

# Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held via Teams on Monday, 6 December 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr Angus Firth, Mrs Christina Cox, Mr John Garson and Mrs Carole Maguire.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Graham Sinclair
- Councillor Heather Woodbridge.
- Mrs Maureen Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs Emma Soames, Clerk.
- Ms Eleanor Barr, Ranger for REWDT.
- Ms Hayley Green, Interim Executive Director, Environmental, Property and IT Services.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Zoe Flaws and Mr Richard Tipper, and Councillor Stephen Clackson.

## **2. Election of Office Bearers**

Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting and noted that there are elections happening in 2022.

## **3. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the meeting held on 28 September 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mrs C Cox and seconded by Mr John Garson.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Notice Boards**

Members were advised that the signs still needed to be erected, and that there has been interest in undertaking this role. There were four boards to be erected at the school, the post office, the heritage centre and possibly Egilsay pier, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would reply to interested parties with more information and wait for their responses.
2. That the Clerk would seek permission from the Heritage Centre and Ms Hayley Green would seek permission from the school for erection of those boards.

### **B. Kirkyard Matting**

Mrs Carole Maguire advised that she had been in touch with a contact at OIC with regards to the matting, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs Carole Maguire would get in touch with the new member of staff and update at the next meeting.

### **C. Memorial/Path at Rousay Kirkyard**

Members were advised that interested parties had been forwarded to Mrs Zoe Flaws, who was not in attendance, and it was:

Resolved to wait for an update at the next meeting.

### **D. Scrap Car Scheme**

Members discussed the scrap car scheme and that £255 was still available, however invoices could be backlogged, and it was:

Resolved to leave this on the agenda for the next meeting and discuss again.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Waste and Recycling Officer – Orkney Islands Council**

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the new Waste and Recycling officer for OIC, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **B. Save more lives with an AED**

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the installation of AED's, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. NHS Scotland “It’s good to share”**

Members discussed correspondence from NHS Scotland, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Winter Gritting Update – Orkney Islands Council**

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the winter gritting on Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to note that the progress of recruitment for the post on Rousay was well underway and that temporary gritting would continue until then.

### **E. North Isles Waste Management Initiative**

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the North Isles Waste Management initiative, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **F. Broadening Our Coverage – The Orcadian**

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding coverage across Orkney by the Orcadian, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **G. Orkney Drugs Dog – Community Engagement**

Members discussed correspondence regarding the Orkney drugs dog and community engagement sessions, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Account**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 24 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £26,740.65.

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

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 24 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £2,224.06, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £676, and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £654.

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

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 24 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 24 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

## **7. Financial Requests**

### **A. Egilsay Community Association - Fireworks**

Egilsay Community Association had requested £300 for fireworks, and it was:

Resolved to note that £300 was approved in 2020 and was still available from Community Council Grant Scheme for this use.

### **B. Rousay Community Association - Fireworks**

Members had agreed via email to assist Rousay Community Association financially with their fireworks display, and it was:

Resolved to provide assistance of £600, to be paid via Community Council Grant Scheme.

### **C. Digro Memorial Request**

Alice Mainland had requested £194.43 for works to improve the memorial, and it was:

Resolved to note that £194.43 had been approved via email in October and would be paid via Community Council Grant Scheme.

#### **D. Rousay Community School**

Rousay Community School had requested £500 for Christmas gifts, and it was:

Resolved to note that £500 had been approved via email in October ahead of the Christmas period, and that a general fund donation had been provided.

#### **E. D Soames – Vermin Eradication Request**

A request for vermin eradication was put in by Mr Denis Soames, and it was:

Resolved to approve that 50% would be reimbursed up to a maximum of £50 and to send the invoice to the Clerk for payment.

### **8. Consultations**

#### **A. National Care Service Consultation**

Following consideration of the National Care Service consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

#### **B. Local Transport Strategy**

Following consideration of the consultation on the Local Transport Strategy, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that the deadline for making comments was 1 December 2021.

#### **C. Briefing Note for Community Councils – Scottish Flood Forum**

Following consideration of the Briefing Note regarding the Scottish Flood Forum, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

#### **D. Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan**

Following consideration of the Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and the deadline for making comments had been 22 November 2021.

#### **E. Introduction of Memorial Permit**

Following consideration of a consultation from Orkney Islands Council relating to the proposal to introduce a memorial permit, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that the deadline for responses was 26 November 2021.

## **F. Aviation Strategy**

Following consideration of the Scottish Government's Aviation Strategy, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that the deadline was 21 January 2022.

## **9. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Planning**

Currently there was no Planning representative, however the Chair advised that there were a few applications but nothing to worry about relating to Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **B. Transport**

The Transport Representative advised that the issue with the 8:50 to Wyre/Rousay had been fixed and residents/visitors can make a booking either via the office or with the skipper, also that this will be reflected in future timetables, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

## **10. Publications**

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

- VAO Newsletter – September, October and November 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – September, October and November 2021.
- Letter from School Place – September, October and November 2021.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – June, July, August and September 2021.
- Scottish Water – Newsletter – November 2021.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Buses between Tingwall and Kirkwall**

Members discussed that the bus sometimes isn't always meeting the boat, especially after school, meaning residents have to wait several hours before their next boat home, and it was:

Resolved to note that if this happens, to report it via OIC Customer Services as soon as possible as the buses are tracked and the sooner the request is made the sooner it can be investigated.

## **B. Ranger for REWDT**

Members were shown a presentation showing an update of the purchase of the community land by REWDT, and it was:

Resolved to thank the REWDT Ranger for her attendance and the presentation, and that members look forward to the project progressing.

## **C. Road Improvements - Wabister Kirkyard**

The Chair informed everyone that the request for CDF funding was turned down by OIC, however he had been encouraged to reapply and was seeking advice from a successful applicant, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

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

Following discussion of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at 19:30 via Teams.

**Commented [Es1]:** This date needs to be updated

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

With there being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:30.