

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in North Walls School and via Teams on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs R Thomson, Ms P Johnston, Mr A Sinclair, Mr A Clark, Mrs I Mathieson (via Teams), Ms A Kinsey and Mrs T Avis.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Bevan (via Teams).
- Councillor L Hall.
- 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 Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure officers.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held on 17 November 2023 was adopted, being proposed by Mr A Clark and seconded by Mr A Sinclair.

3. Matters Arising

A. Rubbish Bins at Lyness

Following consideration of an update from OIC regarding the request to Orkney Harbours for rubbish bins at the Lyness waiting room and after hearing that they do not provide public waste bins, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update and that the ILO would request the provision of a bin again from OIC in the Business letter.

B. Graemsay BT Tower

Following consideration of an update from OIC that there were currently no live planning applications for a mast, and from Mrs I Mathieson to say that the Graemsay Community Association had been advised that it would be summer at the earliest, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

C. Cars at Moaness

Following consideration of an update from OIC regarding abandoned cars at Moaness, advising that 3 cars had had notices put on them, and an update from Mr A Clark that there was only one remaining that needed looking at, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and that Mr A Clark would obtain the registration number of the vehicle and pass it on to Councillor L Hall who would look into the issue.

D. Winter Service Plan Comments

Following consideration of an update from OIC stating that the request for an upgrade of the Braebister Road to a Priority 2 (or 2s), it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and for the ILO to put in the request again stating that the road needs to be cleared due to a school child needing to get to the boat and for a key worker to be able to get to work.

E. Aggregate

Following consideration of a request from the ILO to look into the costs for this year's aggregate allocations, it was:

Resolved to note the request and community councillors agreed for the costs to be looked into and that the ILO would advertise to invite applications for aggregate allocations.

F. Graemsay Inquiries

Following consideration of a request from the Graemsay Community Association to look into reporting required repairs to the School Road round to Windywalls and that the drains in the links need clearing to stop the current flooding issues, it was:

Resolved to note the request and that the ILO would add the request to the Business Letter.

G. Uplift Items

Following consideration of an update from the ILO regarding the ongoing issue with the need for uplift items on the island, it was:

Resolved to note the update and that avenues to try and set up an uplift scheme would continue to be looked at and that the ILO would send an email response to D Lace to advise.

H. Parents Questionnaire for Activities

Following consideration of a request from Ms A Kinsey regarding distributing a questionnaire to parents to establish needs and preferences for off island activities for the isle's children, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and that Ms A Kinsey would put a draft questionnaire together for Community Councillors to look at and add any input before distribution.

I. Response from loHDT for Community Transport Wheelchair Access

Following consideration of a response from loHDT regarding the request from the CC to clarify the requirement to pre-book wheelchair access on the community transport, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the response and for the ILO to email the thanks and appreciation of the service to the loHDT.

J. Response from Health Centre - Prescription Service

Following consideration of a response from the North Walls Health Centre regarding previous concerns raised about the prescription delivery service, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the response and that the ILO will email the thanks and appreciation of the members for the service provided.

4. Correspondence

A. R100 and Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding the Scottish Governments R100 scheme, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Communities Health and Wellbeing Fund – Round 3

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council to advise that applications for the Communities Wellbeing Fund was now open with a closing date of 12th January 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note contents of the correspondence.

C. New Scottish Islands Passport Feature

Following consideration of correspondence from HiTrans regarding the new Scottish Islands Passport, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Celebrating placemaking efforts in Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Civic Trust raising awareness of the 'My Place Awards', copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Disabled Parking at Scapa Flow Museum

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC advising of the introduction of 'call for assistance' signs at the Scapa Flow Museum, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Merry Xmas and potential meeting in the New Year

Following consideration of correspondence from North Ronaldsay Community Council inviting members to attend a meeting with various transport stakeholders to discuss mobility issues, at the end of January, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. CC Webinar with Open University Scotland – 18 January 2024

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Community Councils Improvement service regarding a skills support session for members on Thursday 18th January 2024, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Additional tranche of CDF Funding

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC advising a top up of the CDF Funding allocation to each of the community councils, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. National Improvement Framework – Adult Social Care Support and Community Health

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Islands Federation inviting members to a meeting to share views on the development of the National Framework for Adult Social Care support and Community health, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Graemsay, Hoy and Walls CC Briefing – R100 and SBVS

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC with a briefing note on the R100 and SBVS in relation to Graemsay, Hoy and Walls, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. RISE and Shine January 2024: Changing Places Update

Following consideration of correspondence from Rise Adaptations with an update on developments in Social Housing Support, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

L. King's Portrait Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC with an invitation from the Cabinet Office to apply for a portrait of the King, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

M. Scottish Islands Passport – What’s new for 2024

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Islands Passport advising of an update to the stamping stations and the Scottish Islands Passport app, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Publications

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

- VAO Newsletter - December 2023 and January 2024.
- VAO Training and Funding Update - December 2023 and January 2024.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – November and December 2023.

