

# Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in Burray Hall and via Teams on Thursday, 1 February at 19:30

## Present:

Mr F Lawtie, Mr R Bland, Mrs M Brooks, Miss K Budge, Mr R Jackson, Ms K Sinclair, Mr R Smith and Mr D Ward.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor J Moar.
- Councillor R Peace.
- Councillor G Skuse.
- Ms H Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure (via Teams).
- Ms L Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services (via Teams).
- Ms L Cromarty, Transportation Service Manager.
- Mr S Hourston-Wells, South Ronaldsay and Burray Flood Group.
- Mr R Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (via Teams).
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that there were no apologies for absence.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 12 October 2023 was approved, being proposed by Mr R Smith and seconded by Mr D Ward.

## **3. Community Transport**

Members heard details of a proposed trial of a Community Transport bus for South Ronaldsay from the Transportation Service Manager. It was proposed that a seven-seater bus would run as an on-demand service two days per week to connect remote areas with the X1 bus. Members enquired if the X1 bus service could be extended and were informed that this was a commercial service which would not be commercially viable past St Margaret's Hope. Members also discussed the possibility of the school Bus taking other passengers but heard that there was not currently capacity although this is assessed on an annual basis. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to carry this item forward to the next meeting for discussion.

The Transportation Service Manager left the meeting at this point.

## **4. South Ronaldsay and Burray Flood Group**

Members heard from South Ronaldsay and Burray Flood Group that a flood plan for St Margaret's Hope would be available soon. Members heard that local flood groups had been more successful when affiliated with a Community Council and discussed setting up a subgroup of the Community Council to address issues with flooding, and it was:

Resolved to ask for advice from Democratic Services on setting up the subgroup and to carry this forward for discussion at the next meeting.

The South Ronaldsay and Burray Flood Group Representative left the meeting at this point.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Local Development Plan**

Members received correspondence advising that the Local Development Plan was being reviewed and a consultation was being run ending on 7 March 2024, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Smiddy Museum**

Members resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

### **C. Footpaths in St Margaret's Hope**

Members were advised that there were no plans to install a footway on the south side of St Margaret's Road until such time as the land is developed and that it is not anticipated that the volume of traffic would be sufficient for the installation of a controlled crossing. Members were also advised that the visibility from the junction of School Road and St Margaret's Road has been discussed on a number of occasions and that Roads Support are not aware of any significant changes to traffic behaviour that would require a further review, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. Bus Shelter in St Margaret's Hope**

Members were advised that the Transportation Service Manager would not recommend moving the bus shelter from Bankburn House and that Transportation could seek external grant funding for a shelter however the cost to install would have to be met by the Community Council. Transportation suggested that a shelter could be located close to the junction of the B9043 and the old road through St Margaret's Hope, but any shelter would have to be situated at a location where it is safe for the bus to stop and does not impact on visibility at the junction. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to make enquiries into the cost of installing the bus shelter and if the Community Council insurance would cover the bus shelter. Members requested that OIC Roads advise the CC of all the locations in the village of St Margaret's Hope that would be suitable/safe locations for a bus shelter so the SRBCC can choose from the options.

### **E. Hanging Baskets**

Members resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

### **F. Festive Lights**

Members resolved to ask Democratic Services if taking down the festive lights had been organised and to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

### **G. Defibrillator in Phone Box**

Members resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

### **H. Tomb of the Eagles**

Members heard that the Development Trust was to reform and that a steering group was to be formed to take forward a feasibility study, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. GreenResIsland**

Members received correspondence inviting them to join the Horizon Europe Project, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **B. R100 and SBVS**

Members received correspondence giving information about the R100 Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme and were advised that information about this had been posted on the Community Council Facebook page, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **C. Kirkyard Grass Cutting**

Members received correspondence concerning restrictions on burial ground grass cutting budgets for community councils, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **D. Christmas Lights**

Members received correspondence concerning the lack of Christmas lights on School Road. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members felt that all members of the community should have been involved in choosing the new Christmas lights and more time should have been given for this.
2. To enquire if the fittings on lamp posts along School Road were suitable for the new lights.

## **7. Consultations**

### **A. Verge Maintenance Plan**

Members had previously received copies of the Verge Maintenance Plan consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **B. Winter Service Plan**

Members had previously received copies of the Winter Service Plan 2023/2024 consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 8 January 2024 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £11,762.68.

### **B. Smiddy Account**

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 8 January 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £2,641.99.

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

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 8 January 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,090.61.

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

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 8 January 2024 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the total remaining available for allocation was £5,000.

## **9. Financial Requests**

### **A. Netball and Gymnastics**

Members had received an application for funding towards the cost of travel to competitions for a member of Orkney Netball and Hockey teams and a member of the Gymnastics team, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 for the netball and hockey trips and £30 for the gymnastics trips (total £60) should be given from the general fund.

### **B. Burray Playpark**

Members considered an application for funding towards the cost of remodelling and safety improvements in Burray Playpark, and it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £1,336.50 should be given towards the cost of the improvements and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £1,336.50.

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

### **A. Email Discussions**

Members resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

### **B. Churchill Barriers**

Members discussed the closures of the Churchill Barriers. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To compile a list of questions to be sent to Orkney Islands Council and Police Scotland prior to holding a meeting to discuss the Churchill Barriers.
2. To put a post on the community Facebook pages asking for members of the community to send letters concerning barrier closures to the clerk.
3. To request that a separate public meeting to be hosted by Orkney Islands Council and/or Police Scotland at which both were represented be held after the meeting with the Community Council.

## **11. Publications**

The following publications had previously been circulated to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- Hope Cohousing Newsletter.
- Police Newsletter.
- SRCA Minutes.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 13 March 2024 in the Community Room, Hope School commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:25.