

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held at Sanday Community School and via Teams on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr P Allan, Mr J Muir and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director, Environmental, Property and IT Services.
- Ms G Speers, Clerk/Island Link Officer (ILO).
- 1 member of public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr G Ellis and Mr M Lennie.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Towrie and seconded by Mr J Muir.

3. Matters Arising

A. Walter Traill Dennison Lair

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress of the Walter Traill Dennison Lair where photographs had been shown previously showing the Lair before the start of the renovation and the finished result, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO had emailed the before and after photographs to the descendants of Walter Traill Dennison, who thanked all those involved in the renovation and that the ILO would put an article showcasing the renovation in the Sanday Sound newsletter.
2. That the ILO would contact the contractor to enquire if they would apply wet and forget to the monument to clear away the last bit of greenery.
3. That the ILO would order the wet and forget product and that this would be paid from the general fund.

B. Roos Loch Sluice

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the Roos Loch Sluice, where the flap on the beach side is broken off and the pipe filled in with shingle, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that H Green would enquire as to the timescale for work to be carried out on the sluice.
2. That the ILO would contact OIC to report this.

C. Start Point Footpath

Following a report from the Chair and further discussion following a letter and photographs from a Sanday resident with regards to the erosion of the path leading towards Start Point, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the path is on private land and that the Lighthouse board, and the Development Trust may have an interest in this issue with regards to access and for the ILO to forward the information onto them.

2. That the ILO would contact the resident to inform them of the members comments.

D. Picnic Benches

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the picnic benches purchased from Birsay Farmers, and the tender received for the removal of the old benches and the installation of the new benches, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the application to the Community Development Fund for the purchase price of the new picnic benches and haulage costs was successful.
2. That the ILO would contact the successful tender to ascertain when they would be able to start the installation of the picnic benches.
3. That the ILO would order 3 more picnic benches from Birsay Farmers and apply to the Community Development Fund for the cost of their purchase and haulage costs.

E. Kirkyard Tender Documents

Following discussion with regards to the Kirkyard tender documents for the 2022 season and the decision to offer the tender as a 3-year contract, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would advertise the tender documents in the March 2022 Sanday Sound, the Sanday Residents Facebook page and the Sanday Community Resilience Facebook page.

F. Scottish Water

Following a report from the Chair on the update of the gifting of the land from Scottish Water to Sanday Community Council, situated immediately to the west of the Cross Parish Churchyard, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that SEPA had completed monthly checks on the sludge tanks and deemed the area safe for the proposed works.
2. To note that the plans had been drawn up to develop the area into extra car parking space, interpretation boards, picnic tables and the planting of trees and wildflowers.
3. That the Chair would be liaising with the Heritage group with regards to the interpretation boards.

G. Sanday Pool

Following a report from the Chair on behalf of M Lennie with regards to funding Councillor S Clackson had proposed, that some be used towards all the island pool refurbishments. This hadn't gained the support of the other 2 North Isles Councillors, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Councillor H Woodbridge did not feel it was an appropriate use of public funding at this time and that there were other projects already ring fenced for that tranche of funding. Councillor G Sinclair concurred with this statement.
2. To note that Councillor G Sinclair stated that there was a repair programme for pools in place and that the timescale for proposed works would be within the next financial year.

4. Correspondence

A. Orkney Health and Care

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Health and Care with regards to the Locality Planning and Participatory Budgeting events in December 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would forward this letter to the Sanday Development Trust.

B. Flooding at Burness

Following consideration of correspondence from the Road Supports Manager with regards to the programme of draining and ditching works planned in 2022, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact OIC to enquire if the area of Burness was included in the planned works in 2022.
2. That the ILO would request a map and programme of the proposed draining and ditching works for 2022.
3. That the ILO would contact H Green for confirmation on timescale.

C. Orkney Inter- Island Transport Study – Outline Business Case

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transport Manager of the Marine and Transport Services with regards to the Phase 2 Outline Business Case, it was:

Resolved to note that the study had been presented to the Senior Management team in Orkney Islands Council and that they would be holding an Elected Members seminar on the Outline Business Case in February 2022 and would update the Community Councils in due course.

D. Message from Orkney Ferries Manager

Following consideration of correspondence from the new Orkney Ferries Manager with regards to recent events, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would forward the information stated on the Orkney Ferries Website with regards to updates of their services to the Sanday Residents and the Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages.

E. Strategic Projects Team

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Councils Strategic Projects Team with regards to an update on the work they have been doing to put together a location-specific community benefit scheme or Orkneys Community Wind Farm Project, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

5. Consultation Document - Verge Maintenance Plan 2022

Following discussion with regards to the consultation on the Verge Maintenance Plan 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to request that the Loth Road is re-instated in the plan.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the general finance statement as of 18 January 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £14,165.28.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 18 January 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,771.18.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 18 January 2022, 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 £676 and £503.52 respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 18 January 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £6,223.84.

E. Spurness Community Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Community Fund, as at 16 December 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining was £82,920.64.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 18 January 2022, it was:

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

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Spurness Community Fund

Resolved to note that no applications for financial assistance from the Spurness Community Grant Fund had been received.

B. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Jerry Brown

Following consideration of an application from Jerry Brown requesting financial assistance towards driving lessons, theory and practical tests, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of driving lessons, theory and practical tests.

2. Isobel Brough

Following consideration of an application from Isobel Brough, it was:

Resolved to note that the application was incomplete and that it would be dealt with via email once fully completed.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that the Transport Representative was not present at the meeting and that there was nothing to report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note 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 following information from the Chair with regards to a proposed planned meeting between the

Development Trust, Community Association and the Community Council on 1 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the only organisation that had been informed of this joint meeting was the Community Association and given that all the groups work together already this meeting may not go ahead.

D. Resilience Group Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO Newsletter – December 2021 and January 2022.
- Letter from School Place – December 2021 and January 2022.
- Orkney Area Command Newsletter for Community Councils – January 2022.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Scotland Census 2022

Following consideration of correspondence from the National Records of Scotland with regards to a job advertisement for enumerators to collate the census across the Highlands and Islands, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would advertise the job advertisement on Sanday Residents and the Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages.

B. Advertising for new members

Following discussion with regards to the upcoming elections in June where several current members are standing down and the need for advertising for new members, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would compile an advert raising the profile of the Sanday Community Council in due course.

C. Red Cross Hostel

Following a report from Councillor S Clackson with regards to the temporary closure of the Red Cross Hostel, the resignation of the manager and the need for advertising of the services for islanders, it was:

Resolved that Councillor S Clackson would send the ILO all the information to enable for it to be advertised on the Sanday Residents and the Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages.

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 22 March and 17 May 2022, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:25