

Minute of the Special Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held via Zoom on Thursday, 18 February at 20:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Mrs H Scott, Ms A Duncan, and Mr I Scott.

In Attendance:

- Mr J Scott (Chairman, NRT).
- Mr M Holbrook (Director, NRT).
- Ms K Trail-Price (Director, NRT).
- Ms C Tindall (Director, NRT).
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Ms S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no apologies had been received.

2. Nurse Practitioner Accommodation

After hearing from North Ronaldsay Trust (NRT), regarding the need for accommodation for a resident nurse, it was reported that NRT felt that the only option would be to make one of the lighthouse cottages available for rent by a prospective resident nurse practitioner. There was work required to bring the cottages up to standard and NRT did not have a costing of what it would take to renovate the cottage but had requested financial assistance from the Community Council. Members would have to discuss this at an official Community Council meeting and NRT would have to provide an estimate cost for the project. It was noted that the Community Council was due money from the Trading Company from the community-owned turbines. The North Ronaldsay Community Association was also due money from that turbine fund and may also be able to help out financially, however this was to be discussed in a separate meeting.

It was agreed that a meeting between the Community Council and the NHS Estates Team would need to be scheduled as soon as possible, and that the Trust would also be represented at this meeting to discuss the specifics of the lease. Ideally, directors would like the NHS to be the tenant in the property and the lease would be between NHS and NRT. Failing that, a legal agreement should be drawn up, tying the property to the job to safeguard NRT should the nurse ultimately leave NHS. Directors would like to ask NHS if they would consider selling Linklet House to NRT and have the surgery leased back to NHS. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. To note that any agreement for the property would be between the NRT and nurse/NHS.

C. That the Clerk would get in touch with Maureen Firth (Head of Primary Care Services, NHS Orkney) to arrange a meeting with the Estates Team.

D. That Councillor H Woodbridge would liaise with the Clerk on getting a meeting organised.

Ms A Duncan left the meeting during discussion of this item.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 22:06.