

# Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held online on Tuesday, 8 September 2020 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr P Allan, Ms H Dakin, Mr G Ellis, Mr J Muir and Mr A Towrie.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr M Lennie and Councillor S Clackson.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 7 July 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr J Muir and seconded by Mr P Allan.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Christmas Tree**

Following consideration of the quote received for the Christmas tree, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would order the Christmas tree.
2. To note that, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, there would be no social gathering at the tree lighting ceremony this year.
3. To note that the Fir trees that were purchased in 2019 were growing well.

### **B. Red Telephone Kiosk Tenders**

Following consideration of the quotes received from local electricians for the installation of lights in the three red telephone kiosks, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would contact the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme Team to submit the electrical quote needed for the funding.
2. That the ILO would contact the successful electrician to arrange the installation.
3. That the ILO would contact the charity group London Heart to secure funding towards the purchase of three defibrillators.
4. That the ILO would submit an application to the Community Development Fund for funding either the shortfall or total cost of the purchase of the three defibrillators.

### **C. Skip for Scrap Metal**

Following discussion regarding the arrangement of a skip for scrap metal, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would book the skip to be available on Sunday between 17 September and 20 September 2020.

2. That the ILO would advertise the skip availability in the local shops and on the Sanday Residents Facebook page.
3. That the skip would be manned to avoid incorrect materials being put in the skip.
4. That Mr J Muir would remove the skip as required.

## **D. Picnic Benches**

Following discussion with regards to the quote received from a local supplier for the purchase of five picnic benches, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would contact the supplier to order five benches.
2. That the ILO would make an application to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the total cost for the purchase of the benches.
3. To note that all private landowners had been contacted and had given their permission for the benches to be erected on their property.
4. To note that Mr A Towrie had agreed to store the benches inside until 2021.

## **E. NILPS Boards**

Following consideration of correspondence in relation to one of the Core paths to be included in the NILPS board, the fly-tipping around that area and beach accessibility, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact OIC with regards to the fly-tipping and advise them of the bruck situated at the Lopness destroyer viewpoint.

## **F. Scrap Cars**

Following discussion with regards to the 11 scrap cars still to be removed, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the haulier had started to remove the cars.
2. To note that Orkney Aggregates would be charging a gate fee of £42 per car.
3. That the scheme should not be re-advertised until the backlog of cars had been removed.

## **G. Litter Notices**

Following consideration of a quote received from a local supplier to design litter notices, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact the local supplier to request that he supply ten notices.
2. That a CCGS application should be submitted on the project cost.
3. That an article regarding disposal of litter should be prepared for the Sanday Sound.

## **H. Empowering Communities**

Following a report from the ILO advising members on progress with the brochure, a previous request for a change of opening hours to the Link Office, and the Calor Community Fund application for the defibrillators, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the brochure had been printed and sent out with the September Sanday Sound.
2. To note that the Link Office new opening hours had been included in the brochure.
3. To note that the Community Council were unsuccessful in securing funding from the Calor Community Fund for the defibrillators.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. SRA Rural Communities Survey on Covid-19**

Following consideration of correspondence in relation to the SRA Rural Communities Survey on Covid 19-Response and Recovery, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **B. Ferry Office Opening Times**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries in response to the request from members that the opening hours of the Orkney Ferries office were extended, especially on Saturdays, and where Orkney Ferries stated that they would not be planning to revert back to the previous opening hours at this point, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **C. Scottish Water - Resumption of Work Sanday**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water with regards to the proposed restart of work on Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **D. The Local Electricity Bill's Reintroduction**

Following consideration of correspondence from Power from People with regards to their campaign for the Local Electricity Bill, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **E. Publication "To Absent Friends"**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising of the festival "To Absent Friends" with regards to events being hosted locally in November, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **F. Update on Isles Recycling Facilities**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising of the Strategic Policy and Projects Manager's update regarding Isles recycling banks, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **G. Spurness Micro Grant Fund – I Sawyer - Change of Course**

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident requesting to use the Spurness Micro Grant funding awarded on 28 January 2020 to fund a different course, it was:

Resolved:

1. That members agreed to the change of course and that evidence of expenditure must be produced for the new course.
2. That the ILO update the Spurness Micro Grant application form to add an extra condition of the award.

