

# Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in Sanday Community School on Tuesday, 9 October 2018 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr P Allan, Mr G Ellis, Miss H Dakin, Mr M Lennie, Mr J Muir and Mr A Towrie.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mr M Grieve, Scottish Water.
- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO).

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## **1. Presentation - Scottish Water**

After hearing a presentation from the Scottish Water representative regarding the proposed gifting of land at Backaskaill beach from Scottish water to the island for beneficial use, it was:

Resolved to note that members were in favour of this and suggested that the area be transformed in to car parking space for the new cemetery.

## **2. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 9 October 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Allan and seconded by Mr J Muir.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Sunken Graves**

Following consideration of a report from the Chair providing an update on the sunken graves within the kirkyard, it was resolved:

1. To note that the Caretaker had compiled a list of graves in most need of repair and identified at least 60.
2. That the successful tenderer would be asked to repair five graves first to gauge how much repairs would cost per lair.

### **B. Cross Kirkyard Lairs**

Following correspondence from Orkney Islands Council in response to the members query regarding the available lairs in Burness and the new lairs in Cross Kirkyard, it was resolved:

1. To note any unreserved lairs in the Burness cemetery can be kept for future use.
2. To note that the majority of burials would take place in the new extension at Cross.
3. To note that in the new cemetery burials would commence at the corner lair of the plinth and each burial thereafter takes place in the next available lair.
4. That the ILO would contact OIC to arrange for an update on the rabbit proofing of the new cemetery gates.

### **C. War Memorial**

Following a report from the Chair advising members that an area around the war memorial had been damaged by a large heavy vehicle, it was:

Resolved to note that this had been repaired on behalf of Scottish Hydro free of charge.

#### **D. Dog Mess at Cata Sand**

Following discussion regarding dog mess at Cata Sand and at various areas around the island, it was:

Resolved to note that the landowner had been contacted and had agreed to signs being erected on their land.

#### **E. Old Phone Box at School**

Following correspondence from BT in connection with the removal of the telephone kiosk at the school, it was resolved:

1. To note that the 90-day consultation process had been started for the removal of the telephone kiosk.
2. To note that, if after the consultation process with the council there were no objections, then it could take up to nine months before the kiosk was removed.
3. To note that BT had reported the damage so allow it to be repaired.

#### **F. Housing in Sanday**

Following concerns regarding the apparent lack of housing available on the island for families moving in, it was:

Resolved that members noted the correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that they would be working alongside the Sanday Development Trust to address this concern.

#### **G. Verge Maintenance**

Following correspondence in response to the verge maintenance plan for Sanday, it was resolved:

1. To note that members would have liked to have been informed why certain areas were not included for cutting and that the plan was the same as the plan for 2017.
2. That the ILO write a letter to Orkney Islands Council to address this.

#### **H. Kettletoft Shower**

Following discussion of a fault with the shower at Kettletoft, it was:

Resolved to note that it had been fixed.

#### **I. Barbed Wire Scrap**

Following a request from members of the public regarding the disposal of barbed wire scrap, it was resolved:

1. To note that the ILO would get in touch with Sinclair Haulage to arrange for a skip to come out to Sanday to collect the barbed wire scrap.
2. That a notice would be put in the Sanday Sound to advertise this.

## **J. Empowering Communities**

Following a report from the ILO advising members on progress with various items, it was resolved:

1. To note that the ILO attended the digital training on 5 September 2018 and felt this would be useful for the island.
2. That the ILO would get in touch with the Development Trust to check that as the Trust hold an ipad/laptop clinic already that the digital training would not adversely affect this.
3. To note that Orkney Islands Council gave permission for the ILO to advertise on the Sanday Residents page on Facebook.
4. That the ILO advertised in the Sanday Sound and put up notices around the island showing what services the Community Council are involved with on the island.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Isles operations – Reviews of Systems of Work and Training Programme**

After consideration of correspondence from the Roads and Environmental Manager regarding Isles operation and the review of systems of work and training, it was:

Resolved to note that members requested that there should be a review of work practice on the island, suggesting that both parties work full time on a week on/week off basis, or both working together part time all the time rather than lone working.

### **B. Sanday School Parent Council**

Following concerns from the Parent Council in regards to the Ferry timetable being changed to accommodate pupils from Eday attending Sanday School and items from the final report of the Conversations Events which was held in Kirkwall in June 2018, it was resolved:

1. To note that the Ferry timetable had now changed to accommodate this.
2. To note that concerns had been raised by the School Parent Council as to why the Junior High Schools were highlighted by people at the Kirkwall meeting.
3. To note that Junior High Schools were on the top five list for education with suggestions of digital learning.
4. That the ILO contact Westray and Stronsay Community Council to discuss the issues on the item of digital learning in the report

5. That the view of the Isles is that the Council should be employing teaching staff that would relocate and stay on the island, rather than flying in as this is a big expense.

