

# Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls Community Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs R Thomson, Mr A Clark, Ms P Johnson, Mrs I Mathieson and Mr A Sinclair.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor G Bevan (via Teams).
- Councillor L Hall.
- Councillor J Stockan.
- Mr K MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities (via Teams).
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (via Teams).
- Mrs K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs T Avis and Ms A Kinsey.

## **2. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held on 12 April 2023 was adopted, being proposed by Ms P Johnson and seconded by Mr A Sinclair

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Graemsay, Hoy and Walls – Orkney Ferries Query**

Following consideration of an update from OIC regarding the previous query regarding the timetable for the Lyness – Houton route, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update but that it only updated on the Graemsay route and that the ILO would raise again and clarify that it was the Hoy Head route that required a response.

### **B. Fly Tipping at Lyness**

Following consideration of an update from OIC, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and that the ILO would circulate community notifications to advise of the offence of fly tipping and would also take further photographs of the existing rubbish at Lyness and forward on to Democratic Services.

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs T Avis regarding the donations to the groups who participated in Bag the Bruck and also the haulage invoice received from R Groat, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the donation would be split between the RNLi Guild, RSPB and the Graemsay Community Association and that the invoice for R Groat would be forwarded for payment.

### **D. RSPB**

Following consideration of an update from Councillor Hall regarding the ongoing restructuring negotiations with the RSPB and the intention to set up a Liaison Group, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and that the Community Council will continue their support for the negotiations.

## **E. Road Repairs**

Following consideration of an update regarding outstanding road repairs which had previously been highlighted, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the update and that the Community Council Liaison Officer would provide dates for the repairs to the Braebister Road and the Hoy Kirk corner culvert and road as soon as they are available.
2. To note that repairs to Lyness pier, the Rackwick Road and the road to Groat's shop had been carried out.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Annual Grants 2023-2024**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the annual grants for 2023-2024, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the annual grant provided to Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council for financial year 2023-2024 would be £4,384.95.

### **B. Funding for Coronation Events**

Following consideration of correspondence for OIC regarding funding for Coronation Events, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Scottish Sea Farms (ASC Farms)**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Sea farms inviting questions and contact from the Community Council for proposed ASC certification, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. White Ribbon CC Request April 2023**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Chair of the White Ribbon Orkney Steering Group, regarding a request to attend a future CC meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that Councillor Hall would be meeting up with the Chair to discuss and would update at the next CC meeting

### **E. CC Health and Care Representatives**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding a request for a community councillor to be a Health and Care representative, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would ask Mrs T Avis if she would be happy to be the representative for Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council.

### **F. MSP correspondence: RR: Rackwick 4G Mast**

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur MSP with an update on the Rackwick 4G mast, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **G. Scottish Online Conference for Community Councillors 10 June 2023**

Following consideration of correspondence from Joint Forum of Community Councils in West Lothian regarding an online Scottish Conference for Community Councillors, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **H. Scapa Flow Museum Nomination**

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding the nomination of the Scapa Flow Museum for the Museum of the Year, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **I. Sunday 1 Sailings – Summer Timetable**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries regarding a summer timetable change for Flotta residents, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **J. OHAL Committee Recruitment Event 21 June 2023**

Following consideration of correspondence from OHAL with an invite to the Committee Recruitment event 21 June 2023, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **K. Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project**

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding a request from OIC's Strategic Projects Officer to attend a community council meeting to update on the Orkney Community Wind Farm Project, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and for the ILO to extend an invitation to the next CC meeting on 25 August on Graemsay.

## **L. We're Hiring! Marine Litter Development Officer**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Islands Federation to advise of recruitment of Marine Development Officers, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would post the information to the Facebook page.

## **M. SSEN Resilient Communities Fund 2023**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities, OIC regarding the SSEN Resilient Communities Fund 2023, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would look into previous application paperwork to assess viability of submitting an application.

## **5. Consultations**

### **A. OIC (variable 20mph speed limit)(island schools) Order 2023**

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding details of consultations on the proposed 20mph speed limit for Orkney Schools, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 14 April 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **B. Boundaries Scotland – Scottish Parliament Consultation**

Following consideration of correspondence from Alistair Grant, Scottish Boundary Commissions' Secretariat, regarding a review on Scottish Parliament Boundaries, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 17 May 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that there were no proposed changes for Orkney.

