters Commission Area Representative Recruitment 2023**

Members discussed an email regarding recruitment for an Area Representative for the Crofters Commission, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed but if anyone was interested to register it.

## **F. West of Orkney Windfarm Final Minutes**

Members discussed the final minutes from the West of Orkney Windfarm, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **G. Fly Tipping – Rousay Pier**

Members discussed a letter regarding rubbish that has been laid at the pier for some time, and it was:

Resolved to put in the review a request to tidy the pier area up by the end of May 2023.

# **5. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Account**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 11 April 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £28,751.97.

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

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 11 April 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £1,783.01, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £623, and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £719.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 11 April 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 11 April 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

## **6. Financial Requests**

### **A. Rousay Cinema**

Members read a request that the cinema was unable to gain all its funding but wished to proceed with what was available, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Rousay Community Association – Coronation Event**

Members heard that a request for £500 had been submitted by Rousay Community Association to help towards the cost of Coronation event taking place on Rousay, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to £500 be awarded, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval and receipts being sent in.

### **C. Bag the Bruck**

Providing sponsorship via CCGS towards the annual Bag the Bruck event was approved by members via email in March ahead of the event. The Clerk informed members that 3 Community groups had come forward and one residential group from Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to split the funding of £300, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme, and that the group on Wyre should be encouraged to form a body to gain funding in the future. The Clerk will send on the applications to members in the future.

### **D. First Rousay Rainbows and Brownies**

Members read a request for support with uniforms, and badge books for new Rainbows, to the value of £58, and it was:

Resolved to make a donation to the value of £58.

## **7. Consultations**

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

Members discussed the plan and Mr Tipper explained that some of the road was not marked correctly, and it was:

Resolved to put in the business letter that the road to Faraclett (Hurtiso Road) should be priority 2, as it is a school route.

## **B. West of Orkney Windfarm Pre-Application Consultation**

Members discussed the consultation, copies of which had previously been forwarded, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **C. Variable Speed Limits 20mph Island Schools.**

Members discussed the consultations, copies of which had been previously forwarded, and it was questioned as to how the 20mph signs will be lit as others in the county are done manually, and it was:

Resolved to add this question to the business letter.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Planning**

A member advised that there were no new planning applications and the new houses by Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust had progressed but there are some complaints by residents, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **B. Transport**

The Transport Representative was not aware that the refit schedule was taking place, and a letter was sent following the request for evidence of issues, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs Carey Mainland would email Orkney Ferries directly to ensure she is updated of changes with the boat.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications had previously been circulated to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – February and March 2023.
- Stephen Clackson’s Letter from School Place – February and March 2023.
- VAO Funding Opportunities February and March 2023.
- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter.

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

### **A. Emergency Lighting at Rousay School**

The Clerk gave an update regarding the Emergency Lighting at the school from Democratic Services, and members discussed further issues, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs Carole Maguire should email directly regarding switches being inside the school and lights hanging off the building.

## **B. Water at Rousay School**

Members discussed the lack of running cold water in the community side, along with the broken toilets. These had been due to be fixed over the Easter period but were not, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would email Democratic Services as members were of the opinion that this should be regarded as an emergency now.

## **C. School House**

With the announcement of the new head teacher, accommodation was discussed, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk put in the business letter regarding the schoolhouse and ask whether it can be brought up to a habitable condition again.

## **D. Wester Post Box**

Members heard that the Wester post box has disappeared, along with some other postal issues on Rousay, such as the bag over the Frotoft post box and the future of the post office. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would ask for a Royal Mail contact to discuss some of the issues directly.

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

Following discussion of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved to note that the next meetings of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on Saturdays 17 June and 2 September 2023 at 09:15, at Rousay Community School and via Teams.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

With there being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 10:55.