

Minute of the Meeting of Papa Westray Community Council held at St Ann’s, Papa Westray and via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 29 September 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr N Rendall, Mr I Cursiter, Mr A Hourston, Mr B Hourston, Mrs I Hourston, Mrs F McNab and Mr S Thompson.

In Attendance:

- Ms H Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Councillor M Thomson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mr P Baker, Island Link Officer (ILO).

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that an apology for absence had been intimated on behalf of Ms J Foley (Papay Development Trust).

2. Election of Office Bearers

Following a series of secret ballots, it was:

Resolved:

A. That Mr N Rendall be elected Chair of Papa Westray Community Council.

B. That Mr I Cursiter to elected Vice Chair of Papa Westray Community Council.

C. That Mr N Rendall be the nominated Transport Representative of the community council.

D. That the Island Link Officer should remain as the Planning Representative.

3. Adoption of Constitution

Following consideration of the Constitution for Papa Westray community council, it was:

Resolved to adopt the constitution with no amendments.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held 12 April 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mrs F McNab and second by Mr A Hourston.

5. Matters Arising

A. Question and Answers with Orkney Ferries Representative

Members had been previously forwarded the report generated by Stantec, and correspondence from Orkney Islands Council's Transportation manager. It was agreed that members felt that the consultation held by the Transportation Manager was disappointing through the lack of knowledge and firm information being offered. Members felt that the current recommendations from the consultants (Stantec) were being favoured by Orkney Islands Council over the recommendations and advice from the community and Papa Westray Community Council. They felt this was proven by the significant concerns raised on a number of occasions over haulage and logistics of cargo.

Members wished to note that they fully appreciated the simplicity of the option to purchase the four new vessels of the same specification with the idea in mind of the consolidation if one were to be out of service to prevent missed sailings. However, members felt that even with the potential numbers of crossing rising to four per week (as advised by the Transportation Manager), directly to Kirkwall, the haulage logistics were still not being considered. Members felt that, until there was a firm understanding of how the haulage was going to be organised and at a cost effective

way for Papa Westray through the Link span option, members were still favouring the Ro-Ro option between Papa Westray and Westray.

Members were advised by Councillor H Woodbridge that North Ronaldsay had similar concerns regarding the haulage of cargo through the link span and offered to further the conversation with Orkney Ferries and Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to keep this on the agenda for future meetings and to await further information.

B. Papay Water Scheme - Update and Improvements

After consideration of the verbal update from the Clerk regarding the current situation of the installation of the new equipment and the issues following the discovery of the leak in the mains pipe work, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that, since the installation of the new water filters, the water supply seems a softer water and has less lime
2. To note that, following the recent leak in the supply, the water team took advantage of this disruption and installed an additional fire hydrant whilst the water was isolated.
3. That the water attendant would get quotes for more spare parts to keep in stock.

C. Community Resilience - Satellite Phone Funding

The Clerk advised that the current point of contact had now advised him to make contact with Orkney Health and Care, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk sends a letter to Orkney Health and Care to ask for some financial contribution to the tariff of the satellite phone.

D. Fibre Broadband Proposal Update

Following consideration of the correspondence received from Cloud-net regarding the current situation regarding the Fibre installation, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. Ferry Arrangements - Papa Westray to Westray Route

Following consideration of the correspondence received from Orkney Ferries' Senior Administration officer, through Democratic Services, members felt that the questions and concerns that had been raised had not been answered or allayed. Members had growing concerns regarding the crossing as the main significant issue, being the Nordic Sea, had not been resolved following the months that Orkney Islands Council had taken ownership, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Storage of Gritter and Salt belonging to Orkney Islands Council

After consideration of the verbal update received from the Vice Chair regarding the salt and gritter storage, it was:

Resolved that the Vice Chair would continue to liaise with Orkney Islands Council about the specification and the requirements made for the new site, next to the community shed.

G. Airfield Shelter

After consideration of the verbal update received from members explaining that members of the public are now authorised to wait in the airfield waiting room building, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. First Responders for Papay

Following consideration of the verbal update from the First Responders, explaining that as of midnight on Friday, 30 September all first responders would resign and that should the nurse require assistance they should dial the Balfour Hospital or 999 and request help from Scottish Fire and Rescue, it was

Resolved to note the information.

I. Cooke Aquaculture Planning Application - East Moclett

Following consideration of the verbal update from members explain that the planning application had been approved, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

J. Cattle Trailers

Following consideration of the verbal update from members regarding one of two new trailers in operation and how well used the trailer is, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

K. Kirkyard Maintenance 2022

Following consideration of the tender received by Dan Elves of Vestness for the required work at Boniface Kirkyard, it was,

Resolved to note that members were happy with the quote from Dan Elves.

6. Correspondence

A. Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure

Following consideration of the correspondence from Orkney Islands Council's Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Short-term Letting Scheme

Following consideration of the correspondence regarding the new short-term letting license being implemented, it was:

Resolved to note that more information was available through Orkney Islands Council's web page should anyone require it.

C. Liam McArthur - Transport and Island Connectivity

Following consideration of the correspondence from Liam McArthur regarding transport and island connectivity, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. Outdoor Access, Walking and Cycling

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council's Development and Marine Planning section regarding potential grants to better pathway routes, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would liaise with the Papay Ranger regarding the condition of the styles and if there were any plans already in motion to replace the damaged ones.

7. Consultation Documents

Resolved to note that there were no consultation documents for consideration.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 16 September 2022 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance remaining was £15,448.56.

