

# Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in Flotta Community Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 10 September 2024 at 16:15

## Present:

Mrs R Biddle, Mr J Ellis, Mrs P Gee, Mr M Grant, Mr C Mullins, Mrs I Smith and Mrs J Ward.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor G Bevan (via Teams).
  - Councillor L Hall.
  - Mr R Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
  - Mr K MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities.
  - Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer (via Teams).
  - Mrs A Holland, Clerk.
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- 15 members of the public.

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## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Resolved to note that, following a public meeting to elect a new member of the Flotta Community Council, Mr J Ellis was duly elected, and that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor J Park.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 18 June 2024 was approved, being proposed by Mrs J Ward and seconded by Mr C Mullins.

## **3. Presentation from Safety and Resilience Manager, OIC**

It was noted that the Safety and Resilience Manager was not able to attend and therefore the presentation would be rearranged for a future date.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Community Asset Transfer – Area of Land**

After hearing a report from the Democratic Services Manager where members were advised that although the area of land was out with the settlement boundary it would not have any impact on the proposed plans. He continued to advise that contact had been made with chartered surveyors to ascertain cost of work to provide a plan for the area of land. It was suggested that a meeting should be held on the island, with members and a chartered surveyor regarding proposals for the area of land. Members noted that it would be a long term project and that the recent Orkney Towns Fund may be possible for submission of an application, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That a request should be submitted to Orkney Islands Council that the area of land be included within the settlement boundary.
2. That a meeting should be arranged with Mr D Manson and the chartered surveyor to discuss the area of land.
3. That consideration should be given to holding an open day to enable the community to be informed of present plans and provide any ideas they may have.
4. The Democratic Services Manager would continue to provide fortnightly update meetings with Mrs R Biddle, Mr C Mullins, Mrs J Wards and Mr J Ellis.

### **B. 13 and 14 Burnside**

Mrs P Gee informed members that the majority of the work had been carried out, however, the PAT test still needed to be done, and an additional fire extinguisher was required, and it was:

Resolved to wait for the contractor to complete the work.

### **C. Tarmac at Gibraltar Pier**

Councillor L Hall informed members that the tarmac work had been completed. The issue regarding the metal strip that covered the cables and road edge at the pier, which moved slightly every time it was driven over, leaving a gap, had been referred to the Safety Officer, and it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor L Hall would speak to the Safety Officer regarding the matter.

### **D. Broken Net in Play Park**

The Democratic Services Manager advised members that he was still awaiting a response from Repsol, and it was:

Resolved that he would contact Mr I Tulloch or Mr S Clark at Repsol.

### **E. Scrap Car Scheme**

Mrs R Biddle advised members that she had spoken to Mr B Findlay, and it was:

Resolved to note that Repsol was going to arrange for the cars to be removed.

### **F. Ferry Waiting Room – Bin**

The issue regarding the ferry waiting room closing time had been dealt with, in that the door would be locked after the last ferry had left, however, an outside bin had still not been provided, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Democratic Services Manager would chase up the matter of the bin.

### **G. Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council - Transport Meeting**

Mr M Grant advised members that at the time of the meeting the internet was extremely bad and the connection kept dropping, however, the consensus regarding the ferry timetable for next year was passed on to the Transport Manager.

Some of the community had concerns regarding tradesmen coming from Hoy to Flotta to do work, not being able to access Flotta on early morning services. Members felt there was merit in their concerns and that the timetable should remain as drafted for morning services.

A member of the public raised their concern regarding the number of parcels left in the waiting room by Groats and asked if it would be possible to have a separate container for parcels, and it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor L Hall would speak to Repsol and Marine Services regarding the provision of a container.

