

# **Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls Community Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 at 19:00**

## **Present:**

Mrs G Robertson, Mr A Clark, Mr C Bates and Mrs R Thomson.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Councillor J Stockan.
- Councillor M Thomson.
- Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director for Environmental, Property and IT Services.
- Mrs K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from T Avis, A Sinclair and J Traynor and A Sinclair.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 16 November 2021 was approved, being proposed by C Bates and seconded by A Clark.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Abandoned Vehicles**

Following consideration of an update from the ILO regarding the abandoned vehicle at Lyness that has been reported to Environmental Health, who were looking into it, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

### **B. Winter Service Plan**

Following consideration of an update from Councillor R Crichton regarding the changes to the Winter Service Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

### **C. Rackwick Road**

Following consideration of an update from Democratic Services and A Clark regarding the large potholes on the road by the Old Plantation, and that plates had been secured as a temporary repair, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the update.
2. To note the update from Councillor M Thomson that the repairs would be completed over the next couple of months.

### **D. Uplift of Household Items**

Members considered an update from C Bates that, having looked into costs with JMF Groat's, the cost of 1 ton of waste removal would be approximately £800-£900, and agreed that the CC did not currently have adequate funds to cover this. Councillor J Stockan referred to the existing OIC waste collection service, and the Interim Executive Director advised that she would investigate services on other isles, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the update.

2. That the ILO would inform the Wellbeing Officer of the current situation.
3. That the ILO would make further attempts to contact Restart to discuss an island collection.

## **E. Graemsay Emergency Helicopter Landing Area**

Following consideration of an update from the ILO with the information from the Interim Executive Director regarding the Emergency Landing procedures for Graemsay, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

## **F. Bag the Bruck 2022**

Following consideration of a query from T Avis regarding the details of Bag the Bruck 2022 and an update from the ILO that details of the recent OIC meeting about this were due, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact Democratic Services to seek an update.

## **G. North Walls Swimming Pool**

The Chair asked about the outstanding maintenance on the North Walls Swimming Pool and if OIC were going to take over the repairs as the pool was not currently fit for purpose. Councillor R Crichton stated that there had been a recent meeting to discuss this but nothing had been decided, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

## **H. Kirkyard Tenders**

Following consideration of a query from R Thomson on when the Kirkyard Tenders will be put out to the public, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would contact Democratic Services to see if there could be an increase in the existing 8 cuts.
2. That the ILO would confirm how many community councillors needed to vote on the tenders.
3. That the ILO would put up public notices once the above details had been confirmed.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. It's Good To Share – NHS Improvement Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Improvement Scotland with an information update and stating that they were happy for the community council to share the information updates to the Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council Facebook page, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **B. Waste and Recycling Officer**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, with details of the new Waste and Recycling Officer and the request for information on any current island initiatives, it was:

Resolved to note contents of the correspondence.

## **C. Letter of Support for Graemsay Phone Box**

Following consideration of correspondence from A Lee, Secretary of the Graemsay Community Association regarding the letter of support for the Graemsay Phone Box to be used to house a defibrillator, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **D. Briefing Note – Route Based Forecasting**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Roads Support Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated, with information on the way winter maintenance was going to be planned in future, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **E. Guidance Note – Attendance at CC meetings**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising of up-to-date guidance on attendance at CC meetings, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study (OIITS) Outline Business Case (OBC)**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transportation Manager regarding the Phase 2 Outline Business Case report, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **G. Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project – Update**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding an update on the Orkney Community Wind Farm Project, copies of which had been previously forwarded, and stating that the community benefit details were yet to be firmed up, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **H. Flotta, Graemsay, Hoy and Walls – Orkney Matters Meeting**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the “Orkney Matters” meeting for Flotta, Graemsay, Hoy and Walls, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the positivity and the good turn-out at the meeting.
2. To request copies of the minutes of the meeting once they were available.

