

# Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in the Eday Heritage Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 6 June 2023 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr T McCabe, Mr H Thomson, Mrs S Boardman, Mr M Cockram, Mr A Garson, Mrs L Garson and Miss E Wallington.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Councillor M Thomson.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Miss I Gaudie, Community Council Liaison Assistant/Interim Clerk (via Teams).
- Mr R MacKay, Head of Planning and Community Protection (via Teams).
- Mrs A Byers, Eday Community Development Officer.

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## **1. Apologies**

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

## **2. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting held on 4 April 2023 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Boardman and seconded by Miss E Wallington.

## **3. Presentation – Eday Community Development Officer**

The members received a presentation by the new Eday Community Development Officer who provided information regarding her role and the plans which the Eday Partnership have for the island, including what projects the community council would like to see implemented, or be involved in, and what funding would be available to them. Following discussion and questions, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. First Responders**

Members discussed the item of first responders, and highlighted the following key points:

- The planning partnership had come together and agreed the current state of affairs was unacceptable and had put the issue to the Chief Executive, Pauline Howie.
- The level of training required, for no remuneration, was not an attractive proposition and hinders recruitment to the role.
- Orkney Islands Council offered funds to the Scottish Ambulance Service but as they could not guarantee the money would be ringfenced, had to decline the offer.
- Need to ensure that the current nursing posts remain in place on Eday.

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note that no update was available and that a meeting would be taking place the following week with Liam McArthur and Alastair Carmichael.

### **B. Scrap Cars and Aggregate Scheme**

The Community Council Liaison Officer provided members with copies of the current Scrap Cars and Aggregates Scheme applicants, so that discussion could take place. It had previously been agreed that £2,000 would be allocated from this year's Community Council Grant Scheme funding towards haulage of aggregate, and £500 towards scrap car removal, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That only one application would be accepted per property, for one load of aggregate.
2. That it would be the responsibility of the individual household to arrange delivery of the aggregate.
3. That the aggregate should only be used for the repair of residential tracks and roads.
4. That the 6 applicants would be awarded up to £150 towards the cost of haulage, payable on receipt.
5. That the one applicant with 3 vehicles would be awarded up to £150 towards the cost of removing the vehicles for scrap.

### **C. Pier Toilets/Waiting Room**

Members continued discussion of this issue and noted that no update had been provided. It was mentioned that there was nowhere passengers could stand at the end of the linkspan and that even a bicycle shed would be sufficient protection against the elements, and it was:

Resolved to ask again for an update on this item.

### **D. Roads Operative**

Resolved to note that no update was available, but the Head of Planning and Community Protection said he would remind the Head of Neighbourhood Services of the outstanding item.

### **E. Dredging at Eday Pier**

Members again discussed the issues regarding the build-up of silt at the pier and one member felt that it was now safer to use the linkspan rather than the steps. A letter of support had been received from EMEC, and it was:

Resolved to again ask to meet with a representative from Marine Services.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Annual Grants 2023-2024**

Members had previously been sent a copy of the letter outlining the annual grant amounts to community councils across Orkney for financial year 2023-2024, and it was:

Resolved to note that Eday Community Council would receive £4,208.12 for this financial year.

### **B. OHAL Recruitment Event**

Members had previously been emailed information from Orkney Housing Association Ltd regarding an open day to provide more information to people who may wish to join the committee, and it was:

Resolved to note that the event would be taking place on 21 June 2023 and that members were welcome to attend.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 23 May 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £9,355.62.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 23 May 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit had been fully allocated, £743 remained in the additional capping limit and the island capping limit had been fully allocated.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 23 May 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained for allocation.

## **7. Financial Request - Eday Community Association**

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Association, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, for financial assistance towards the cost of providing summer events on the island, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £904.50 should be made, subject to CCGS funding being approved.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

It was raised, and members agreed that it would be beneficial for the Training Representative to receive training for the role, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council Liaison Officer would investigate if this would be possible.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Members felt that it would be beneficial for the Planning Representative to have training and the Head of Planning and Community Protection said he would be happy to deliver this, with the possibility of training in the summer months, when people have more availability.

It was also reported that Planning Officers had been in Eday the previous Friday and were aware of the outstanding issues regarding Furrowend. The Head of Planning

and Community Protection said if the application rejection could not be resolved, then it would have to be heard by the planning committee, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Community Council Liaison Officer would arrange a suitable time for training with the Head of Planning and Community Protection.
2. To note the information provided.

## **9. Consultations**

### **A. Orkney Islands Marine Region: Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance**

Resolved to note the information provided and that no comments would be submitted.

### **B. Boundaries Scotland - Scottish Parliament consultation on provisional proposals for constituencies**

Resolved to note the information provided and that there were no changes proposed for Orkney.

### **C. OIC (Variable 20mph Speed Limit) (Island Schools) Order 2023**

Resolved to note the information provided and that the deadline for providing feedback had passed.

## **10. Publications**

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

- VAO Newsletter – April and May 2023.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – April and May 2023.
- VAO: Third Sector Cost of Living Crisis Fund.
- VAO: How well do you know VAO?
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – April and May 2023.
- Letter from School Place – April and May 2023.

## **11. AOCB**

### **A. Health and Care Liaison**

Members heard that Councillor Woodbridge was willing to put herself forward to be on the panel for ANP interviews and stakeholder event, representing the north isles, which were due to take place on 19 June 2023. The Community Council Liaison Officer explained what the Health and Care Representative role would involve, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That Miss E Wallington had previously advised that she would be willing to take up this role.

## **B. ANP Interviews/Questions**

The members discussed the potential questions they would submit for the ANP interviews, covering issues such as the challenges of lone working, living within a small community that you also work in and the remoteness of island living itself.

One member suggested that an atypical scenario of what working as an island nurse is like, be posited to the candidates, to gauge what their response would be in a time critical situation. There was further discussion regarding the pros and cons of having ANPs working on a rota basis and how to ensure the level of care provided remains consistent.

The issue of accommodation was also raised by members. They would not want to see a successful candidate be put off by a lack of appropriate accommodation, and it was:

Resolved that members were happy with the proposal to put forward Councillor Woodbridge as the Eday representative, and that members would provide her with a list of potential questions to be asked at the ANP interviews.

## **C. Bag the Bruck 2023**

A member queried if a collection would take place this year, seeing as Bag the Bruck had already taken place. Members agreed that something would be co-ordinated later in the year.

The same member also raised the issue of rubbish on the island and said she had contacted Orkney Islands Council twice but had never received a response. It was believed that the rubbish from Bag the Bruck was not allowed to be placed within domestic rubbish bins and therefore gets left at the roadside to accumulate and looks unsightly. Members felt it was counterproductive to do the clean-up if the rubbish does not get disposed of. The Eday Community Development Officer said the Trust had investigated getting more bins, and it was:

Resolved that the Eday Community Development Officer, the Head of Neighbourhood Services and a few members would arrange a meeting to discuss the issues.

## **D. Wind Turbine Project**

The Community Council Liaison Officer informed members that the project is not at a place where the Council can fully advise on proceedings. Officers hoped to come to the island later in the year to liaise with the community council, once certain confirmations were in place, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council Liaison Officer would arrange for a meeting between OIC Strategic Projects and the community council at the relevant stage.

## **E. Benches**

Following discussion what benches exist on the island and their locations, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Interim Clerk would order 3 picnic-style benches, to be paid for through the Community Council Grant Scheme.
2. That the Interim Clerk would check if plaques could be installed on the benches.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of the next meeting date, it was:

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Eday Community Council would now be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 19:30 at Eday Heritage Centre.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 21:18.