

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held at Sanday Community School and via Teams on Tuesday, 22 March 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr M Lennie, Mr P Allan, Mr J Muir, Mr G Ellis and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Mr K McPherson, Interim Head of Service for Property, IT and Facilities
 - Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer (ECLO)
 - Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO).
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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that there were no apologies for absence.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr J Muir and seconded by Mr A Towrie.

3. Matters Arising

A. Kirkyard Grass Cutting Tenders

Following consideration of the tenders received for the kirkyard grass cutting for the period 2022 to 2024 inclusive, it was:

Resolved that the contract be awarded to S Pugh.

B. Road Markings at Loth

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the need for the repainting of the road markings at Loth car park, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would notify Orkney Islands Council.

C. Defibrillator

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the need for a defibrillator to be situated at the North End of the island, with all members being in agreement that the best position would be at the Lopness Destroyer viewpoint and that the Chair had offered to fundraise along with whoever else she could get to help with this project to help with the costs of the new solar powered defibrillator cabinet and new defibrillator, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact the landowner with regards to the siting of the defibrillator.
2. That the Development Trust Representative would ask the directors at the next Development Trust meeting, if they would be willing to help towards the costs.
3. That the ILO would research exterior solar powered defibrillator cabinets, defibrillators and all the costings involved.

D. Gable End – Cross Kirkyard

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the gable end in the old cross kirkyard crumbling away, bulging and becoming unsafe, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to request for the area to be made safe for the public to visit.

E. Roos Loch Sluice

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Roads Support Manager with regards to the Roos Loch Sluice, it was:

Resolved to note that the pipe had cleared itself and a new temporary flap had been fitted in the interim whilst an alternative solution was designed and built.

F. Picnic Benches

Following a report from the ILO advising members that the three new recycled plastic picnic benches had been purchased and had arrived in Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note that the picnic benches would be delivered to West Brough and that the members would install the benches.

G. Bag the Bruck

Following a report from the ILO advising members that due to their being no other organisation on the island arranging the delivery of gloves and bags for the Bag the Bruck beach clean-up, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would order the bags and gloves for all the individuals and groups participating in the Bag the Bruck clean-up in April 2022.
2. That the Sanday Development Trust had kindly offered that Heilsa Fjold be a designated pickup point for the gloves and bags.
3. That the ILO had previously advertised the Bag the Bruck dates in the March 2022 Sanday Sound, the Sanday Residents and the Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages.

4. Correspondence

A. SSEN Resilient Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks with regards to their Resilient Communities Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Joint Meeting of Sanday Community Groups – 1 March 2022

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the joint meeting on 1 March 2022, where various topics had been discussed, it was:

Resolved to note that the next joint meeting would be on Tuesday 5 April 2022.

C. Climate Action Funding

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Flood Forum with regards to the Climate Action Funding, donating grants up to the total of £500, it was:

Resolved to note that no items were required under the funding criteria available.

D. Sanday Surgery

Following consideration of a thank you letter received from the Sanday Surgery with regards to the donation that the Community Council had offered the surgery to support the visit of the shortlisted candidates for the GP Isles posts on 1 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that a thank you card would be sent to the two leaving Doctors.

E. Foundation Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from Foundation Scotland with regards to their EQ Impact Portfolio having any direct exposure to Russian Assets, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Orkney Marine Planning Update

Following consideration of correspondence with regards to the Spring 2022 Orkney Marine Planning Update, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultation Documents

Resolved to note that there were no Consultation Documents received.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the general finance statement as of 7 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £12,506.87.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 7 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,521.18.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was fully allocated, and that the balances remaining in the additional and island capping limits were £676 and £503.52 respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,923.84

E. Spurness Community Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Community Fund, as at 7 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining was £85,800.64.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 7 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,689.03.

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Spurness Community Fund

1. Sanday Community Association – North Isles Sports

J Seatter and M Lennie declared an interest in this item and were not present during discussion.

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Community Association which was deferred from March 2020 due to Covid, requesting financial assistance to host the North Isles Sports on Sanday in June 2022, it was:

Resolved that £6,625 funding should be awarded towards the costs.

2. Sanday Community Association – Summer Play Scheme

J Seatter and M Lennie declared an interest in this item and were not present during discussion.

Following consideration of an application from Sanday Community Association which was deferred from March 2020 due to Covid, requesting financial assistance to operate the summer play scheme for the summer periods 2022, 2023 and 2024, it was:

Resolved that funding of £8,500 should be awarded over 3 years to the costs.

B. General Finance

1. Grace Muir – Travel Grant

J Muir declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion.

Following consideration of an application from Grace Muir requesting financial assistance from the Community Council Grant Schemes travel grant for Netball Orkney Under 17's matches, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £26 would be awarded to help with travel costs to attend the Sirens District finals in Glasgow.

2. Regional Screen Scotland – Screen Machine

Following consideration of correspondence received from Regional Screens Scotland, requesting a financial contribution towards the Screen Machine visiting Sanday on 28-30 March 2022 inclusive, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £200 be awarded from the General Fund.

C. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Sanday Business Forum

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Business Forum requesting financial assistance towards the design and printing of 2,500 leaflets, it was:

Resolved to note that this had been deferred until the next meeting once more information had been provided.

2. Tina Brown

Following consideration of an application from Tina Brown requesting financial assistance towards annual sports insurance, speaker and trousers to provide Fatburn Extreme fitness classes, it was:

Resolved that £121.18 be awarded towards the cost of annual sports insurance, speaker and trousers.

3. Lauren Seatter

Following consideration of an application from Lauren Seatter requesting financial assistance towards training costs and medical expenses for help in applying for work, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of training and medical expenses.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Following a report from the Transport Representative where it was mentioned that due to the last minute changes to the afternoon sailing on Monday 14 March where the ferry had to stop off at three islands on the way home, meaning that there was not enough room for all the cars to board the ferry , it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that two passengers were unable to get their cars on the ferry and subsequently requested to go on as foot passengers, had been refused to be allowed to park their car in the car park and reembark as foot passengers.
2. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to request that they pass this information on to the relevant department.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that an application had been submitted to erect a house with an air source heat pump and upgrade an access at West Howar, Laminess Road.
2. That an application had been submitted to erect a house with an air sourced heat pump at Lower House, The Ness, Burness.
3. That an application had been submitted to site a house and create an access at land near Lonnie.
4. That an application had been submitted for the change of use of domestic outbuilding to studio (Class 4), cafe (Class 3) and amenity facilities and change of use of land to camping and caravan site (part retrospective) at Whistlebrae, Rue Road.
5. That an application had been submitted to extend a shop and erect a cycle storage shed at Sanday Community Shop.

C. Development Trust Representative

The Development Trust Representative gave a report advising members of the various projects being undertaken by the Trust at present, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

D. Resilience Group Representative

Following a report from the Resilience Group Representative with regards to the meeting that was held with the other islands of Orkney, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that a lot of other islands had noted their unhappiness with the surface dressing that was carried out last year and other islands had also requested details of where ditching was to take place, but this had been declined, Sanday CC had requested the same but received no information back.
2. That K McPherson would enquire into ditching to be carried out this year.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO Newsletter – February 2022.
- Letter from School Place – February 2022.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – June 2022

Following discussion with regards to the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to be held in June 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that members came up with a few ideas and would defer making any decisions until the next meeting.

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, 19 April 2022 commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:50