

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

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Stephen Clackson.
- Councillor Mellissa 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. Apologies**

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

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 13 June 2024 was approved, being proposed by Gary Nickells and seconded by Liam Holly.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Defibrillators**

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the Defibrillators on the island and the installation of the Cardio Caddy with defibrillator at the Lopness Destroyer viewpoint, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the installation of the Cardio Caddy at Lopness Destroyer had been completed and that the ILO had ordered Lanoguard for applying to the metal casing.
2. That the ILO was in the process of updating the maps of where the defibrillators are situated on the island and had so far displayed the updated versions on the Sanday Community Council noticeboard at the pool entrance, the community noticeboard in the community wing, the Link Office and at Loth waiting room.
3. To note that Councillor Thomson suggested that the ILO display the updated maps on the North Isles ferries.
4. To note that the door surround for the phone kiosk housing the defibrillator at Burness had still not been constructed and that L Holly would arrange this.

### **B. Haulage for Aggregates**

Following a lengthy discussion with regards to haulage for aggregates, general haulage costs and that the current haulier having a monopoly to the main haulage needs on the island and other islands on behalf of Orkney Islands Council enabled them to receive a discounted fare on the ferries, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Chair would compile a letter to be forwarded to Democratic Services via the ILO, detailing the members concerns and suggestions.
2. To note that as Councillor Thomson was Chair to the board of Orkney Ferries she would make enquiries regarding the possibility of opening up the discount to all hauliers.
3. To note that the Sanday Development Trust would be gathering representatives from key groups across Sanday to hold a Community Transport key groups planning

meeting in September 2024, to map the transport services that are available, and discuss opportunities for the future.

### **C. Mass Whale Stranding**

Following discussion with regards to the mass whale stranding on Sanday on 11 July 2024, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Chair commended Hayley Green the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure for removing all blocks to ensure the swift removal of the whales and that this would serve as a template for future emergency responses. He also thanked everyone else involved.
2. To note that the Chair had organised a pizza night for all those who helped, to be hosted in due course, and that all the costs incurred would be paid from the general fund.
3. To note that Councillor Thomson applauded the island on their community spirit coming together in such a difficult and sad situation.
4. To note that Liam Holly thanked the Chair for his work with regards to the mass whale stranding.

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

Following consideration of a complaint from a resident with regards to the state of a grave in the Cross Kirkyard, a report from the ILO who had inspected all the kirkyards and a request from the Burness Kirkyard contractor to perform one extra cut in the season, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Chair would contact the contractor to discuss.
2. To note that the ILO had ordered grass seeds for the grave that was sparse in grass and that the Chair would apply the seed.
3. To note that members agreed to one extra cut at Burness Kirkyard.

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

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

Resolved:

1. To note that the Democratic Services team had delivered the new photocopier and took away the old one.
2. To note that the ILO and the Sanday Sound Producer were delighted with the new photocopier and members thanked the Community Council Liaison Officer on behalf of Democratic Services for supplying this for the Community Council.

## **F. Sanday Cinema**

Following discussion with regards to the Community Councils plans to host cinema nights in the Cross Kirk, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the licence details needed to be updated to cover the cinema being in use at the Cross Kirk.
2. To note that the ILO would submit an application to the Community Council Grant Scheme for £353.00 to cover the cost of the licence.
3. To note that the Vice Chair of the Community Association would source a screen for the Cinema viewings.
4. To note that 59 degrees North would be holding Cinema nights and that the Community Council and Friends of Sanday Kirk would work together to make sure they hold their Cinema nights on different dates to theirs.

## **G. Tree Lighting EMP**

Following discussion with regards to the Tree Lighting EMP, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Tree Lighting event would take place on Saturday, 7 December 2024 at 19:00.
2. That the ILO would order the tree and the refreshments for the event.
3. That the Development Trust Representative would liaise with the Development Trust to arrange the carol singing to take place in the Community Garden.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Housing Association Ltd – Committee Recruitment Event**

Following consideration of the correspondence from the Orkney Housing Association Limited with regards to a recruitment event to recruit new voluntary board members held on Wednesday, 3 July 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Sustainable Development Goals action and Scottish Community Councils**

