

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in North Ronaldsay Community Centre and via Teams on Monday, 21 November 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mr C Kerlake, Mrs L Paterson, Mrs H Scott and Mr I Scott.

In Attendance:

- Councillor M Thomson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Ms H Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Mr S Brown, Chief Officer, Integrated Joint Board.
- Mrs I Grieve, Chair, Integrated Joint Board.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Ms H Galland, Clerk.

- Two members of the public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor S Clackson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of meeting held on Monday, 26 September 2022 was adopted, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Ms A Duncan.

3. Matters Arising

A. NHS Orkney

The invited guests representing NHS Orkney/Integrated Joint Board were asked questions by and heard comments from the Community Council Members, including:

- There is a lack of trust from the Public due to lack of communication.
- What is being done to advertise for a permanent ANP?
- How did Fair Isle fill their vacancy?
- Can we recruit a Doctor/GP or trainee instead?
- Raised First Responder recruitment and training issues.

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the following points:

- The issue of lack of ANP cover is a national issue, not exclusive to North Ronaldsay but it was acknowledged that there is more vulnerability for island residents.
- The issue of lack of First Responders on the islands was an added pressure and needed resolution, training and ongoing support.
- If the community want to see the position advertised in other publications, they should make it known which publications to try.
- That an island led video to promote living here could be undertaken.
- That recruiting a graduate trainee would not be advisable given the level of responsibility they would have to undertake.
- An audit of ambulance response times could be conducted.
- A new Chief Executive for NHS Orkney will be in position in the New Year.

B. Scrap Car Scheme

The Clerk reported the fees for scrapping cars off island, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Orkney Ferries charge £15.55 per car, and Orkney Aggregates charge £55 per hour uplift from Kirkwall Pier and pay £25 per car.

2. That Islanders will continue to be charged £10 per car for disposal.

C. Core Path Stiles

Members heard that Ann Bignall of NILPS had made contact to say she was visiting the island in December and would like to talk to people about the issue of broken stiles, including landowners and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the list compiled by Olly Gibb was a mix of core path and non-core path areas.

2. To note that members thought that core path stiles do not require landowner permission for work to be done.

3. That Democratic Services would look into which stiles on the list are actually on a core path.

D. Septic Tank Grant

The Clerk had received a price of £300 from Scottish Water for people with a contract to get their septic tank emptied, and it was:

Resolved to add another £300 to the unused funds of £300 in the CCGS category 102005.

E. Scalpings Distribution

After querying some of the lengths of road sent to the Clerk in application for scalpings, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk should contact all applicants and ask them to send a google map of their driveway along with a proper calculation of the driveway length.

2. That the applications for scalpings would be considered at the next meeting.

F. Update on Outdoor Access Fund

Mr C Kerslake had volunteered to enquire about interest in this fund, and it was:

Resolved to note that no response had been received.

4. Correspondence

A. NILPS Visit - December

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a visit from the NILPS officer in December, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. NHS Orkney - Response from Michael Dickson

Correspondence had been emailed to members from the Interim Chief Executive, NHS Orkney, regarding issues, many of which had been discussed at Item 3A above, and it was:

Resolved to see what happens after the meeting with the NHS Orkney representatives and to keep the issue on the agenda.

C. Memorial Inspections

Correspondence from the Burial Grounds Officer had been previously emailed around members, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and the date of the visit.

D. Olly Gibb - Core Path Stiles List

Correspondence from Olly Gibb had been circulated regarding the project to replace stiles, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Papa Westray CC Clerk - Response to NRCC Requests

Correspondence from the Clerk to Papa Westray Community Council had been emailed around members, and it was:

Resolved to note that PWCC were not in a position to work in conjunction with NRCC on any of the points at this stage.

F. OIC Roads Works Update

Correspondence had been emailed regarding various planned road works across the county, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Helga Scott – ANP and Other NHSO Issues

Correspondence from Helga Scott had previously been circulated, with suggestions on three letters that could be sent by NRCC to try and improve relations with NHSO and work towards a more sustainable health provision on North Ronaldsay, and it was:

Resolved to note that some of the points raised had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

H. Scottish Islands Federation - Social Care Engagement Event

Correspondence had been emailed to members regarding an event, and it was:

Resolved to note that the event had passed.