6. To note that the Parent Council and members agreed that Digital learning was not an option for this age of pupils.

### **C. Thank You Letters**

The ILO advised that thank you letters had been received from Mrs Rosemary Newton on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Group and Kirstie Bruce on behalf of the Sanday Artists Craft Trail, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letters.

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

Following discussion regarding the proposed removal of scrap cars, it was:

Resolved to note that members required an update on what funds remained available in the budget provided by Orkney Islands Council.

### **E. THAW Wellbeing Orkney Report September 2018**

Following consideration of the THAW Wellbeing Orkney report for September 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **6. Consultation Document - Verge Maintenance Plan 2018**

Following consideration of the Verge Maintenance Plan 2018 consultation document, it was:

Resolved to note the Consultation document and that the closing date for feedback was Friday 15 March 2019.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 26 September 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £10,521.96

### **B. Spurness Wind Fund**

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 26 September 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £3,993.42

## **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 26 September 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £1,051.54 additional capping limit was £389.96 and the Island capping limit was £330.

## **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 15 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £9,419.68.

## **E. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 26 September 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £4,218.03.

# **8. Applications for Financial Assistance**

## **A. Seed Corn Request**

Following consideration of an application requesting financial assistance from the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that the application had been forwarded to Democratic Services for advice and that funding had been refused.

## **B. Sanday School Parent Council**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Sanday School Parent Council, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of fireworks for the annual bonfire and fireworks display, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £200 be awarded towards the cost of fireworks, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

## **C. Spurness Micro Grant Fund**

Mr J Muir and Mr M Lennie declared an interest in this item and were not present during discussion thereof.

### **1. Caitlin Muir**

Following consideration requesting financial assistance towards the cost of travel to attend Under 15 Netball Orkney training, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards travel costs from the Micro Fund.

## **2. Grace Muir**

Following consideration requesting financial assistance towards the cost of travel to attend Under 13 Netball Orkney training, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards travel costs from the Micro Fund.

## **3. Lyla Lennie**

Following consideration requesting financial assistance towards the cost of travel to attend Under 13 Netball Orkney training, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards travel costs from the Micro Fund.

# **9. Reports from Community Council Representatives**

## **A. Transport Representative**

Following a report from the Transport Representative regarding feedback from the Air and Ferry Consultation event held on Wednesday, 22 August 2018, it was resolved:

1. To note that Stronsay had requested if their ferry could do a day return on the day of the Sanday Show so that residents could attend this event.
2. That bookings for flights from Sanday to Kirkwall on Sundays can only be booked from 2pm on a Friday, members felt this was a step back for Sanday.
3. To note that booking on line was available.
4. To note that, at the Forum, a figure of £3,800 was given to Sanday and Stronsay if they wanted to pay for their own flight on a Sunday. Stronsay did not want to go down this route.
5. To note that phone queries were being logged so that accurate passenger figures could be recorded for future reference on demand.
6. That Members discussed if it was possible to have an earlier Saturday morning flight in the winter to enable children to attend events in Kirkwall and what would the cost be for a Saturday afternoon flight from the start of the winter timetable at the end of October to the end of December.

## **B. Planning Representative**

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that an application had been submitted for development at Woo.

## **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 the content of the report and that J Muir would not be able to attend the next Trust meeting.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd Statistics – June 2018.
- Loganair Inter Island Statistics – August 2018.
- VAO Newsletter - August 2018.

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

### **A. Farm Plastic Waste**

Following concerns regarding the disposal of Farm Plastic Waste and the lack of facilities to weigh the plastic on Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note that measures need to be put in place urgently to facilitate this disposal and that Councillor K Woodbridge and the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council regarding this.

### **B. Christmas Tree Lighting**

Following discussion in regards to the date of the tree lighting, it was resolved:

1. That the date of the tree lighting would be Saturday, 1 December 2018
2. That the ILO would order a Christmas tree.

### **C. Police Scotland**

Following a funding request for the Orkney Drugs Dog Charity fundraising day, the date of which had passed, it was:

Resolved to note that, as members agreed that it was a worthy cause, a donation of £200 be awarded to the Charity on the condition that the Drugs dog made a visit to Sanday.

### **D. Islands of Orkney Brochure**

Following consideration of the information provided in the brochure, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would get in touch with all the business's and service providers to update their details for the brochure.

### **E. Your Island, Your Choice**

Following correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney regarding this fund, with a participating budget of £69,000, asking how the 13 islands would like it distributed, it was:



Resolved to note that members suggested that the fund be split evenly between the islands.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2018 and Tuesday 22 January 2019, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:10.