Following consideration of the correspondence from the Scotland's International Development Alliance team with regards to a survey on actions on the UN Sustainable Development Goals in Scotland's grassroot communities, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure**

Following consideration of the correspondence from the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure with regards to their attendance at community council meetings, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Outer North Isles Timetable – November 2024**

Following consideration of the correspondence from Orkney Ferries with regards to repairs to the Earl Sigurd crane scheduled between 3 and 7 November 2024 and the need to revert to the refit timetable during this period, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **E. Letter from Scottish Water**

Following consideration of the letter from the Communication Manager at DV2 - North and East Scottish Water offering their condolences to the Sanday community with regards to the mass whale stranding, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair had sent them a letter of thanks.

### **F. New Resilience Funding from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks with regards to a new community fund split into two categories; community-led physical and environmental resilience, and Low Carbon Technology, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would submit an application to the fund and that members had previously discussed this via email.

### **G. Voluntary Action Orkney Towns Fund Workshops**

Following consideration of correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney with regards to the Orkney Towns Fund Workshops held on 18 July 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **H. Letter from Glasgow Caledonian University Student**

Following consideration of correspondence from a mature student at Glasgow Caledonian University undertaking a degree in Risk Management, specifically Scottish Resilience within Scottish Local Authorities, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair had completed the survey.

### **I. Lithium-ion Battery Campaign**

Following consideration of correspondence from the United Kingdom Parliament with regards to an update on the Lithium Battery Bill Campaign, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **J. Ferry Replacement Programme**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Islands Council Marine Services and Transportation with regards to an update on the Ferry Replacement Programme, it was:

Resolved to note that this item would be discussed during the Transport Representatives report.

## **K. Nick Hewitt - Shipwreck**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Culture Team Manager of Education, Housing and Leisure Services, Nick Hewitt who had been in communication with the Chair and the ILO with regards to the hardstanding to support the tank containing the shipwreck, it was:

Resolved to note that even though the Chair and the ILO had been assisting Nick Hewitt with this, they felt this should have been the Development Trusts responsibility on behalf of the Heritage Group.

## **5. Consultations**

### **A. Water and Safety Questionnaire**

Following consideration of the Water Safety Questionnaire, it's purpose being of aiding the development of the Orkney Island Council's first water safety policy by gauging the current level and understanding of water supply within Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the Consultation.

### **B. Air and Ferry Consultative Forum Meeting – 20 August 2024**

Following consideration of the Air and Ferry Consultative Forum Meeting on Tuesday, 20 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that this item would be discussed during the Transportation Representatives report.

### **C. Orkney Islands Marine Region: Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance Consultation Draft**

Following consideration of the Orkney Islands Marine Region: Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance Consultation Draft, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the Consultation.

### **D. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan Consultation Draft**

Following consideration of the Orkney Regional Marine Plan Consultation Draft, which contains policies to protect the environment, support community wellbeing and facilitate sustainable development, it was:

Resolved to note that there would be a drop in event held at Heilsa Fjold on Tuesday, 24 September 2024 from 11:00 to 19:00.

## **E. National Care Service**

Following consideration of the National Care Service Consultation, ending 30 September 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would submit a response to the ILO for forwarding on to Democratic Services.

## **6. 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 requested at the Air and Ferry Forum that the Nordic Sea vessel be timetabled on to the North Isles route permanently and she was awaiting a reply from Orkney Ferries.
2. To note that Councillor Thomson mentioned that the Nordic Sea had not been well advertised and that the service from Stromness to Hoy in the summer months had not been well utilised.
3. To note that the ferry replacement programme was still needed, but there were no funds to purchase new ferries as yet.
4. To note that there was a delay in the supply of the Hydrofoil vessels.
5. To note there was a request if a smaller boat could be built to cover Papay and Papa Westray.
6. To note that due to the islander plane being difficult for some passengers to get in and out of, Loganair has agreed to add to their next contract, the removal of the third row of seats as and when needed, plus a hoist to be used for disabled passengers to enable them to get in out of the plane.
7. To note that Loganair only books 7 seats per flight instead of 8, due to the plane not having a strong enough thrust, that in the event of engine failure and a heavy passenger load, the plane would not be strong enough.
8. To note that it was suggested that the Hydrofoil and Nordic Sea vessels would take the pressure off the plane's passenger numbers.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note there was nothing to report.