## **H. Scapa Flow Landscape Partnership Paths**

Resolved to note that there had been no further development and the matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

## **I. Planning for Polycrubs**

Mr C Mullins proposed that due to the length of time it would take to obtain planning permission on the original land that another request should be submitted to use an area of land on the putting green for the polycrubs. The majority of members agreed, and it was:

Resolved to note that Mr Mullins, on behalf of the Men's Shed and Garden Association, would be submitting a planning application for siting two polycrubs next to the shed at the putting green.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Amendment to New Scapa Flow Service**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries advising that the timetable for the new service between Hoy and Flotta has been tweaked to be 10 minutes later on a Sunday evening, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. NS&I CC Attendance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the attendance of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure senior managers at future community council meetings, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Orkney Towns Fund – Community Workshop 18 July**

Following consideration of correspondence, previously emailed to members, regarding a community workshop on 18 July 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the event has passed.

### **D. SSEN £3m Community Fund**

Following consideration of correspondence, previously emailed to members regarding SSEN £3m community fund, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline has passed.

### **E. Invite to attend VAO AGM 14 August 2024**

Following consideration of correspondence, emailed to members, regarding attending the VAO AGM on 14 August, it was:

Resolved to note the event had passed.

## **F. Ferry Replacement Programme Update**

Following consideration of correspondence, emailed to members, regarding the ferry replacement programme, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Consultations**

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Water Safety Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline has passed.

### **B. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that there were drop-in sessions being arranged in various areas regarding the islands regional marine plan, it was:

Resolved to note the drop-sessions were still on-going until 25 October 2024.

### **C. Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a consultation draft on Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. National Care Service**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Government regarding a short survey regarding the National Care Service, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline was 30 September 2024.

### **E. Voice of Communities Survey**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding Voice of Communities Survey, it was:

Resolved to note that the survey would be completed as a Community Council.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance 2024/2025**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 27 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £56,416.05.

## **B. Wind Power Fund**

After consideration of the Wind Power Fund statement as at 27 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, and whether the account should remain open or the funds transferred to the General Account, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,493.77.

## **C. Burnside Account**

After consideration of the Burnside Account statement as at 27 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,694.48

## **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 27 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the OIC Main Capping Limit had £972.21 remaining for allocation.
2. To note the Additional Capping Limit had £765 remaining for allocation.
3. To note the OIC Island Capping Limit had £740 remaining for allocation.

## **E. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 27 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £10,980.51 remained available for allocation.

## **F. Seed Corn Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 27 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,161.00 remained available for allocation.

## **8. Financial Requests**

Resolved to note that no financial requests had been received.

## **9. Publications**

Resolved to note the following publications had been made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries - Statistics – June and July 2024.
- NHS Share Needs Your Support

## **10. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

The transport representative reported that there had been a Teams meeting in August, and it was:

Resolved to note that a request stop for Flotta (Sunday 2) arriving back on Flotta at 20:00.

### **B. Planning**

The planning representative reported that there were no new items for Flotta, and it was:

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

### **C. Health and Care**

The health and care representative reported that there had been no developments, and it was:

Resolved to note no further action was required.

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

### **A. Shipping Container**

Members discussed the possibility of buying a shipping container from an island resident which could be used for storage, however, some members felt that the cost was too high, and it was:

Resolved to note that other options would be looked, cost of moving as well as planning permission requirements for the location of such a container.

### **B. Kirkyard Mower Repair**

Mrs P Gee informed members that the mower had been repaired, and it was:

Resolved to note that no further action was required.

### **C. Christmas Tree Lighting Arrangements**

Members agreed that the Christmas tree would be situated in the same place as in previous years, and it was:

Resolved to note switching on of the lights would take place on 7 December.

### **D. Community Centre Defibrillator**

Mrs J Ward informed members that the defibrillator at the community centre was broken and that a new machine was needed, and it was:

Resolved that Flotta Community Council would purchase a new defibrillator, and that J Ellis would take the lead on the project.

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

Following consideration of dates for the next meeting of Flotta Community Council, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 22 October at 16:15 and a further meeting on Tuesday, 3 December at 16:15.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 18:40.