

# Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in Flotta Community Centre on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs P Gee, Mrs R Biddle, Mr N Cheeseman, Mrs H Howe, Mr C Mullins and Mrs I Smith.

## In Attendance:

- Miss J Gatfield, Clerk.
- One member of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that, due to connection issues at Flotta Community Centre, those trying to attend remotely were unable to do so. Therefore, the Stromness and South Isles Councillors, the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer, the Community Council Liaison Officer and the Vice Chair of Flotta Community Council effectively left the meeting at this point.

Resolved to note that an apology for absence had been received from Flotta Community Council Member Mr M Howe.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on Thursday, 7 December 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mrs R Biddle and seconded by Mrs M Howe.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Island Emergency – COMAH Plan**

Members discussed that the situation regarding the COMAH plan was still unchanged and that residents still did not know what course of action to take should an emergency occur, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That a face-to-face meeting be arranged by the Clerk with relevant officers from Flotta Oil Terminal, Orkney Islands Council and Flotta Community Council as soon as possible.
2. That the lack of functioning internet in the Community Centre is an issue that will need to be addressed before the next meeting.

### **B. Repsol Sinopec – Play Park Equipment**

Mrs H Howe advised there had been no progress with regards to the play park equipment, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs H Howe would try to contact the relevant officer at Flotta Oil Terminal again.

### **C. 13 and 14 Burnside**

Members discussed the weekend rate for the charges for staying at 13 Burnside, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To keep the weekend rate the same but to make sure electricity is charged in addition.
2. To look into the purchase of a tumble dryer for number 14 Burnside.

## **D. Pier Waiting Room**

Members discussed the progress of the new waiting room at the pier and that there was not going to be an electric car charging point there, and it was:

Resolved to note that the waiting room was nearing completion and the electrics are to be carried out soon.

## **E. New Notice Board**

Members discussed the new notice board and asked if any progress had been made, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that it may be worth looking into funding for a new notice board.
2. That Mr M Howe would look into it further and update in due course.

## **F. Bicycle Shelter**

Members discussed the quote for a new bicycle shelter, how it could be funded and where the shelter should be sited, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would find out if permission would/could be required/obtained from OIC to site the bicycle shelter on the Community Centre Car Park.

## **G. Flotta Hydrogen Hub**

Members discussed that the Hydrogen Hub had been granted permission to go ahead, and it was:

Resolved to note that this could be discussed at the COMAH Plan meeting.

## **H. Picnic Benches**

Members discussed whether a new picnic bench should be ordered for the pier. It was also agreed that a replacement bench would be required for the one missing from Kirk Bay and a further bench would be useful at the far side of the play park, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs R Biddle would try to source three large picnic benches.

## **I. Wind Turbine Fund**

Members discussed creating a request for suggestions from residents on how the Wind Turbine Fund could be utilised, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would create a suggestion sheet for distribution amongst residents.

2. That suggestions would be collated by the Clerk and fed back to Members in due course.

#### **4. Community Asset Transfer - Area of Land**

Members heard that there had been progress regarding the purchase of the area of land adjacent to Burnside and the clearance of the land, fencing, proposed polycrub, community garden and men's shed were all discussed. Members also discussed where funding would come from, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that, until the purchase had completed, there was not much currently to be done.

B. That the Clerk would email VAO to enquire about funding.

#### **5. Correspondence**

##### **A. North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding funding and support for community climate action projects, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

##### **B. Orkney Community Windfarm Project**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the Orkney Community Windfarm Project, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

##### **C. Message from Ferry Services Manager**

Following consideration of correspondence from the new Ferry Services Manager at Orkney Ferries, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

##### **D. Childminding Course**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding free training for people to become registered childminders, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

##### **E. VAO Upskilling/Reskilling Courses**

Consideration was given to correspondence from VAO regarding the provision of upskilling and reskilling courses, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. Correspondence from Strategic Projects Team**

Consideration was given to correspondence from OIC's Strategic Projects Team regarding a community benefit scheme for Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **G. Hoy Head Breakdown**

Consideration was given to correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the breakdown of the Hoy Head, and it was:

Noted that the Hoy Head was likely to be out of service until April.

## **H. Bag the Bruck**

Consideration was given to correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding Bag the Bruck to take place in April this year, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact the email address provided to register interest in taking part this year.

## **I. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study**

After consideration of information received regarding the Phase 2 Outline Business Case report, copies of which had previously been emailed, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **J. Orkney Matters Meeting**

Following discussion of correspondence relating to the Orkney Matters meeting which had taken place on 10 January 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the meeting was useful from a funding perspective.

## **K. Orkney Youth Local Action Group**

Following discussion of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Orkney Youth Local Action Group, it was:

Resolved to note that the information provided.

## **L. North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub**

After consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **6. Consultations**

### **A. Telecommunications Cable Installation**

After consideration of information received regarding the installation of a telecommunications cable by BT, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

### **B. Verge Maintenance Plan 2022**

Following consideration of the consultation provided regarding verge maintenance, members discussed the current state of the ditches in Flotta, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Flotta was not listed on schedule A due to not having any conservation verges.
2. That an enquiry would be made to see if Orkney Islands Council would clear some of the ditches in the most important areas if Flotta Community Council contributed to the cost.

### **C. Draft National Planning Framework 4**

Following consideration of the consultation on the Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), copies of which had previously been circulated, in relation to the Scottish Government's approach to planning and development, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that members had no comments.

## **7. Flotta Kirkyard Grass Cutting Tender**

Members considered the application for the Flotta Kirkyard grass cutting tender, and it was:

Resolved to accept the application made by Mr G Goddard.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 27 January 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £46,816.68.

### **B. Burnside Account**

Following consideration of the Burnside account statement as at 26 January 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £8,486.36.

## **C. Wind Power Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 26 January 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To request residents' ideas for fund usage.
2. To note that the estimated balance was £10,141.77.

## **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the CCGS statement as at 26 January 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £564.33, £676.00, and £654.00 remaining in the main, additional and island capping limits respectively.

## **E. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 26 January 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £5,980.51 remained for allocation.

## **F. Seed Corn Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 26 January 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £3,161.00 remained available for allocation.

## **9. Publications**

It was resolved to note that the following publications had been circulated to members:

- Orkney Ferries Draft Timetable Winter 2022/2023.
- Scottish Islands Federation News.
- VAO - Training and Funding Update – January 2022.
- Orkney Are Command Newsletter January 2022.

## **10. Reports from Representatives**

Resolved to note that the Representatives for both Transport and Planning were not in attendance and therefore no reports were given.

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

### **A. Orkney Ferries Draft Winter Timetable 2022/2023**

Members discussed the draft timetable, and that a Sunday service was on it even

though Orkney Ferries had been unable to secure a crew to operate on a Sunday, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **B. SSPCA Scheme for Stray Cats**

Members discussed the upcoming SSPCA scheme to vaccinate and spay any stray cats, and it was

Resolved to note there is not currently a significant stray cat problem on Flotta.

## **C. Terminal Alarm**

Members discussed residents' concerns over the alarms at Flotta Oil Terminal going off and not knowing what the alarm was for or if they should evacuate, and it was:

Resolved that this could be brought up at the meeting to be arranged with the relevant officers at Flotta Oil Terminal.

## **D. Flotta Nurse Cover**

Members discussed that there hadn't been a nurse on Flotta for 3 weeks, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would find out why a bank nurse was not being sent to Flotta.

## **12. Dates of Future Meetings**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Flotta Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 at Flotta Community Centre and online, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:30.