

# Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in Hope School and via Teams on Wednesday, 6 November 2024 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr D Ward, Mr R Bland (via Teams), Mr R Jackson and Ms K Sinclair.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor J Moar.
- Councillor R Peace.
- Councillor G Skuse.
- Mrs S Shearer, Service Manager, Development and Marine Planning.
- Mr R Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
- Ms R Glover, South Ronaldsay and Burray Development Trust.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr R Smith.

## **2. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting held on 18 September 2024 was adopted, being proposed by Mr D Ward and seconded by Mr R Bland.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Local Place Plan**

Ms R Glover from South Ronaldsay and Burray Development Trust was in attendance, having been invited for the Local Place Plan item. The Service Manager, Development and Marine Planning, advised members on the processes required for putting the plan together and provided information relating to the Dounby Place Plan and the relevance to obtaining any possible funding that may become available, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To thank the Service Manager, Development and Marine Planning, for attending the meeting.
2. To note the content of the information provided.

### **B. Windwick Camping**

The Service Manager, Development and Marine Planning, was in attendance at the meeting to advise on a recent site visit she had undertaken at Windwick. She advised members that members of her Team would arrange to meet with the landowners with a view to finding a way to stop the wild camping on their land. Members were advised that a “no through road” sign had been installed at the top of the road to try and discourage camper vans, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the discussion.

### **C. Daisy Villa**

Following consideration of correspondence, which had previously been circulated providing an update on the process of handing over the surgery in St Margaret's Hope in January 2025, it was:

Resolved to write asking if plans were in place for continuing with dispensing prescriptions from Daisy Villa.

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

Members considered correspondence which had been received from Democratic Services advising on the possibility of providing a bus shelter along with two options for where it may be situated. They were also advised that the Community Council

would have to source funding for the ground/construction works as well as the shelter, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and to advise Orkney Islands Council that layout one would be the preferred option for the siting of the shelter.

### **E. Churchill Barriers**

The Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications, advised members that he had an update from the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, advising on the change of approach following concerns raised regarding the introducing of unstaffed locked gates and that the idea had been put on hold. Councillor Skuse advised members that she was going to put a notice of motion to Committee in December asking that the previous figures be re-costed along with other points which would get the barriers back on Orkney Islands Council agendas, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the information provided.

### **F. Stagecoach X1**

The Interim Clerk advised that no representative of Stagecoach had been available to attend this meeting, and it was:

Resolved to keep asking for their attendance which could be on Teams if it was to suit them better.

### **G. Smiddy Museum**

The Interim Clerk advised that Highland Park had responded to a chaser email regarding volunteering and that a further response was awaited, and that Orkney Islands Council was looking into the possibility of using a card machine or QR code for donations, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **H. Defibrillator in Phone Box**

The Chair reported that Ms F Lawtie had advised that funding for the provision of a defibrillator had not been available and that a power supply would be required in the phone box, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **I. Burwick Toilets**

The Interim Clerk advised that there was nothing to update other than that Marine Services were aware of the community council's desire to have the toilets returned to Burwick once they had been refurbished, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. South Ronaldsay Community Association AGM Papers**

Resolved to note that the agenda papers had been circulated for the recent SRCA AGM.

### **B. Winter Service Plan 2024/2025**

Feedback on comments received from community councils from Roads Support following the last consultation had been emailed to members on 2 October 2024, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **5. Consultations**

### **A. Orkney Towns Fund Board - Online Community Engagement Event**

Information on an engagement event being held by the Orkney Towns Fund Board had previously been emailed to members on 20 September 2024, and it was:

Resolved to note that the event had taken place on 1 October 2024.

### **B. Orkney Matters 2 Online Meetings**

An invitation to the last two meetings of the Orkney Matters 2 consultation events, which were being held online, had been emailed to members on 23 October 2024, and it was:

Resolved to note that the meeting for mainland areas had been held on 30 October 2024.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 24 October 2024 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £12,935.73.

### **B. Smiddy Account**

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 24 October 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £45.75.

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

Following consideration of the 2024/2025 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 24 October 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,405.54 in the main capping limit and £585 in the additional category.

## **D. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 24 October 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the total remaining available for allocation was £10,000, of which £5,000 is ring fenced for Smiddy upgrade works.

## **7. Requests for Financial Assistance**

### **A. C Rafferty – Gymnastics**

Members considered a request from C Rafferty, copies of which had previously been circulated, for assistance with the cost of her daughter attending two gymnastics competitions in Inverness and Edinburgh, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 per trip, totalling £60, should be made towards the costs.

### **B. Hope and Burray Parent Councils – Football Equipment**

A request from Hope and Burray Parent Councils for financial assistance towards the cost of new football goals, copies of which had previously been circulated, was considered by members, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 should be made and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost of £300.

### **C. Burray Community Association**

Members considered correspondence from Burray Community Association and a verbal report from Mr R Jackson advising that the Christmas lights used in Burray had failed the PAT test therefore there was a need to have new lights. Members discussed the disparity between the ownership of the lights in Burray and St Margaret's Hope as the Burray lights were owned by the Association and not the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the correspondence and verbal report.
2. That South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would take ownership of the Christmas lights in Burray.
3. That new lights should be purchased for Burray Village.
4. That Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for assistance on the cost of the lights.

## **8. Publications**

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

- VAO – Newsletter – September 2024.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – October 2024.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Election of Members**

Members asked about the possibility of having a public meeting to elect new members. The Interim Clerk advised that this could be undertaken prior to at the beginning of the next meeting however if nobody was present for election it would be a further six months before another public meeting could be held. It was proposed to put out communications regarding the need for new members to be elected, and it was:

Resolved to note that a public meeting should be arranged for the next meeting, if possible.

### **B. Hillside Road, Burray**

The Chair advised that a member of the public had approached him regarding vehicles speeding on the Hillside Road, which was often used by children and individuals with their horses, and it was:

Resolved that Orkney Islands Council should be asked to record the speeds on this road.

### **C. St Margarets Hope Flood Group**

Councillor Skuse advised members that the Chair and Secretary had resigned from the group following the lack of interest from the community who benefited most from the flood prevention measures, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and the Interim Clerk should forward the information to members.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved to note that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 22 January 2025 in Burray Community Centre at 19:30.

## **11. Conclusion of Meeting**

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