

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in the Sanday Community School and via Teams on Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 19:15

Present:

Andrew Wilcox, Ute Clackson, Liam Holly, Gary Nickells and Kenneth Snelson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Stephen Clackson.
 - Councillor Mellissa Thomson.
 - Councillor Heather Woodbridge.
 - Ms Lorna Richardson, Head of Service for Neighbourhood Services.
 - Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
 - Ms Gail Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.
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- 4 members of public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Maurice Soord.

2. Election of Members

Following the invitation of nominations and a secret ballot for the two vacancies on Sanday Community Council, it was:

Resolved that Kenneth Snelson and Bruce Stuart be elected as members of Sanday Community Council.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 13 April 2023 was approved, being proposed by Gary Nickells and seconded by Liam Holly.

4. Matters Arising

A. Scrap Car Scheme

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the Sanday Community Council's scrap car scheme, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO had advertised the removal of twenty five cars through the scheme and that all twenty five places had been filled.
2. To note that the schemes Autogreen and CarTakeBack were working, and that Sinclair Haulage was removing the cars requested by these schemes.

B. Scrap Metal

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the scrap metal skips, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would contact the haulier and Orkney Aggregates to arrange for two skips to come out to Sanday back to back to collect scrap metal in July 2023.
2. That the ILO would advertise this in the July Sanday Sound Newsletter and the Sanday Residents Facebook page.

C. Special Collection

Following discussion with regards to the special collections, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would apply to the Community Council Grant Scheme for £500 to cover the cost of Special Collections.

D. Bag the Bruck

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the Bag the Bruck organised in April 2023, advising member that the bruck had not been collected, following a couple of requests to Greener Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note that the Head of Service for Neighbouring Services would investigate this.

E. Sanday Sludge Site Restoration – Backaskaill Picnic Site

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the official opening of the Backaskaill Picnic Site and that the opening day had been a success and that the buffet prepared and held at the Belsair Hotel afterwards, provided by Scottish Water had been well attended. All the pupils and staff at Sanday Community School attended the opening along with the general public and members of the Sanday Afternoon Club, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

F. Defibrillators

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the defibrillators needing new batteries, it was:

Resolved that an application would be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme towards the purchase cost of new batteries for the defibrillators.

G. Proposed meetings of North Isles Community Council Chairs

The Chair queried the possibility of a Community Council Chairs Conference being organised, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advised that a conference was being considered via Teams as this had worked well with the Resilience Communities Group during Covid lockdown.

H. King Charles III Coronation

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the success of the King Charles III Coronation event held at the school, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 be made to the Fayre Fairies for the cakes they made for the event and that the donation would be allocated from the General Fund

I. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

Following discussion with regards to the Spurness Micro Grant Fund where £5,000 is allocated to the fund annually along with the process for submission of evidencing expenditure by the grant recipients, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note contact SSE if an increase of funding up to £10,000 annually be considered.
2. That all future grants from the Spurness Micro Fund would be paid on evidence of expenditure.

J. VAO Annual Membership

Following the consideration of correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney with details of the Annual Membership totalling £15.00, it was:

Resolved to note that the membership fee of £15.00 would be made, which would be allocated from the General Fund.

5. Correspondence

A. Annual Grants Letter

Following consideration of correspondence advising of the Annual Grant of £4,529, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. White Ribbon Request

Following consideration of correspondence from White Ribbon Orkney, a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women, offering the opportunity for a volunteer speaker to give a short presentation at a Community Council meeting, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact White Ribbon Orkney to arrange a presentation.

C. Brown Road Sign

Following consideration of correspondence from a Sanday resident requesting if there were funds available to produce a brown road sign showing the route to Doun Helzie beach, it was:

Resolved to note that the coastline at Doun Helzie was eroding and that it would not be appropriate to produce a road sign encouraging tourists to walk that route due to safety issues and the ILO would write a letter to the resident explaining the members decision.

D. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Following a comment from a member of public with regards to the Islands of Orkney Brochure, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Sanday section of the Islands of Orkney brochure was out of date.
2. That the Islands of Orkney brochure was available online.
3. That members discussed appointing a Business Forum Representative and Liam Holly agreed to accept this position.

6. Consultations

Resolved to note there were no consultations to consider at present.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 15 June 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £21,345.48.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 15 June 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £11,636.00.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 15 June 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £836.20, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £62.40 and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £600.05.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 15 June 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,806.34.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 15 June 2023, it was:

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

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Grace Muir – Travel Grant

Following consideration of an application from Grace Muir, which had previously been agreed via email requesting financial assistance towards Netball trips in Orkney and Scotland, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £104 had been awarded towards travel costs to attend Netball trips in Orkney and Scotland and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost.

B. War Memorial Planters

Following consideration of correspondence from the Gardening Club, which was previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of bulbs and compost for the war memorial plant boxes, it was:

Resolved that £25.10 be awarded and an application should be submitted to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost.

E. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Erin Brown

Following consideration of an application from Erin Brown requesting financial assistance towards the cost of driving lessons, theory and driving test, it was:

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

2. Kacey Brown

Following consideration of an application from Kacey Brown requesting financial assistance to attend the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award ceremony at Holyrood in July 2023, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of attending the Duke of Edinburgh award ceremony at Holyrood in July 2023.

3. Grace Muir

Following consideration of an application from Grace Muir requesting financial assistance to take part in intensive driving lessons in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of taking part in intensive driving lessons in Inverness.

4. Arran Walker

Following consideration of an application from Arran Walker, which had previously been agreed via email, requesting financial assistance towards travel to and from Orkney to take part in the Parish Cup for Sanday, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of travelling to and from Orkney to take part in the Parish Cup for Sanday.

5. Cameron McPhail

Following consideration of an application from Cameron McPhail requesting financial assistance to travel to and from Orkney to take part in the Parish Cup for Sanday, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of travelling to and from Orkney to take part in the Parish Cup for Sanday.

6. Sanday Community Craft Hub

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Community Craft Hub requesting financial assistance towards the cost of printed leaflets to be placed on ferries and tourist establishments, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of producing leaflets.

7. Community Leaflets – Jo Jones

Following consideration of an application from Jo Jones requesting financial assistance towards the cost of printing informative leaflets designed by pupils from primary 1-4, it was:

Resolved that £95 be awarded towards the cost of producing informative leaflets designed by pupils from primary 1-4.

9. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that an application had been submitted to create an access at Benziecott Mill, Measer Road.
2. To note that an application had been submitted to install an air source heat pump at the Sanday Mens Shed.

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 that the Trust would be holding their Annual General Meeting on 19 June 2023.

10. Publications

The following publications had been made available to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – April to May 2023.
- Letter from School Place – April to May 2023.

11. Any Other Competent Business – Sanday Sound Newsletter

Following an update from the ILO with regards to applying to Scottish Sea Farms for funding to help with the costs to produce the Sanday Sound Newsletter, it was:

Resolved:

A. That members agreed to apply to the Scottish Sea Farms for £3,000 towards the cost of the newsletter.

B. That an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance towards the cost of producing one years' supply of the Sanday Sound newsletter.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 31 August 2023 commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:00.