

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls Community Centre and via Teams on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs T Avis, Ms P Johnson, Ms A Kinsey, Mr A Sinclair, Mr A Clark and Mrs R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Mrs H Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Councillor L Hall.
- Councillor G Bevan.
- Councillor J Stockan.
- 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 I Mathieson.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held on 8 November 2022 was adopted, being proposed by Mrs T Avis and seconded by Ms P Johnson.

3. Matters Arising

A. Hoy Kirkyard Shed

Following consideration of an update by the Chair to advise that the shed was still in situ and had become more dangerous as the door was now coming off, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update and that the ILO would highlight the issue again on the business letter to OIC.

B. Aggregate

Following consideration of an update by the ILO with the quote from Gairsty quarry and the extra costs involved, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and for further pricing regarding haulage and ferry costs to be obtained by the ILO and forwarded to Community Council members so they can discuss the best course of action.

C. 20mph Zone: North Walls School

Following consideration of correspondence with an update on the introduction of a 20mph at North Walls School, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. NHS24: Letter from Stephen Brown, Chief Officer and Hoy Wellbeing Officer

Following consideration of correspondence from Stephen Brown, Chief Officer and the Hoy Wellbeing Officer, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and for the ILO to put out a public notice to the Community Council Facebook page to reassure the community that the issue is continuing to be looked at.

E. Feedback from Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure from Meeting 8 November 2022

Following consideration of correspondence from Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure with an update regarding the request for changes to the recently repaired Graemsay Kirkyard gate and that no repairs would be carried out, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Plastic Recycling

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding Plastic Recycling stating that they do not have the capacity to pick up extra recycle bins from Hoy and that the community should consider using the Deposit Return Facility run by Restart, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Mainland Facilities for Parents

Following consideration of an update from Councillor L Hall to advise that there are currently no funds or plans for Mainland Facilities for Parents, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

4. Correspondence

A. OIC Marine Planning Newsletter

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC Marine Planning with a newsletter, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Thank You Card

Following consideration of a Thank You card from Hoy Youth Hub to say thank you for the recent funding grant, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note contents of the correspondence.

C. Shapinsay Community Council letter to Isles Community Councils

Following consideration of correspondence from Shapinsay Community Council to Isles Community Councils, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would write a letter of support to the Shapinsay Community Council and a letter to Orkney Ferries to request that the review of the current timetable is prioritised.

D. NHS Scotland Initiative SHARE

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Scotland Initiative SHARE, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. West of Orkney Windfarm: Proposal of Application Notice

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Windfarm with a Proposal of Application Notice, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and for the ILO to update on developments after her attendance at a meeting on 23 January 2023.

F. Island Housing Group: online meeting 24 November 2022

Following consideration of correspondence from the Island Housing Group regarding an online meeting on 24 November 2022, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. SSEN: Powering on together this winter

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN regarding November dates for Stakeholder surgeries, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Pentland Floating Offshore Windfarm: Planning Application Submitted

Following consideration of correspondence from Pentland Floating Offshore Windfarm to advise that Planning Applications have now been submitted, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the ILO would write a letter to ask if there are plans for a Community Benefit Fund for Hoy.

I. HITRANS: Scottish Islands Windracers

Following consideration of correspondence from HITRANS regarding the Scottish Islands Windracers, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Invitation to a meeting with the convener of the NZET Committee

Following consideration of correspondence from NZET with an invitation to join a meeting with convener of the committee on 28 November 2022, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. Talk on 6 December 2022

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Native Wildlife Project and Mrs T Avis, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

L. Remembering Together Orkney Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Emma Ainsley regarding the Remembering Together Orkney Project, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Let's talk Scottish Education: Our National Discussion Session. Scottish Islands Federation

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Islands Federation regarding details of events and consultations, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 18 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. EIA: Scapa Deep Water Quay and the Orkney Logistics Hub proposed projects: Kiln Corner

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC to advise of a consultation event to be held at Kiln Corner on 1 December 2022 of regrading the environmental Impact Assessment for the Scapa Deep Water Quay and the Orkney Logistics Hub, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 24 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

C. Orkney Ferries: Draft Winter Timetables

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries regarding the Draft Winter timetables, copies of which had been previously circulated to members on 13 December 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Pentland Floating Offshore Windfarm: Additional Information Application Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence from Marine Renewables regarding Additional Information Application Consultation with responses due by 5 February 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated to members on 22 December 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications were made available at this meeting:

- VAO Newsletter November 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding Update November 2022.
- Orkney Harbours Offshore Wind Community Newsletter.

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 £18,516.41 as at 5 January 2023.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

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

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval of £2,261.80 as at 5 January 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 5 January 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 5 January 2023.

8. Financial Requests

Resolved to note that there were no financial requests to be considered.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Lyness Terminal

Following consideration of a request from a member for the signage and signposting at Lyness to be made clearer or reconfigured as there are safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists, especially as there was now a higher footfall of visitors to the Scapa Flow Museum, it was:

Resolved to note the request and for the ILO to highlight the issues in the Business Letter to OIC alongside a plan of requested reconfiguration (to be compiled by Mr A Clark).

B. Refuse Bin at Lyness Terminal

Following consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the lack of public refuse facilities at Lyness and at The Ouse, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the concerns and for the ILO to raise the issue on the Business Letter to Orkney Islands Council.

C. Road Repairs

After consideration of concerns raised again regarding the road to Braebister and that it was becoming very dangerous, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns raised and that the ILO would add to the Business Letter, including that this has now become a matter of urgency due to how dangerous the road has become.

D. Swimming Pool

After consideration of a request by Ms A Kinsey for the Community Council to send a letter highlighting the importance of the swimming pool to the island, it was:

Resolved to note the request and that the ILO would write a letter and that Councillor Bevan would investigate the current situation.

E. Wind Turbine at the North Walls School

Following consideration of a question by A Clark regarding the repair or replacement at North Walls School, it was:

Resolved to note the question and that Councillor Stockan advised that there are no plans to reinstate wind turbines at any school due to health and safety issues.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

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