

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr M Lennie, Mr J Muir and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Ms G Speers, Clerk/Island Link Officer (ILO).

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr P Allan, Miss H Dakin and Mr G Ellis.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 9 March 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr J Muir and seconded by Mr A Towrie.

3. Matters Arising

A. Red Telephone Kiosks

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the refurbishment of the red telephone kiosks, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the renovations of the telephone kiosks were complete.
2. To note that the electricians would be coming out to Sanday on 2 June 2021 to install the sensor lighting and defibrillators in the kiosks.
3. That the ILO would contact the Heritage Group with regards to the work required for the electricians to install the equipment needed to power an audio facility within the kiosks.

B. Defibrillators

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the defibrillators, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the defibrillators had been purchased and would be arriving on Sanday at the end of May 2021.
2. That the ILO would set up a volunteer group to carry out the monthly defibrillator checks and contact the Sanday Surgery with regards to the training required.

C. Walter Traill Dennison Lair

The ILO advised members of the progress of the renovations to the Walter Traill Dennison Lair, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO had updated members of the total cost involved for the Lair renovations.
2. That the ILO would apply to the NILPS Heritage fund for £2,000 for the Lair renovations.

3. That the ILO would apply to the VAO Small Grants Scheme for the total of £500 to go towards the cost of the Lair renovations.

4. That the ILO would contact the relatives of Walter Trail Dennison to update them on the renovation plans to date.

5. To note that the tender submitted by Steve Pugh for the renovations to the WTD Lair had been accepted.

D. Scrap Cars and Scrap Metal

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

Resolved to note that there were three scrap cars left on the list to be removed.

E. Grass Cutting and Kirkyard Gate - Maintenance Contracts

Following discussion with regards to the grass cutting contracts to begin April 2021 and the tender for the repair and painting of the Kirkyard gates, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the tender submitted by Steve Pugh for the grass cutting contract had been accepted.

2. To note that the tender submitted by Steve Pugh for the repair and painting of the Kirkyard gates had been accepted.

3. To note that the ILO would apply to the CCGS for assistance with the cost of the Kirkyard gate repairs and painting.

F. Empowering Communities

Following a report from the ILO advising members of current projects, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Empowering Communities Project was now permanent with the permanent employment of the Island Link Officer working fourteen hours per week.

2. To note that there was a fault with the internet at the Link Office and it was being dealt with by BT.

3. That the ILO would be looking into other funding avenues for the WTD Lair project.

4. Correspondence

A. Sanday Services

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Services, with regards to their proposals to renovate the area around the weighbridge and the annual light repair or restoration work to the three phone kiosks, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact Sanday Services to inform them that the renovations around the weighbridge were already included in a NILPS project and that any repairs or annual upkeep of the three telephone kiosks would need to be advertised and tendered for as and when needed.

B. Orkney Regional Marine Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from the Marine Planner with regards to the Orkney Regional Marine Plan update, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Community Renewal Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from the Development and Regeneration Manager with regards to the Community Renewal Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Message from Scottish Water

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water with regards to telephone interviews with stakeholders, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Annual Grants 2021/2022

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council with regards to the Community Council Grant Scheme allocation, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Sanday Community Council would be receiving a grant of £4,548.82 for financial year 2021/2022.

F. Sunday Sailings - Parish Cup 2021

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries with regards to Sunday excursions and the Parish Cup 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the information had been forwarded on to the Sanday Football Club.

G. Sanday Development Plan - Stakeholder Engagement

Following consideration of correspondence with regards to the Sanday Development Plan, and stakeholder's views, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Orkney Islands Council - Adoption of Planning Advice

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council with regards to planning documents which had recently been adopted, including the Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance and the Development Plan Scheme 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Voluntary Action Orkney - Small Grants Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney with regards to the Small Grants Scheme, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Agri-Environmental Climate Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from the Rural Planner with regards to the improving public access option in the Agri-Environmental Climate Scheme, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. Orkney Ferries Complaint

Following consideration of correspondence from a Sanday resident and Orkney Ferries' official response to their complaint, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

L. R100 Scottish Isles Fibre Optic Cable Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Interek Energy and Water Consultants with regards to the Scottish Isles Fibre Optic Cable Project, it was:

Resolved to note that there were no comments.

