

# **Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in Sanday Community School and via Teams on Thursday, 29 February 2024 at 19:30**

## **Present:**

Gary Nickells, Ute Clackson, Liam Holly, Ken Snelson and Bruce Stuart.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor Stephen Clackson.
- Councillor Melissa Thomson (via Teams).
- Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (via Teams).
- Gail Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.
  
- 1 member of public

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## **1. Election of Office Bearers**

After hearing a report from the Vice Chair with regards to the Election of Office Bearers, it was:

Resolved that the Office Bearers would remain unchanged.

## **2. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Andrew Wilcox and Councillor Heather Woodbridge.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 9 November 2023 was approved, being proposed by Ken Snelson and seconded by Bruce Stuart

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Christmas Tree Lighting**

Following discussion with regards to the Christmas Tree Lighting that was held on Friday, 1 December 2023, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that there had been challenges with the Christmas tree due to its late arrival to the island and as it was too tall and thick, this meant it had to be cut down to size with a chainsaw.
2. To note that the collaborative Christmas Tree lighting event with the Community Council and Sanday Development Trust, where the Trust held a candlelight music event in the polycrub directly after the tree lighting, proved successful and that members would suggest combining the tree lighting event with the Trust again for next year, and for the carols to be sung in the polycrub with recorded music, instead of around the tree.
3. To note that the Christmas Tree lights need replacing.

### **B. Defibrillators**

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the purchase of the Cardio Caddy, new defibrillator, the purchase of 3 new batteries for the defibrillators in the phone kiosks and the repair of the door at the Burness phone kiosk housing one of the defibrillators, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO had ordered the CardioCaddy and new defibrillator, but arrival had been delayed. The ILO would contact the company for a new delivery date.

2. That the ILO would order new batteries for the 3 defibrillators in the phone kiosks, the defibrillator at Loth waiting room and new pads for the defibrillator at Loth.

3. That an application would be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme to cover the costs of the defibrillator batteries and pads.

4. To note that due to the high cost of a new door for the phone kiosk at Burness, members agreed that a wooden surround be made to hold the existing glass and that they would arrange with the Men's shed to make the surround.

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

Following discussion with regards to the criteria for the Spurness Micro Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that there would be a separate meeting held to discuss this.

### **D. Kirkyard Grass Cutting**

Following discussion with regards to the grass cutting season of 2024, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would advertise the tender in the April Sanday Sound, the Sanday Residents Facebook page, the Sanday Community Resilience Facebook page and display notices in the shops and community notice boards.

### **E. Sanday Sound Production Costs**

Following discussion with regards to Sanday Sound Production Costs, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact Scottish Water to enquire if they had funding schemes to assist financially and that Councillor M Thomson suggested contacting SSEN to enquire about help with funding.

### **F. Sanday Cinema**

Following discussion with regards to the Community Councils plans to host Cinema nights in the Community room, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would be in contact with Andrew Wilcox in relation to the application for a Cinema Licence.

### **G. Sanday Website**

Following discussion with regards to the Sanday Website, it was:

Resolved to note the website was in progress.

### **H. TRI-CE Meeting**

Following discussion with regards to the TRI-CE meeting to be held on 28 March 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that Gary Nickells, Ute Clackson and the ILO would be attending on behalf of the Community Council.

## **I. Joint PC and CC Letter to Education and Leisure**

Resolved to note that the Chair was dealing with this item and to defer to the next meeting.

## **J. CC action regarding response times by EE**

Resolved to note that the Chair was dealing with this item and to defer to the next meeting.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Papdale Halls of Residence**

Following consideration of the correspondence from the Head of Community Learning, Leisure and Housing with regards to the tight criteria around who can be accommodated within the facility, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence and that discussion on this item had been deferred to the next meeting.

### **B. Zero Emission Vessel Infrastructure Fund**

Members considered correspondence from the Transport Service Manager with regards to the 12-passenger vessel coming into service in late summer 2024 and the 50 passenger plus light cargo service which had already begun offering a service during the winter refit 2024, for sailings between Kirkwall to Sanday, Stronsay, Westray and Eday. Councillor M Thomson mentioned that there had initially been difficulties in getting crew for the vessel, but they had managed to get crew in the end. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would put a notice in the Sanday Residents and the Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages asking residents to send their feedback on the service.
2. To note that members suggested that the Nordic Sea provides a Saturday sailing.
3. To note that this service was beneficial to the pupils attending Kirkwall Grammar School enabling them to get home earlier on a Friday afternoon.

### **C. Marston Road**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Roads Support Team in response to members queries in relation to the Marston track being used as a right of way, where they enquired if it was an adopted road and if Orkney Islands Council would erect signage to say "No Motorised Vehicular Access", it was:

Resolved to note that it was not a public road, core path or right of way and that it would not be the Council's responsibility to erect signage, but the owners of Marston Cottage could erect signage if they wished to do so.

## **D. Passing Places**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Roads Support team in response to the Community Councils request for more passing places on Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note that there was no budget available with the Roads Support team to provide new passing places and that the Community Council would not be permitted to carry out works within the public road to create passing places.

## **E. GreenResIsland – EU Horizon Europe Project Partner Search**

Following consideration of correspondence from GreenResIsland EU Horizon Europe Partner Search with regards to completing their survey, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. R100 and SBVS**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services with regards to the R100 Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **G. Heritage Centre – Road Stone**

Following a report from the ILO with regards to a query from the Sanday Development Trust enquiring as to whose responsibility it was to supply roadstone at the parking area outside the Heritage Centre, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had emailed the Community Development Officer to answer the query.