I. Avian Flu Update

An update had been received from OIC and circulated to members regarding a recent outbreak of Avian Flu, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. New Chief Executive of OIC

Correspondence had been emailed to members regarding the appointment of a new Chief Executive for Orkney Islands Council, Oliver Reid, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. HiTrans - Windracers

A letter with a survey on how Windracer drones could help islands had previously been emailed to members. After discussing the issues surrounding the trial drone, it was:

Resolved:

1. That these drones were not particularly eco-friendly as they still relied on fuel.
2. That, despite being “safe in theory”, it was deemed a risk to the current air service should malfunctions cause air traffic disruption.
3. That members could fill in the survey should they wish privately.

L. Scottish Islands Federation – Let’s Talk Education

Late correspondence had been emailed to members, which included an invitation to join the online discussion on 29 November, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

M. Island Housing Group

Late correspondence had been emailed and information to join the online meeting on 24 November had been attached. It was

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultation Documents

A. Marine Scotland Renewables – Application to Vary Section 36 Consent

Correspondence had been emailed to members regarding a consultation on an application to vary consent at the EMEC Fall of Warness Tidal Test Site, and it was:

Resolved to note that there were no comments from members.

B. OIC - Draft Verge Maintenance Plan

A consultation from OIC had been emailed to members regarding the verge maintenance plan for 2023, and it was:

Resolved to note that there were no comments from members.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Members considered the general finance statement as at 10 November 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £18,596.41.

B. Turbine Fund

Members considered the turbine statement as at 10 November 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £21,272.80.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 10 November 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £2,630.40 remained available for allocation from the main capping limit, and that £181.81 and £719 were the amounts left in the additional and island capping limits respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Members considered the Community Development Fund statement as at 10 November 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the total available for allocation was £3,656.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Members considered the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 10 November 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated and it was:

Resolved to note that there was £110 left for allocation to any eligible project.

7. Financial Requests

Resolved to note there had been no requests since the last meeting

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

It was discussed that this year's ad hoc allowance had not been fully utilised, and a question was raised as to why still no ad hoc freight plane is put on after a cancelled ferry. The issue of there being no official agreement to a request was raised, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Councillor M Thomson would extend an invite to the Transportation Manager to attend a meeting to discuss.
2. That the Clerk write to ask Democratic Services if ad hoc flights from one year could be "carried over" and whether a mid-week ferry could be put on when weekends are repeatedly too bad for a sailing.
3. To note that a review into the timetables is coming up shortly, at the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report locally.

C. North Ronaldsay Development Trust Representative

Resolved to note that the position of CDM was still in the recruitment processing stage and that there was nothing else to report.

9. Publications

The following publications had been made available to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – September 2022.
- VAO Charities Bazaar 26 November.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – October 2022.
- Scottish Water – Newsletter - Autumn 2022.
- NHS Scotland Newsletter.
- OIC Orkney Harbours - Offshore Wind Newsletter.
- Letter from School Place - October 2022.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Cattle Trailers

There was a request for an update on the whereabouts of the new trailers, and it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would chase up information on what stage the trailers were at.

B. NR Trust Newsletter

There had been a request for an update on the new community councillors to be put in the next newsletter, and it was:

Resolved that Mr C Kerslake would provide the information to the Trust.

C. Link Officer

There was a request for information on the possibility of recruiting a Link Officer for the Community Council. The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer was able to provide information, and it was:

Resolved to note that there would not be a position created at this current time.

D. Post Van

It was reported the post van was currently not functioning. Members asked how the post would be distributed on the island should the weekend ferry not dock and be able to bring a working van, and it was:

Resolved to see if the ferry made it over to North Ronaldsay before deciding on contingency plans.

E. Loganair Issues

After a brief discussion that Papa Westray Community Council were not interested in joining a group on the matter, it was:

Resolved that Mrs L Paterson would put out the request for information sharing and reporting on the NR residents' WhatsApp Group.

F. Play Area at School

After recalling the issue from the last meeting of funding to reinstate a play area for the school children, it was:

Resolved that the Sport and Leisure Service Manager had not been available to attend the meeting, but Democratic Services would chase up what opportunities might be available.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday 13 February 2023 at the Community Centre and via Teams, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 22:22.