### **H. Community Council Survey**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council with regards to the Community Council Survey which had been designed by Planning Aid Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **I. Thank you Letter to Support Hub Volunteers**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Interim Chief Executive thanking the volunteers who had manned the Orkney Coronavirus Community Support Hub, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

## **5. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Draft Orkney Dementia Strategy 2020-2025**

Following consideration of the Draft Orkney Dementia Strategy 2020-2025, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

## **B. HIAL Air Traffic Management Strategy - Impact Assessment**

Following consideration of the HIAL Air Traffic Management Strategy-Impact Assessment with a deadline for comments being 30 September 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that there were no comments.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 17 August 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £12,741.32

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

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 17 August 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £137.98

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

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 17 August 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £940.23, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £669 and the balance remaining in the Island capping limit was £405.84.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 17 August 2020, 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 17 August 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,689.

## **7. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Spurness Wind Farm Community Benefit - Sanday Afternoon Club**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Afternoon Club, requesting assistance towards the costs of employing a co-ordinator for the next three years, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award funding of £9,602 towards the cost.
2. That the project should be reviewed every twelve months.

### **B. Haulage for Aggregates**

Following a report from the ILO with regards to financial requests received for the haulage costs of aggregates, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

### **C. Seed Corn Funding**

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advised members that the application submitted by the Sanday Men's Shed had been forwarded to the relevant officer in Orkney Islands Council, who had advised that the application had not demonstrated any long term economic benefit to the community, which was one of the criteria for the fund, and it was:

Resolved that the ILO would write to the applicant informing them that their application had been unsuccessful but that, should they require any further funding, they should submit an application to the community council.

### **D. Micro Fund Grants**

Following discussion regarding Micro Fund Grants and the applicant providing receipts following the event, it was:

Resolved that an additional clause should be inserted on the application form advising that no further grants would be considered until receipts had been provided for the previous grant awarded.

### **E. Micro Fund Grant – Application - Kacey Brown**

Following consideration of an application from Kacey Brown, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of driving lessons in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of driving lessons from the Micro Fund.

## **F. Covid-19 Contingency Fund - Sanday Gardening Club**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Gardening Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance to purchase gift vouchers to be used as prizes for the planters competition winners on Sanday, it was:

Resolved that £266.02 be awarded from the Micro Grant Covid-19 Contingency fund and that a donation of £108.98 be awarded from the General fund.

## **G. Sanday Craft Hub**

Members considered an application from Sanday Craft Hub requesting assistance from the Community Council's Seed Corn allocation towards the cost of refurbishing part of the Bank House to enable them to run workshops. Members discussed the application and were of the opinion that it was not appropriate to provide public funds at this stage but would reconsider an application when the property was in the ownership of the group, and it was:

Resolved that the ILO would advise the group that their application had been unsuccessful at this time but would welcome an application when the property was in their ownership.

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

### **A. Transport Representative**

After hearing a report from the Transport Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Air Services Consultative Forum meeting that was due to be held on 18 August had not gone ahead due to there not being a quorum but was rescheduled to 31 August.
2. To note that the current re-fit timetable due to the Covid-19 regulations was still in operation.
3. To note that Orkney Ferries was currently working on their on-line booking system.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that an application had been submitted for the erection of a distillery in Sanday.

### **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 publication was made available to members:

- VAO Newsletter – June/July 2020.

### **10. Any Other Competent Business - Lone Workers**

Members discussed Council road operatives being unable to work at present due to Covid-19 regulations and issues with lone working, and asked whether there would be any possibility that Council road operatives from Kirkwall would be transferred to the islands on a temporary basis, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor G Sinclair would make enquiries in this regard and report back.

### **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, 27 October 2020 commencing at 19:30.

### **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:15.