## **C. Development Trust Representative**

Following a report from the Development Trust Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Trust had applied to upgrade the Heritage Centre to give it Museum Status.
2. To note that the ownership of the wreck would be transferred to Sanday Development Trust pending clearance from the Receiver of Wrecks.
3. To note that the Development Trust would be holding a Community Planning meeting to discuss the Sanday 5-year plan on Wednesday, 4 September 2024.
4. To note that the Development Trust turns 21 on Tuesday, 4 February 2025 and celebrations will be planned, but currently no dates had been set.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 15 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £18,266.76.

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

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 15 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £8,518.50.

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

Following consideration of the 2024/2025 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 15 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £1,065.18, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £501.53 and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £765.00.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 15 August 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 15 August 2024, it was:



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

## **8. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Sanday Agricultural Association**

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Agricultural Association, previously circulated requesting financial assistance towards the running costs of the Sanday show on 2 August 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £250 be provided from the General Fund.

### **B. Sanday Community Shop**

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Community Shop to the Spurness Community Fund to purchase a canvas stretch tent structure, to provide a sheltered seating area for activities in the vicinity and at community events, it was:

Resolved that £6,195.00 be awarded from the Spurness Community Fund.

### **C. Sanday Community Association**

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Community Association to the Spurness Community Fund, requesting financial assistance to purchase and install new commercial grade white goods and other essential kitchen equipment as part of community kitchen refurbishment project, it was:

Resolved that £10,000.00 be awarded from the Spurness Community Fund.

### **D. Spurness Micro Grant Fund**

#### **1. Sanday Agricultural Association**

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Agricultural Association, previously circulated requesting financial assistance towards the cost to provide a show band for the Sanday Show on Friday 2 August 2024, it was:

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

#### **2. Caorunn Mitchell**

Following consideration of an application from Caorunn Mitchell requesting financial assistance towards the cost of attending a singing workshop to develop repertoire and singing skills for running Sanday Sings, it was:

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

#### **3. Isobel Brough**

Following consideration of an application from Isobel Brough requesting financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing a laptop to study an HNC in Agriculture at Craibstone Campus in Aberdeen, it was:

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

#### **4. Friends of Sanday Kirk**

Following consideration of an application from the Friends of Sanday Kirk requesting financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing 14 small tables, it was:

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

### **9. Publications**

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

- VAO Newsletter – June and July 2024.
- Letter from School Place – June to August 2024.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – May and June 2024.
- Foundation Scotland E Bulletin – June and July 2024.

### **10. Any Other Competent Business**

#### **A. Scrap Metal and Scrap Wire**

Following consideration of the need for the removal of Scrap Metal and Scrap Wire from the island, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would contact Orkney Aggregates and Sinclair Haulage to arrange a skip for Scrap Wire in October 2024 and a skip for Scrap Metal in November 2024 and would advertise these in the Sanday Sound newsletter, community noticeboards and the Sanday Community Council Communication and Sanday Residents Facebook pages.

#### **B. Community Council Chairs Meeting**

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the recent Community Councils Chair meeting that he attended, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Chair found this meeting to be productive and beneficial.
2. To note that the Community Councils Chairs were in agreement that they were experiencing the same issues.
3. To note that the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer would compile a summary of the items raised at the meeting and would send this to the Chairs.

#### **C. North Isles Landscape Partnership Grants for Digital Skills Training and Digital Devices**

Following a report from Liam Holly with regards to fully funded grants for digital skills training and digital devices, it was,

Resolved to note that this funding would end at the end of 2024 and that Councillor Thomson would send the details to the Community Development Officer, Kieron Brogan at the Sanday Development Trust.

## **D. Construction Training at UHI Orkney College**

Following a report from L Holly with regards to the construction industry offering apprenticeships for the isles for young people or those wishing to retrain with local businesses, where all training, travel and accommodation costs were covered whilst at Orkney College in Kirkwall, The apprenticeships that are available are Joinery, Masonry and wood-machinery. This opportunity is being offered by Orkney College and for those interested to contact Katherine Hayes at UHI Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **11. 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, 14 November 2024, commencing at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:15.