### **C. West of Orkney Windfarm – Pre-application Consultation Events**

Following consideration of correspondence from Shona Morrison, West of Orkney Windfarms regarding pre-application consultation events, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 22 May 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. 20mph speed limit extension Finstown**

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding a consultation on the extension of the deadline for comments on the proposed extension of the 20mph speed limit extension in Finstown, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 12 June 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **E. Scottish Government: Planning Phase 3 of Permitted Development**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Government regarding the consultation on a review of the Permitted Development Rights – Phase 3, copies of which had been previously circulated to members on 12 June 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Publications**

Resolved to note that the following publication was made available at this meeting:

- VAO Newsletter – April and May 2023.
- VAO Training and Funding Update April and May 2023.
- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter June 2023.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the community council's general finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,503.01 as at 29 May 2023.

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

Following consideration of the 2022/2023 Community Council Grant Scheme statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £404.29 as at 29 May 2023.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04 as at 29 May 2023.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £1,258.47 as at 29 May 2023.

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club**

Following consideration of an application from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance for a trip from Orkney ASC to attend the Thurso Meet, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be granted to the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club towards the cost of the Thurso trip.

## **B. Longhope Sailing Club**

Following consideration of an application from the Longhope Sailing Club requesting assistance towards the cost of the insurance for the community hall, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £560 toward the cost of the annual insurance for the hall and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £560.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Hoy Kirkyard Shed**

Following consideration of an update from the ILO regarding the Hoy Kirkyard shed, it was:

Resolved to note the update but that it is actually the Graemsay Kirkyard shed that needs looking at and that Mrs I Mathieson would send photographs of the shed to the ILO to be forwarded on to Democratic Services.

### **B. Refuse bins at various sites**

Following consideration of an update from OIC regarding the lack of public refuse facilities at Lyness and at The Ouse, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update and for the ILO to write a letter to Harbours to request a public waste bin at Lyness, confirm on the business letter to OIC that it is a summer bin that is being requested at Rackwick and for the bin at the Ouse to be sited on the Swartlands Cottage corner.

### **C. Disabled Parking at Scapa Flow Museum**

Following consideration of an update and request from OIC to seek a preferred solution to the disabled parking issue at Scapa Flow Museum due to the unavailability of parking close to the museum due to the Grade A listing of the Boom Slab, it was:

Resolved to note the update and for the ILO to present the suggestion that signs are erected to visitors with mobility issues contact the (signposted) phone number for a museum member of staff to provide assistance/wheelchair.

### **D. Upgrade to the Whaness Road**

After consideration of an update from Democratic Services to advise that a response from Roads is awaited and further updates will be forwarded once received, it was

Resolved to note the update.

## **E. EV charging points for visitors**

After consideration of an update from OIC advising that there are currently no plans for EV chargers on Hoy at present but suggestions for locations from the CC's would be welcome, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and that the CC will support the ILO to collaborate with the IoHDT to investigate further.

## **F. Community Council and Island of Hoy Trust**

After consideration of a request that the CC would invite a member of the IoHDT to a future meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the request and that the ILO would invite the chair of the Trust to a future meeting.

## **G. X1 Bus timetable**

Following consideration of concerns that the newly changed X1 bus timetable does not work for the bus to work with both the Graemsay and Houton ferries and is causing disadvantage to the community wishing to take part in Mainland activities, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns raised and that the ILO would write to Stagecoach to raise the issue.

## **H. Free ferry travel for Scots Card (Isles children) holders**

Following a request for an update on the previous request for a free ferry travel for Scots Card holders, it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor J Stockan was continuing to push for the free travel and will provide further updates as they are received.

## **I. Overhanging Branches**

Following consideration of a complaint raised by Mr A Clark regarding overhanging trees, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would circulate public notices to request that said trees are cut back.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held in Graemsay on Friday, 25 August 2023 and that details would be finalised and forwarded to all interested parties in due course.

## **11. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:35.