6. Consultations

A. Papdale Halls of Residence Allocations Policy

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding the consultation of the Papdale Halls of Residence Allocations Policy, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 19 December 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. Ferry and Air Services Consultative Forum Meetings – 31.01.24

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC advising that the date for the next Ferry and Air Consultative Forum Meeting was 31 January 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 22 December 2023, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence and an update from Councillor Hall that the Moaness Pier had recently been assessed for its continuing suitability in inclement weather.

2. That Mrs T Avis would be the new Transport representative for the Community Council with Mrs I Mathieson to be the reserve representative. Members discussed setting up a forum for the community to address any timetable changes that they wished to be raised at the next meeting in August and agreed that a suitable date and time, with plenty of forewarning was to be arranged.

C. Local Development Plan Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC advising of the consultation on Local Development Plan Scheme which would run until 7 March 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 8 January 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and for members to ensure they complete the online survey, and that the ILO would find out if there was an

available PDF to download the content onto the Facebook page for community members to participate in the survey.

D. Verge Maintenance Plan 2024

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC with the proposals for the Verge Maintenance for 2024 with a request that any comments to be submitted by 29 March 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 18 January 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Winter Service Plan 2024/2025

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC with the proposals for the Winter Maintenance for 2024/2025 with a request that any comments to be submitted by 29 March 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 18 January 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. NHS Orkney Listening Event

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC on behalf of NHS Orkney advising the dates for the Listening Events of 14 February (online), 19 February (Kirkwall) and 24 February (Dounby), copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 6 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. 0010632 – Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc (per Briggs Marine Contractors) – Cable Protection – Sanday, Stronsay and Graemsay

Following consideration of correspondence from Licensing Operations Team, Marine Directorate advising of a consultation on the licensing request to undertake a Cable Protection at a location below the level of Mean High-Water Springs with a response date required by 13 March 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 14 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

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 £19,587.44 as at 25 January 2024.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £552.85 as at 25 January 2024.

C. Community Development Fund

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £9,142.21 as at 25th January 2024.

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 25 January 2024.

8. Financial Requests

A. Haey Hope Club – Insurance and Training

Following consideration of an application from the Haey Hope Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of annual insurance for the Haey Hope Bus and the cost of MIDAS training for a driver, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £640.00 toward the cost of the annual insurance for the bus and driver and that this will be paid out of the Community Council Grant Scheme funding and that an application should be submitted on a project cost of £640.00.

B. Haey Hope Club - Shopping Trips

Following consideration of an application from Haey Hope Club requesting a donation towards the cost of the fortnightly shopping trips, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £1300.00 toward the cost of the shopping trips and that a CCGS application should be submitted on a project cost of £1300.00.

C. Island of Hoy Development Trust

Following consideration of an application from the Island of Hoy Development Trust requesting financial assistance towards the cost of annual buildings insurance for the YM Hall, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £719.00 toward the cost of the annual insurance for the YM and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £719.00.

D. St Johns Kirk SCIO

Following consideration of an application from St Johns Kirk SCIO requesting assistance towards the cost of the heritage educational materials for the Kirk, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £1,658.47 (after claiming back SC3 - £400.00) from the Seed Corn Fund and for the amount to be rounded up to £2,000.00 with the remainder to be paid out of the Community Development Fund and that applications should be submitted with a project cost of £2,000.00.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Overhanging Trees

Following consideration of a request from Mr A Clark that notices could be put out to remind residents to cut back any overhanging trees and bushes, it was:

Resolved to note the request and that the ILO would post notices in local community areas and to the Community Council Facebook page.

B. Road maintenance between the post box and the car park in Rackwick

Mr A Clark reported that he had been advised that OIC were considering relinquishing the maintenance of the road between the post box and the car parking area at Rackwick, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the concerns and that the ILO would add them to the Business Letter along with a request for an update on the road repairs needed to the corner at Hoy Vale.

C. Access to the road to the rear of the museum

Following consideration of a request from Mrs P Johnston for access for Royal Mail deliveries and contractors etc to the rear of the museum using the road that runs alongside the Romney Hut and ponds, especially when delivering heavy goods, it was:

Resolved to note the request and for the ILO add the request to the Business Letter.

D. Bag the Bruck

Following consideration of a request from Mrs T Avis for information on this year's Bag the Bruck Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note the request and for the ILO to request the details on the Business Letter.

E. Resilience Plan

Following consideration of a request from D Lace for information on a resilience strategy for the island if recent inclement weather is repeated, it was:

Resolved to note the request and that the Community Council would seek guidance from the Safety and Resilience Team, OIC, on current resilience procedures and changes that need to be considered.

F. Douglas Gunn

Following consideration of a reminder of a request by Douglas Gunn for a Facebook post for the community to have access to a survey on Scottish Rainforests, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and for the ILO to ensure that the information was posted to the community Facebook page.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 24 April 2024 at North Walls Community Centre.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:45.