M. Tesco Community Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the correspondence with regards to the relaunch of the Tesco Community Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had advertised the scheme on the Sanday Residents Facebook page.

N. Reporting On Your Local Council

Following consideration of correspondence from the Accounts Commission with regards to a survey to be completed by Friday, 4 June 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

O. Sanday Development Trust - Community Notice Boards

Following consideration of correspondence from the Community Development Officer of the Sanday Development Trust with regards to the placement of Community Notice boards around the island and a request to display one beside the Sanday Map outside the Link Office, it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed that the Community notice board would be placed next to the current visitor map box on the Link Office exterior wall.

P. Community Council Visitor Map Box Displays

Following a report from the Chair with regards to correspondence she received from the Heritage Centre Curator requesting that the visitor map box at the Heritage Centre be updated, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would gain access to all the visitor box displays on the island to update the information until the new maps were ready under the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme.

Q. Picnic Benches and Car Parking Signage

Following consideration of correspondence from residents with regards to uneven parking facilities at picnic bench sites and beaches and the lack of parking signage on the island, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to enquire if there were agreements in place with the landowners with regards to tarmacked access roads leading to picnic benches and parking which are currently treated on the winter service plan, to establish who was responsible for the signage and upkeep of these areas.
2. To note that other parking and beach access at various picnic benches on the island were at the discretion of the landowners.
3. To note that landowners would need to put up their own signage if they wanted to keep the access to their properties private.

5. Consultation Documents

A. Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution

Following discussion of a consultation letter which had previously been circulated, with regards to the replacement cable construction from Eday to Westray and Eday to Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

B. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on the Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021 and the request for comments by the deadline of Friday, 16 July 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that there were no comments.

C. The Orkney Partnership Survey

Following discussion on the Orkney Partnership Survey seeking views on community priorities, copies of which had been circulated previously, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

D. Winter Service Delivery 2021/2022

Following discussion with regards to the Winter Service Delivery 2021/2022 consultation, it was:

Resolved that a request would be submitted to Orkney Islands for the following amendments:

- That Marston Road, Measer Road and Landbigging Road should change from Priority 3 to Priority P2S due to there being school children living in these roads.
- That Cleat Road and Oyce Road should change from Priority 3 to Priority 2, due to there being elderly residents residing in these roads.
- That the Bressigarth Road should change from Priority 3 to Priority 2, due to the ambulance and hearse being situated in this road.
- That Backaskaill road should change from Priority 2 to Priority 3 as this roads access is to a beach and picnic area.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the general finance statement as at 26 April 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,837.13.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 26 April 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £7,270.97.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 26 April 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 £669 and £405.84 respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 26 April 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 26 April 2021, it was:

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

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

Resolved to note that no applications for financial assistance had been received.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

The Chair reported that she had, in place of the Transport Representative, attended the last minute presentation meeting discussing the new ferry fare structure and passed on concerns that the Transport Representative had with regards to the impact this new structure would have on the local shops and the high demand put on the ferries due to increased traffic. The Chair asked the Councillors if there were any updates on this proposal, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Chair had forwarded the power point presentation to members prior to the Community Council meeting.
2. To note that the members understood the concerns of local businesses but also the need for a fairer fare structure where many islanders could not afford to purchase the books of tickets.
3. To note that Councillor Sinclair informed the members that Councillor Woodbridge had put forward an amendment with regards to the books of tickets, which were used mostly by the residents in the inner Isles and that they would come into effect in early June 2021, if the proposal was accepted by the full board.
4. To note that Councillor Woodbridge gave a report to the members explaining the amendment that she had put forward, that the 50 books of tickets would still be available to purchase at a discount of 45% as there was funding in place for this and that we were already two months into the financial year.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that planning applications had been lodged for the siting of a house at Strangquoy, for the re-roofing of Alma Cottage, and for the siting of a house at Overbister.

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 it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the 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 – February 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – March and April 2021.
- Letter from School Place – April and May 2021.

10. Any Other Competent Business – War Memorial Planters

Following a report from the Chair with regards to a request from the Gardening Club to purchase bulbs and seeds for the war memorial planters, it was:

Resolved that funding of £26.50 would be awarded from the general fund.

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, 6 July 2021, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

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