## **H. Foundation Scotland EQ Impact Portfolio – Impact Report 2023**

Following consideration of correspondence from Foundation Scotland with regards to the 2023 Foundation Scotland EQ Impact Portfolio Impact Report, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

## **I. National Centre for Resilience – Community Council Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence from the National Centre for Resilience with regards to funding, it was:

Resolved to note the time had passed to apply for the funding.

## **J. Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Group**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Group advising members that they would be arranging a funding application in due course, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

## **K. National Islands Plan Review – Workshops in Orkney**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Islands Federation with regards to a request from members enquiring if they would be willing to hold a workshop in Sanday in the future, it was:

Resolved that members would consider an event in Sanday.

## **L. Scottish Islands Passport**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scotland Islands Passport with regards to their free app to collect new stamps and island points when exploring the islands by walking, wheeling, by bike and on public transport, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **M. Lower Road**

Following consideration of correspondence that the Chair had sent to concerned residents with regards to problems with flooding and debris strewn in on the lower road due to high tides and plans for a public meeting to address such issues, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **N. Cross Party Group on Islands in the Scottish Parliament**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Islands Federation with regards to an online lunchtime meeting focussing on the National Islands Plan, that had been held on 28 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **O. Fibre Optic Rollout on Sanday 2025**

Following consideration of correspondence from a resident enquiring if there could be a coordination of suppliers connecting the island properties to fibre optics in 2025, and a response from Liam McArthur MSP, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

# **6. Consultations**

## **A. Ferry and Air Services Consultation Forum**

Following consideration of the information made available following the Inter Isles Ferry and Air Services Consultation Forum meetings held on 31 January 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the information and that the Nordic Sea passenger-only ferry trial for the North Isles had been successful and as the service stopped 10 days ago to begin a service in the outer isles, there were no passenger usage figures yet.

## **B. Local Transport Strategy Consultation**

Following consideration of the Local Transport Strategy Consultation which had been sent round via email, as the deadline for comments was 12 January 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that no comments had been submitted.

## **C. Orbital Marine Power – Westray Tidal Array – Consultation on Request for Scoping Opinion**

Following consideration of the SCOP – 0036 – Orbital Marine Power – Westray Tidal Array – Westray, Firth, Orkney – Consultation on Request for Scoping Opinion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

## **D. Consultation Notification – Orkney Local Development Plan – Scheme Newsletter**

Following consideration of the Orkney Local Development Plan regarding the first stage of the review of Orkneys local development plan running to 7 March 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

## **E. Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution**

Following consideration of the Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution cable protection consultation licence application for Sanday, Stronsay and Graemsay, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

## **F. Scottish Water Survey**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water with regards to a telephone survey being carried out by an independent research agency, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

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

## **A. Transport Representative**

Following a report from the Transport Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Transport Representative had attended the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings and had mentioned the lack of facilities to store luggage between sailings for when tourists had to pass the time in Kirkwall before their onward journey.

2. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council to request if Orkney Ferries would make announcements over a tannoy in the ferry waiting room 10 minutes before a sailing to alert passengers of which boat was ready to leave.

## **B. Planning Representative**

Resolved to note 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 and that they had recently taken on two new employees, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

# **8. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 16 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £20,485.06.

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

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 16 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £9,041.50.

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

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 16 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £14.54, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £680.60 and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £118.95.

## **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 16 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £10,806.34.

## **E. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 16 February 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £3,689.79.



## **9. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Sanday Duke of Edinburgh**

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Group, requesting assistance towards participant costs, camping equipment and insurance, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £2,955.00 be provided from the Spurness Community Fund.

### **B. Spurness Micro Grant Fund - Sanday Community Association**

Following consideration of an application from Sanday Community Association, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of repairs to the Bouncy Castle and its transport to and from Glasgow for the repairs, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of repairs to the Bouncy Castle and its transport for the repairs.

## **10. Publications**

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

- VAO Newsletter – November 2023 to January 2024.
- Letter from School Place – November 2023 to February 2024.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – October to December 2023.
- Foundation Scotland Newsletter – November and December 2023.

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

### **A. Minutes**

Following a request from the Vice Chair that the minutes be sent round members within five days of a meeting, the Community Council Liaison Officer advised that the protocol, as specified by Democratic Services, for circulating minutes was that the ILO/Clerk had 2 weeks in which to submit the draft minutes to Democratic Services, after being checked by the Chair. She pointed out that there were other tasks that required to be completed by the Clerk following a meeting, such as dealing with correspondence and arranging necessary payments of grants, and that consideration could be given to circulating the minute to all members after it had been finalised.

### **B. Subgroups**

Following a report from the Vice Chair stating that the members were intending to have subgroups to attend to specific events and duties, it was:

Resolved to note that Democratic Services and Councillor Thomson advised that the ILO/Clerk was in the position to help the members and that they should utilise her services.

### **C. Community Council Stall - Events In Sanday**

Following discussion with regards to the members promoting the Community Council, it was:

Resolved to note that hiring a stall at school sales and the Sanday Show would be a good way to promote the Community Council and that the ILO would contact the letting officer to find out the dates of these events.

### **D. Registration for Controlled Interest of Land**

Following a report from Councillor Clackson, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for the registration for controlled interest in land would be the 31 March 2024.

### **E. Planning Representative Training**

Following a report from Councillor M Thomson, it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney Islands Council would be holding Planning Representative training soon.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Sanday Community Council would be held on Thursday, 2 May 2024, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Vice Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:40.