

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager (DSM).
- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO).

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Miss H Dakin.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 10 November 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Lennie and seconded by Mr P Allan.

3. Matters Arising

A. Red Telephone Kiosks

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the Red Telephone Kiosks, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that all the parts for the interior and exterior renovation had arrived and that work had started on the renovations.
2. To note that the contractor had contacted the ILO to advise that more parts would need to be ordered.

B. Defibrillators

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the defibrillators, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Sanday Development Trust had offered a donation of £1,495 towards the cost of the defibrillators.
2. To note that the quote supplied from E Fraser Electrical for the electrical work involved with installing the defibrillators had been successful.
3. That the ILO would apply to the Spurness Community Fund for match funding to help with the funding of the three defibrillators.

C. Walter Traill Dennison Lair

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress of the renovations to the Walter Traill Dennison Lair, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO had contacted Blacksmiths in Orkney for quotes for the renovations and was waiting to receive them.
2. To note that members and the Democratic Services Manager had advised the ILO of other Blacksmiths that she could contact.
3. That the ILO would contact the other Blacksmiths in Orkney.

D. Sanday Water Treatment Works

Following a report from the Chair advising members on the progress with the gifting of the land from Scottish Water at Backaskaill beach, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the project manager at Scottish Water had been in touch with the Chair and advised that there had been a hold up of proceedings due to the Covid pandemic.
2. To note that SEPA would be carrying out sample testing of the site over a nine month period, spanning over four visits and would be using their own welfare unit to aid social distancing.

E. Scrap Cars

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress of the removal of scrap cars, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO had no updates at present.
2. To note that the ILO had been looking into other contractors that could remove vehicles from the island and was waiting for contact details.
3. That the ILO would continue researching other companies.

F. Empowering Communities

Following a report from the ILO advising members of current projects, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had recently undertaken training in organising and hosting Teams meetings, in addition to the projects previously mentioned.

4. Correspondence

A. Road Repairs

Following correspondence from the Roads Support Manager, advising that there were five categories of defects used for the safety inspections, which were set out in Section 6.6 of the Roads Management and Maintenance Plan, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would advertise on the Sanday Residents Facebook page requesting that residents contact her in relation to any road defects which she would then report to Orkney Islands Council.
2. That the ILO would take photographs of all reported road defects and forward these on to Orkney Islands Council.

B. Abandoned Cars

Following consideration of correspondence from the Environmental Technical Officer with regards to abandoned cars on the island, and advice that car owners should be able to have their vehicles removed and disposed of for no charge if they fulfil certain criteria, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had been looking into schemes to assist with the removal of cars and would update members once she has further information.

C. Police Scotland – Scams

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland on behalf of the Orkney Scam Action Group, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and the existence of a dedicated local group working against scams.

D. Foundation Scotland – Impact Portfolio

Following correspondence from Foundation Scotland inviting members to attend a webinar with regards to the new Impact Investment Portfolio, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Foundation Scotland – Endowment Policy Charges

Following correspondence from Foundation Scotland with regards to administration costs involved with making exceptional circumstances withdrawals from the policy, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Right of Way/Core Path

Following consideration of correspondence from the Road Support Technician (Asset Management and Countryside Access), advising that the path between Scarfhall and Kilnbarn was not a core path or, as far as their records show, a Right of Way, and that this did not present a physical barrier to accessing the beach and was not a countryside access issue, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Fair Start Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from Fair Start Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note that this information would be forwarded to Sanday Development Trust by the Sanday Development Trust Representative.

H. VAO Scottish Government – Strengthening Scottish Charity Law Survey

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO with a link to the survey Scottish Government – Strengthening Scottish Charity Law, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. MSP Virtual Visit to Sanday

Following further consideration of correspondence from L McArthur MSP with regards to setting up a virtual visit to Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact L McArthur MSP to advise him that the members suggested that he advertises his services on the Sanday Gruelly Belkies Facebook page and to hold a virtual surgery if requested by residents.

J. R100 Roundtable Event

Following consideration of correspondence from L McArthur MSP inviting members to the R100 Roundtable event on 5 February 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments and would not be able to attend.

K. Let Hearse

Following consideration of correspondence from Myra Stockton, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the renovation of the hearse, belonging to the Community Council, which would be reimbursed once the grant from NILPS had been claimed, it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed to finance this restoration project up front to enable the project to go ahead, which would be reimbursed at a later date.

L. Ferry Catering

Following consideration of correspondence from Stronsay Community Council with regards to the continued closure of the cafeterias on the North Isles Ferries requesting comments and opinions from other North Isles Community Councils, it was:

Resolved:

1. That members agreed that the cafeterias on the North Isles Ferries should continue to be closed at this present time, especially as the ferry crew were being used for additional cleaning duties.
2. That the ILO should respond to Stronsay Community Council.

M. Email from resident

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident with regards to potholes at Laminess turning point, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would take photographs of the potholes and forward these on to Democratic Services to report.

5. Consultation Document - Transport Consultative Forum Meetings

Following consideration of the invitation to attend the Inter-Isles Air Services and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings to be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2021, via Microsoft Teams, it was:

Resolved to note that the Transport Representative would be attending on behalf of Sanday Community Council.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 8 January 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £9,844.21.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 8 January 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £7,520.97.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 8 January, 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 £669 and £405.84 respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 8 January 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £9,419.68.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 8 January 2021, it was:

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

7. Application for Financial Assistance – F Clackson – Extension to Funds

Following consideration of correspondence from F Clackson requesting that the time limit to use the funds previously allocated from the Spurness Micro Grant Fund for

driving lessons was extended, due to the pandemic restrictions currently in place, it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed to the extension.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. Development Trust Representative

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

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

D. NILPS Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

E. Resilience Group Representative

Following a report from the Resilience Group Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that the Resilience Group Representative had attended the Recovery Group meeting on 18 January 2021 and advised that the main issues being discussed had been broadband connections and home schooling.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – September to October 2020.
- Loganair Statistics - June to September 2020.
- VAO Newsletter – October to December 2020.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Statistics

Resolved to note that the ILO would email the Orkney Ferries and Loganair Statistics to members.

B. Skips for Scrap Metal and Scrap Wire

Following discussion with regards to hiring skips for scrap metal and scrap wire, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact Orkney Aggregates to enquire if there were larger skips for hire and check with the haulier if they could transport larger skips.
2. That the ILO would book skips for the removal of scrap metal and scrap wire in February 2021, depending on availability, and that these would be advertised in the Sanday Sound and Sanday Residents Facebook page.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Sanday Community Council would be held on Tuesdays 9 March and 20 April 2021, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:40.