

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in the Sanday Community School on Wednesday, 8 October 2019 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Ms G Speers, 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 H Dakin and Councillors G Sinclair and K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 4 September 2019 was approved, being proposed by P Allan and seconded by J Muir.

3. Matters Arising

A. SSEN – Defibrillators

Following discussion in regard to the unsuccessful funding application to the Resilient Communities Fund for the purchase of defibrillators to be installed in the adopted red telephone kiosks, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would enquire into other sources of funding.

B. Grass cutting and Walter Traill Dennison Lair

Following discussion in relation to extra cuts, repair to the railings and general upkeep of the Walter Traill Dennison lair, it was resolved:

1. That no extra cuts were needed.
2. To note that the ILO had made contact with the descendants of Walter Traill Dennison, who gave their whole hearted consent for the Community Councils plans to repair the lair and would like to make a contribution towards these repairs. J Muir was enquiring into the cost of these repairs.

C. Sunday Excursions

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council (OIC) with regards to members requesting if Eday could have their own separate trip to Papa Westray, it was:

Resolved to note that as Eday had no issue with their excursion timetable, and it was not planned to make changes at this time.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of correspondence where members previously enquired if they could use funds from the Community Development Fund for repair of sunken lairs and dykes in the Kirkyards, it was:

Resolved to note that this would not be a project that would fit with the criteria for the Community Development Fund.

E. Logo Designs for Brochure

Following a large artistic display of logos, shown anonymously by the Sanday School P7-S2 children, to be used for the Community Councils new brochure and judged by the members, it was resolved:

1. That Zara Downie from S2 was declared the winner of the Logo competition.
2. That J Seatter was to source a prize and award the winner at the next school assembly.

F. Empowering Communities

Following a report from the ILO in relation to the Brochure, where an updated edition was passed around the members for their perusal, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

G. Tree Planting

Following a report from the ILO with regards to research into the most suitable tree to plant on Sanday to be used as a future Christmas tree, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the research and for the ILO to enquire as to the species of tree that was growing best in the School's plantation.

H. Sunken Graves

Following a report from the Chair in relation to sunken graves on Sanday where the caretaker had repaired twenty five previously, it was:

Resolved to note that the caretaker had been repairing sunken lairs privately and was willing to continue to do this for families at a cost of £20 per lair.

4. Correspondence

A. Salmon Cages

Following correspondence from OIC in relation to the query by members if the Community Council could obtain revenue from this rental, to use for the benefit of the Sanday Community, it was:

Resolved to note that the Director of Development and Infrastructure had advised that this matter would require committee input from the relevant departments prior to making any decision/progress.

B. NILPS – North Isles History Project

Following correspondence in relation to a North Isles History Project team coming out to Sanday on Monday 28 October 2019 to hold a public evening session, and a separate session for representatives from various groups on the island in the afternoon, it was resolved:

1. That the ILO was to pass the information of the various group representatives to NILPS so that they could then arrange a meeting and advertise the public event on Sanday Residents Facebook page.

2. That J Seatter and P Allan would attend as Community Council representatives.

C. Special Collection

Following correspondence from a resident in relation to a special collection claim, and further discussion from members, it was:

Resolved to note that the applicant would be reimbursed £50 and that the ILO would ensure that the correct protocol for claiming reimbursement is itemised in the new brochure.

D. Old Cross Wobbly Tombstone

Following correspondence from OIC regarding the Old Cross wobbly tombstone it was:

Resolved to note that the relevant department had been made aware of the tombstone requiring attention and this had been logged for repair in due course.

E. Beach Waste at Kettletoft

Following correspondence in relation to the beach waste at Kettletoft that was reported to OIC, it was:

Resolved to note that this had been reported and arrangements had been made with the waste contractor to uplift it.

F. Loth Quarry Ragwort

Following correspondence in relation to the Ragwort at Loth Quarry, it was:

Resolved to note that OIC had advised that they were currently looking into this issue and would report back.

5. Consultation Documents

A. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland

Following consideration of the Consultation document from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 24 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £7,446.28.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 24 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £7,056.21.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 24 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was fully allocated, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £507.92, and the balance remaining in the Island capping limit was £330.00.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 24 September 2019, 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 24 September 2019, it was:

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

7. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. School Parent Council

Following consideration of correspondence from the School Parent Council, requesting financial assistance to cover the cost of fireworks at the annual island bonfire and firework display, it was:

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

B. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Under 17 Netball trips

J Muir declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident, requesting financial assistance for their child to attend Under 17 Netball Orkney District Squad trips in Scotland, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund.

2. Under 15 Netball trips and training

J Muir declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident, requesting financial assistance for their child to attend four Under 15 Netball Orkney District Squad trips in Scotland and to attend Under 15 Netball Orkney weekly training sessions in Kirkwall, it was resolved:

1. That £250 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund for the four trips to Scotland.
2. That a grant of £104 be provided towards travel costs for the weekly training sessions in Kirkwall, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

3. Badminton training

Following consideration of correspondence from Cameron McPhail, requesting financial assistance to attend Badminton Orkney training sessions, it was:

Resolved that £130 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund.

4. Christmas Tree Group

J Seatter declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from the Christmas Tree Group, requesting financial assistance to run a Halloween party for all the island and visiting children, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund.

5. British Sign Language Classes (BSL)

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident, requesting financial assistance to run BSL classes on Sanday, it was:

Resolved that £243 be awarded from the Micro Grant Fund.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that 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, including an update on the Kettletoft project, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

D. NILPS Representative

Resolved to note that J Seatter and P Allan would be meeting with the project members from the NILPS North Isles History Project on Monday 28 October 2019.

9. Publications

The following publication was made available to members:

- VAO Newsletter – June 2019.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Door at the Beacon Tower in Kettletoft

Following a report from the Chair regarding the door at the Beacon Tower, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had reported this to OIC and provided photographs of the door.

B. Speeding vehicles through Lady Village

Following a report from G Ellis with regards to the speeding vehicles passing through Lady Village, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact OIC to make enquiries into the possibility of 20mph road signs and/or foot paths in Lady Village.

C. B98 Destroyer Gun

The Chair provided a report in relation to the B98 Destroyer Gun which was previously renovated and displayed in Portsmouth and currently in OIC storage. Following a request from the Development Trust Heritage Group for the gun to be returned to Sanday and displayed, it was resolved:

1. That the Community Council gave their full support for its safe return.
2. That the ILO write to the relevant department confirming the support of the Community Council.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings would be held on Tuesday, 26 November 2019 and Tuesday 28 January 2020, both commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

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