

Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held at Rousay Community School and via Teams on Saturday, 1 October 2022 at 15:15

Present:

Mr Angus Firth, Mr Richard Tipper, Mrs Zoe Flaws, Mrs Diana Compton and Mrs Carey Mainland.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Melissa Thomson (via Teams).
- Mrs Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs Emma Soames, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Carole Maguire and Miss Alice Mainland.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Election of Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr Angus Firth be elected Chair of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

B. Election of Vice Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs Zoe Flaws be elected Vice Chair of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs Carole Maguire be elected Planning Representative for Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council, subject to her accepting the role.

D. Transport Representative

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs Carey Mainland be elected Transport Representative for Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

3. Adoption of Constitution

Members read through the amended Constitution for 2022, and it was:

Resolved to adopt the constitution for Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

4. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 23 February 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr Angus Firth and seconded by Mrs Zoe Flaws.

5. Matters Arising

A. Notice Boards

Members were advised that the signs still needed to be erected, and that there had been interest in undertaking this role, including site visits. There were four boards to

be erected at the school, the post office, the heritage centre and possibly Egilsay pier, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Chair would contact those interested in placing the boards and revisit past quotes.
2. To place an advert in the Review to find a new candidate if the approach to previous contractors failed.

B. Kirkyard Matting

Mrs Carole Maguire was not in attendance; however, she had left a message via the Clerk to advise that she had been in touch with a contact at OIC with regards to the matting, and it was:

Resolved to wait until the next meeting to find out more from Mrs Carole Maguire.

C. Path at Rousay Kirkyard

Members were advised that the path had been installed at the kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Memorial at Rousay Kirkyard

The idea of a memorial bench was discussed again, and it was:

Resolved that members would approach a stonemason about the possibility of having a stone bench made.

E. Scrap Car Scheme

Members discussed the scrap car scheme and that this budget is no longer on the finance sheets, and it was:

Resolved to remove from the agenda as the funding had been fully utilised.

F. Waste Recycling

Mrs Carole Maguire was not in attendance however had left comments regarding cardboard and plastic recycling on Rousay. It was mentioned that a local Brownie was running a survey regarding recycling to see how much demand there was, and it was:

Resolved to wait for the results of the survey and for the next meeting with Mrs Maguire in attendance.

G. State of the Graveyards

Mrs Carole Maguire was not in attendance however she had left notes regarding St Marys Kirkyard being overgrown and comments that graves had been laid down across the island, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the grass cutting had not taken place at the time of the visit as it received only two cuts per year.
2. That Democratic Services would forward an email regarding graveyard checks.

H. Community Shared Play Park and School Playing Field

Mrs Carole Maguire was not in attendance however had left notes that the play area equipment was in poor condition. It was mentioned that community groups had paid for the park and passed the responsibility of upkeep to OIC, and that the playing field had trees planted and an area of wilding.

Members also discussed the use of community space for future events with the closure of the Manse, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To include in the business letter about the upkeep of the playpark and to ask what OIC would do to resolve the issues.
2. To enquire via the business letter what level of use can the school have during school times once the Manse has closed (for example, funerals).

6. Correspondence

A. Letter from Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure

Members discussed correspondence from the Corporate Director of the Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, advising of the new management structure and what officer was responsible for what, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Thank you letter – Rousay School

Members discussed correspondence from Rousay School thanking for the support with the school pond, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Buddy System Rules

Members discussed the information provided from OIC regarding the buddy system for the healthy living centre, which one of the CC members oversees, and it was:

Resolved to note there had been a review of rules and the healthy living centre was open additional hours.

D. OSAG Roadshow

Members discussed correspondence regarding Orkney Scam Action Group roadshows that were taking place through the year, and it was:

Resolved to note that this did not happen on Rousay as they did not turn up.

E. Energy Saving Trust – eBike Grant Fund

Members discussed correspondence from the Energy Saving Trust regarding funding for e-bikes, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Orkney Ferries – Island Community Update

Members discussed correspondence from Orkney Ferries from June, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Shapinsay boat will be in place over summer 2023 as it had been this year.

G. ONWP – Biodiversity Partnership

Members discussed correspondence regarding Orkney Native Wildlife Project and their biodiversity/eradication plan for Rousay, and it was:

Resolved to ask that members have sight of what's being proposed within the plan before it is published.

H. West of Orkney Windfarm – Community Engagement Plan

Members discussed correspondence regarding the West of Orkney Wind Farm project, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Letter from Jenny Gilruth MSP to Liam McArthur MSP

Members discussed correspondence from Jenny Gilruth MSP to Liam McArthur MSP regarding RET/the Ferry Fares Review, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Isles Special Collection Rotas

Members discussed correspondence regarding the special collection rota for the isles up to 31 March 2023, and it was:

Resolved to pass the information to the Rousay Review.

K. Neven Point Application

Members discussed correspondence regarding the proposed Neven Point windfarm on Eday, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

L. Draft Rousay Ferry Timetable

Members discussed correspondence from OIC Transport regarding the draft Rousay Egilsay and Wyre boat timetable for winter 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

M. Outdoor Access, Walking and Cycling

Members discussed correspondence from the Service Manager, Development and Marine Planning, regarding outdoor access, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and to have a think of any places that could benefit from investment in a path.

N. Island Wellbeing Survey Findings

Members discussed correspondence regarding the findings of a recent study, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the Clerk should email it round members again.

O. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study

Members discussed correspondence regarding the Inter Island Transport Study and the recently completed Outline Business Case, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

P. REWDT Planning Permission

Members discussed correspondence from REWDT, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for permission to use the Community Council's name on their application for a cabin to be placed at the pier, and it was;

Resolved to agree to this as long as REWDT remained the agent and dealt with the paperwork.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 26 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £30,205.32.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 26 August 2022 it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £3,169.18, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £743, and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £719.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 26 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 26 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

8. Financial Requests

A. Rousay Community Association - Fireworks

A request for £600 towards fireworks had been received from Rousay Community Association, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To award £600 towards fireworks, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.
2. To advise RCA that future requests should be made on headed paper.

B. Egilsay Community Association - Fireworks

A request for £350 towards fireworks had been received from Egilsay Community Association, and it was:

1. To award £350 towards fireworks, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.
2. To advise ECA that future requests should be made on headed paper.

C. Remembrance Wreaths

A request was circulated via email from Major Robert Friel in supporting the purchase of wreaths for the upcoming Remembrance service, and it was:

Resolved to support this request to the value of £100.50 from CCGS, subject to approval.

9. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan - OIC

Members discussed correspondence regarding the Verge Maintenance Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that no comments were made.

B. Winter Service Plan

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to request that Wasbister Road is included in the gritting schedule – this has been added to the business letter.

10. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

The Chair advised that there were a few applications but nothing to worry about relating to Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Transport

Resolved to note that no report was available.

11. Publications

The following publications had been previously emailed to members, and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – July 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – August 2022.
- Letter from School Place – August and September 2022.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command - Newsletter – April 2022.
- Good to share NHS Newsletter.
- ORAS Quarterly Newsletter.

12. Any Other Competent Business - Main Road at Sourin Mill

Mr Richard Tipper reported concerns that the main road in past Sourin Mill was about to collapse into the ditch. There had reportedly been a number of vehicles which had come off the road and into the ditch at this location but members agreed that it will soon give way completely, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council Liaison Officer would ask Roads Support to investigate this issue.

13. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved to note that the next meetings of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on Saturdays 26 November 2022 and February 4, 2023, both at 09:30 at Rousay Community School.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

With there being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 17:05.