B. Papa Westray Community Council Water Scheme

After consideration of the Papa Westray Water Scheme statement as at 16 September 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £43,730.90.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme 2022-2023

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 16 September 2022, it was:

1. Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £2,108.56, that £743 remained available for allocation in the additional capping limit and £719 was left in the island capping limit.

2. Members agreed that £500 should be applied for from CCGS to cover costs of the scrap metal recycling skip.

D. Year-End Statements

After consideration of the Papa Westray Community Council year end statements as of 31 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balances of the end-of-year accounts for 2021/2022.

9. Financial Requests

A. PCA - Community Dance

A request had been received in the previous community council term from Papay Community Association for assistance to the sum of £300 for a community dance, and it was:

Resolved to note that a CCGS award of £300 had been agreed and approved by Democratic Services.

B. PCA – Papay Fun Weekend

Following consideration of a request from Papay Community Association for assistance of £700 towards the fun weekend, it was:

Resolved to award the full amount of £700, subject to CCGS approval.

C. PCA – Himmerland Concert - Travel

Following consideration of a request from Papay Community Association for assistance with the travel costs for a band coming to play in Papay, to the sum of £84, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award the amount of £84 towards travel, subject to CCGS approval.
2. To note that there had been some concerns from the public regarding the concert going ahead on the day of the late Queen Elizabeth's funeral, and some residents thought this to be disrespectful.

D. Papay Coop - Acoustic Panels

Following consideration of a request from the Papay Co-op for financial assistance of £1,934.16 towards new acoustic panels for the guest house, it was:

Resolved to award £900 towards the panels, subject to CCGS approval.

E. PCA – Fireworks and Christmas Presents - 2021

Resolved to note that the original grant to PCA of £380 for Fireworks and Christmas presents, agreed at the meeting held on 9 December 2021, had been increased to £454.88 on the agreement of members and had since been claimed.

10. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Members were advised that the next transport meeting would be held on Monday, 24 October via Teams, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was no information to provide.

C. Papa Westray Water Scheme Administrator

Resolved to note that there was no information to provide.

D. Papa Westray Development Trust

Resolved to note there was no report from Papa Westray Development Trust due to a representative being unable to make the meeting.

11. Publications

The following publications were noted by members:

- Winter Timetable – Inter-Island Air Services.
- Draft Westray - Papa Westray Ferry Services Timetable 2023.
- Eyland Skyn - Third Aircraft Presentation.
- Island Wellbeing Survey 2021 - Findings Report - May 2022.

Following consideration of the draft timetable for the Papa westray to Westray route, members felt that there was some incorrect information regarding some of the sailings and it was:

Resolved:

A. That the Clerk meet with the Vice Chair for discussions of the required amendments to the timetable.

B. That the Clerk send a letter to Democratic Services with the required suggestions of amendments/concerns to pass on to OIC Transport before the next Transport meeting on 24 October.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Letter from North Ronaldsay Community Council

A letter had been received from North Ronaldsay Community Council with the below points:

- That after months of negative interactions between Loganair staff and isles passengers, a NRCC member was undertaking the consolidation of

information, and anyone (North Ronaldsay or Papay derived) was invited to put forward their personal experience when interacting with Loganair which will be recorded for use as evidence in the future.

- That the Cattle floats promised by OIC are not forthcoming - so is the Papay float available this winter for cattle farmers without their own float on North Ronaldsay to export livestock?
- Whether, given the poor response to adverts for an ANP, the islands should collaborate on a joint venture to advertise the role further afield (e.g., share in the funding of a tabloid advert)?
- That each island has a community representative who could then meet via teams and enable a more cohesive response to isles issues at individual meetings.

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That members felt that they were not experiencing the same concerns with Loganair, and members advised each other that if they have any concerns, such concerns should be raised with Loganair directly.
2. That members were happy with the one of the two ordered trailers that had arrived, and members would liaise with the local farmers to ascertain periods when the trailer would be available for use by North Ronaldsay farmers. However, members would expect North Ronaldsay to organise the trailer for shipping with the specified dates and cover any travelling costs incurred.
3. That members felt that it would be best to leave NHS Orkney to organise any recruitment advert, however a request of routine updates would be of benefit to keep the subject active.
4. That the Clerk should send a letter to the Primary Care department, NHS Orkney, asking for a current update on the ANP role.
5. That members did not think that a Community Representative meeting would be suited for Papa Westray Community Council at this time.

B. Benches

Members discussed a proposal to place a bench at the bottom of Tirlo and an additional bench located at the airfield. Following consideration by members, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note a majority vote for the proposal.
2. That the Clerk should enquire into prices for the benches.

C. Housing Shortage on Papa Westray

Following discussion regarding the shortage of housing for key workers and the current potential need for three key worker properties that have or will be appointed to Papa Westray in the very near future, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk include this in the business letter to Democratic Services and ask for Orkney Islands Council to take action to resolve this heavy concern as soon as possible.

D. Community Council-owned Field - Grazing

Following consideration of the proposal that the field adjacent to the Links be fenced and gated for grazing, it was:

Resolved that a further discussion will take place at the next community council meeting.

13. Date of next meeting.

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Papa Westray Community Council would be held on Thursday, 24 November 2022 in St Ann's Community Room, Papa Westray and via Microsoft Teams, commencing at 19:30.

14. Conclusion of Meeting.

There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting closed at 21:25.