## **I. Correspondence – Free Childminding Course**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Service Manager, Community Learning, Development and Employability, copies of which had previously been circulated and posted to the community council Facebook page, regarding a free childminding course, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **J. Hoy Head Breakdown**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Ferry Services Manager regarding the Hoy Head breakdown, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **K. Orkney Ferries Text Service**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Ferry Services Manager on the cessation of the Orkney Ferries text service, and the subsequent complaints received by the CC, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Transport Representative would bring up these issues at the next meeting of the Ferry Service consultative forum.

## **5. Consultations**

### **A. 2022 Verge Maintenance Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the 2022 Verge Maintenance Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **B. Highland Wind Limited – Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm – Dounreay, Caithness**

Following consideration of correspondence from Marine Scotland regarding the Scoping “Addendum” Consultation by Highland Wind Limited for the Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm, Dounreay, Caithness, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 24 December 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that comments had needed to be in by 22 January 2022.

## **C. Fourth National Planning Framework**

After consideration of the information on a Scottish Government consultation regarding the National Planning Framework, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 8 December 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Publications**

Resolved to note that the following publications were made available at this meeting:

- Police Scotland - Orkney Area Newsletter - January 2022.
- Orkney Ferry Statistics - September 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – November, December 2021 and January 2022.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update November, December 2021 and January 2022.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the community council’s general finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £15,973.25 as at 18 January 2022.

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

Following consideration of the 2021/2022 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 18 January 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was fully allocated, there was £676 remaining in the additional capping limit and the island capping limit was fully allocated.

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

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04 as at 18 January 2022.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £1,258.47 as at 18 January 2022.

## **8. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Community Council Newsletter**

After consideration of an update from the ILO regarding setting up a collaboration with the loHDT to update the existing 'Blether' newsletter as a joint venture to include community council news, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To support the newsletter collaboration.

### **B. Lighting on St Colm's**

Following consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the flickering and inconsistent timings of the lighting on St Colm's Quadrant, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the concerns.
2. That the ILO would raise the issue on the business letter to Democratic Services.

### **C. Gritter**

After consideration of a question raised by a member as to why the gritter was based at Lyness council depot when the OIC worker lived in Longhope, it was:

Resolved to note the question and that Councillor R Crichton advised it was due to OIC's Operators License.

### **D. Car Park at Osmandwall**

After consideration of a number of requests for a car park to be made at Osmandwall Cemetery, due to the large numbers of vehicles in attendance at a recent funeral that caused issues for the Hearse to access the cemetery, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the requests and for the issue to be looked into further.
2. That the ILO would ask OIC, through the business letter to Democratic Services, to look at filling in the ditch next to the cemetery to allow more cars to park.

## **E. SSEN Subsea - Orkney - Hoy Subsea Cable Installation**

Following consideration of correspondence by C Hodge, SSEN Subsea Project Liaison Manager, requesting a date for a Teams meeting with the community council to give an update, copies of which had been forwarded to members on 1 February 2022, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would request a meeting for 15 February at 19:00.

## **F. Scotland's Census 2022**

Following consideration of correspondence with a request from D Black, Scotland's Census 2022, for the community council to post the details of vacancies on their Facebook page, it was:

Resolved to agree that the vacancy advert could be posted.

## **G. Clearance of Rubbish - Lyness**

Following consideration of a request from a member that the remains of the dumped household rubbish from the slab at Lyness pier, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would add the request to the business letter to Democratic Services.

## **H. Official Opening of the Scapa Flow Museum**

Following consideration of an update by Councillor J Stockan advising that the official opening date for the Scapa Flow Museum was to be the weekend of 17 September 2022, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the update.
2. That the ILO would advise Democratic Services that Orkney Ferries may need to provide extra ferries for the weekend.

## **I. Hoy Half Marathon**

Following consideration of an update from the ILO that the Hoy Half Marathon would not be going ahead this year due to lack of committee members, it was:

Resolved to note the update.

## **J. Headstones at Hoy Kirkyard**

Following consideration of concerns raised by Councillor M Thomson that there were a number of headstones at Hoy Kirkyard that had blown over, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would add to the business letter to Democratic Services.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 19:00.

## **10. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:00.