

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 25 October 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mr I Scott and Mrs H Scott.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director, Environment, Property and IT Services.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms H Galland, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of meeting held on 30 August 2021 were adopted, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Ms A Duncan.

3. Matters Arising

A. Cattle Grid

The issue of the new gate at the Pier Cattle Grid was discussed, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write a letter to the Council via Democratic Services asking for the post be realigned to allow the gate to function.

B. Bike Shed

After a discussion about the new shed, it was:

Resolved that posters and other methods of reaching residents be posted highlighting its availability.

C. NRCC Loan

After a discussion about the extension to repay the loan, it was made apparent the North Ronaldsay Trust were now immediately repaying the loan and that it was

Resolved to note when the payment comes in.

D. North Ronaldsay ANP Post

After hearing there had been no applicants for the readvertised post, it was:

Resolved to continue advertising for the post in the hope that it would be filled shortly.

E. Fuel Tanks

The Clerk advised that the tanks were both now padlocked. After a discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk organise for the tanks to be painted with the wording: "N Ron usage only" (number 1 or 2) and advise on price of materials and labour.
2. That a notice explaining the purpose of the tanks and their usage be drawn up and offered to the Chair for approval prior to publicising.
3. That there is CCGS funding available to pay for the painting.

F. Stiles around NR Core Path

After discussing the correspondence from Democratic Services regarding works to the stiles, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Democratic Services would confirm who is responsible for the works.
2. That a letter indicating the urgency of the work be considered.
3. That there should be a meeting of the Sheep Court to discuss their requirements vs requirements for tourism usage.
4. That Democratic Services would review old minutes to find the original list of gates.

G. Island Development Plan

After discussing the future plan, it was:

Resolved to note that HIE were funding the plan and that a professional will be drawn in to write it.

H. Orkney Ferries Update

After discussion that there had been no headway in addressing the issues, it was:

Resolved to wait until the new manager was in post, and that the issue was ongoing.

I. War Memorial Update

After discussing the correspondence from James Dowell and Son, which had been received on the morning of the meeting, regarding works to the memorial, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would forward the correspondence to Mr I Scott for review.

4. Correspondence

A. Community AT Projects

Correspondence had been circulated regarding funding for active travel projects, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for applications had passed.

B. Community Council Meeting Guidance

Correspondence regarding physical attendance at meetings had been previously emailed, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Connecting Scotland Round 3

Correspondence had been circulated regarding another round of the Connecting Scotland funding, and it was:

Resolved to note the criteria for the funding.

D. RBLI - Remembrance Preparation

Correspondence had been emailed regarding the purchase of Tommy Statues, and it was:

Resolved to note there had been no requests for a Tommy Statue.

E. Scottish Land Commission - Orkney Virtual Meeting

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a visit of the Scottish Land Commission in September, and it was:

Resolved to note that the meeting had passed.

F. VAO "Worrying about Money" Leaflet

Correspondence had been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the event had passed, but that leaflets were available on the island.

G. Scottish Flood Forum

Correspondence had been circulated regarding a visit of the Scottish Flood Forum, and it was:

Resolved to note that the meeting had already taken place.

H. Orkney Sheep Foundation

Correspondence had been circulated from the Orkney Sheep Foundation, and it was:

Resolved to note that the original archaeologist visit had been cancelled and another was being scheduled.

I. VAO Community Directory

Correspondence had been emailed regarding updates to the directory, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

J. Orkney Drugs Dogs

Correspondence had been circulated from the Drugs Dog handler, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would invite Kevin Moar to talk at the next Community Council meeting via Teams.

K. North Ronaldsay Trust - Tourism Board Visit

Correspondence had been emailed regarding an island visit, and it was:

Resolved to note the Tourism Board visit had passed.

L. Isles Special Collection Rota

Correspondence had been emailed to inform members of the new rota for collections, and it was:

Resolved to note that posters had been publicly displayed.

M. VAO Young Person Guarantee

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a guarantee for young people in light of the difficulties of Covid, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

N. Scottish Flood Forum Follow-up

Correspondence had been circulated with feedback from the Orkney visit, and it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would liaise with the Clerk on how the charity might be able to help islanders.

O. Orkney Rape Crisis - 16 Days of Activism

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a campaign, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

P. Orkney Islands Council - Winter Service Plan

Correspondence had been emailed regarding the plan and policy for the winter period, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultation Documents

A. Review of Inter Isles Fare Structure

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a consultation on the fare structure of Orkney Ferries, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed for comments.

B. Scrutiny of Electoral Boundaries

Correspondence had been emailed from the Scottish Parliament, regarding amendments to electoral boundaries, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed.

C. NHS Orkney Clinical Strategy

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a consultation on clinical strategy, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed.

D. National Care Service - Online Engagement

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a consultation, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would liaise with Councillor H Woodbridge to circulate notices inviting residents to participate.

E. Housing Survey on Short Term Lets

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a housing survey, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

F. Local Transport Strategy

Correspondence had been emailed regarding a consultation on the local transport strategy, and it was:

Resolved that the information had been circulated to island residents.

G. Aviation Strategy

Correspondence had been emailed regarding another transport consultation, and it was:

Resolved that the information had been circulated to island residents.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Members considered the General Finance statement as at 11 October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £13,339.90.

B. Turbine Fund

Members considered the Turbine statement as at 11 October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £21,221.80.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 11 October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £197.53, £534.40 and 534.59 remained available for approval in the main, additional and island capping limits respectively.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 11 October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that total available for allocation was £3,656.00.

7. Financial Requests

It was resolved to note that two applications for financial support had been withdrawn prior to consideration.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

After discussion about the incoming Loganair winter timetable, and increasing bureaucracy from Loganair staff, it was:

Resolved to note there was nothing further to report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Development Trust Representative

It was reported that the North Ronaldsay Meat Larder had been given the go ahead and notices had been circulated. Trebb continues to be cleaned in preparation for SFRS to access and use the garage area, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

9. Publications

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

- VAO Worrying About Money Leaflet
- Loganair Statistics - July and August 2021.
- Letter From School Place - September and October 2021.
- NHS Its Good to Share.
- VAO Training and Funding Update - September 2021.
- VAO Newsletter - September 2021.
- Scottish Water Autumn Newsletter.
- Orkney Ferries - Statistics - June 2021.
- Police Scotland Newsletter - October 2021.

10. Any Other Competent Business

It was resolved to note there was no other business to discuss.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 15 December 2021 via Teams, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:11.