

# Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Monday 26 March 2018 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mr M Holbrook, Mrs H Scott, Mr I Scott and Mrs S Wise.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mr C Ironside, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- Ms S Moore, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillor S Clackson and Mrs J McGrath, Democratic Services.

## **2. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report**

A representative from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) reported to members that a Rapid Response Unit has been programmed for Hoy and Papa Westray, but there were no plans to issue the RRU to North Ronaldsay at present.

Members heard that the new policy was that the SFRS could still be called out to assist the SAS. SFRS does carry out home visits but they would also assist with slips, trips and falls in the home, again even if there was no fire involved. It was reported also that defibrillators may also be placed on the fire tenders.

The Chair thanked the SFRS representative for his update.

## **3. Minute of Meeting held on 29 January 2018**

The minute of the special meeting held on 29 January 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Mr M Holbrook.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Sheep Dyke**

It was reported that the Awards for All form was still to be completed. It was also noted that North Isles Partnership Scheme project funding had been agreed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Access Road to Kirkyard and Scottish Water Storage Tank**

Members noted that chips had been delivered, and the Chair agreed to arrange a suitable date for works to be undertaken on the road, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this issue again at the next meeting.

### **C. Noticeboard at Airport**

Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr I Scott would provide a map for the noticeboard and the Clerk would ask Democratic Services for advice on what other islands were using as noticeboards, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact Democratic Services for information.

#### **D. White Goods**

Members agreed that the special collection, scheduled for 6 June, would be paid for by the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would advertise the Special Collection.

#### **E. Community Resilience Planning**

Members heard that EE had provided a Hawk phone to test the 4G signal strength on the island. O2 were to supply a battery pack to give back-up during power cuts. Councillor K Woodbridge raised the issue of 5G rollout over Orkney and reported that he was working to ensure that the rural areas of this rollout extended to the North Isles.

Members also heard that that Cloudnet had been installed and if up to 10 people on the island subscribed to it, an improved coverage could be rolled out. This is to be advertised at the next Trust Coffee Morning on 14 April, and it was:

Resolved to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

#### **F. Scrap Cars**

Following discussion, it was agreed that the removal of scrap cars should be delayed until the summer ferry timetable commences, and it was:

Resolved to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

#### **G. Plastic Recycling**

Councillor G Sinclair reported that a review of waste and recycling facilities was currently underway. Members noted that plastic recycling on the island was going to prove problematic for various reasons, but that the Trust was looking into reducing single use plastics, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor K Woodbridge would take up the matter with the relevant Council section.

#### **H. Air and Ferry Consultative Forum Meetings**

The Transport Representative and Councillor K Woodbridge updated members on items that had been discussed at the recent consultative forum meetings, including various tweaks to the timetables, and issues with sharing the Sunday flight with Sanday and Stronsay, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor K Woodbridge would take up the Community Council's issues at the next meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

#### **I. Request for Aggregates**

Members agreed that an Aggregate Scheme should be set up to run between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, and that £2,000 should be allocated from CCGS to fund haulage of aggregates, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put up a notice to advertise the scheme once she had received advice from Democratic Services.

## **5. Kirkyard Tender**

Following consideration of the tender documents that had been received for the 2018 grass cutting, it was:

Resolved to award the tender to Mr D Scott.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Proposed Eday/Sanday Link for S1/2 Pupils**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding proposals for a link between Eday and Sanday for education purposes, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Winter Inter Island Air Service Timetable**

Members discussed the winter inter island timetable for the 2018/2019 season, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Islands of Orkney Brochure**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the final draft of the North Ronaldsay pages, it was:

Resolved that the proposed amendments had been submitted.

### **D. Orkney Business Festival**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Business Gateway, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the events had already taken place.

### **E. Community Council Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Chief Executive of Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **F. Abattoir**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Councillor G Sinclair, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the matter would be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

#### **G. Isles Officer – Orkney Area Command**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Isles Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

#### **H. Surrender of Weapons**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Isles Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the destruction of surrendered weapons, it was:

Resolved to note that officers intended to visit North Ronaldsay for the purpose of collecting weapons for destruction.

#### **I. NHS Orkney – Mock-Up Room**

Following consideration of correspondence received from NHS Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding public drop in sessions to see mock up rooms of the new hospital, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put up a notice providing this information.

#### **J. Job Centre – Internet Access Survey**

Following consideration of correspondence received from JobCentre Plus, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the dates for response had passed.

#### **K. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries Outreach**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Fishery Development Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding community engagement, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put up a notice providing this information.

#### **L. 4G on North Ronaldsay**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the possibility of 4G coverage in North Ronaldsay, it was:

Resolved to note that the issue was being addressed.

#### **M. Isles Operations**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a review of systems of work and training programmes, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **N. Scottish Transport Awards**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the islands airfields being nominated for a national award, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £13,388.35 as at 20 March 2017/2018.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS)**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme Statement, it was:

Resolved to note the main capping limit was fully allocated, as at 20 March 2018.

### **C. Community Development Fund (CDF)**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,000 remained available for allocation as at 20 March 2017/2018.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,280 as at 20 March 2017/2018.

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Organic Tannery**

Mrs H Scott declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following discussion of correspondence from Mrs H Scott, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of undertaking organic tannery training, it was resolved:

1. That members felt they could not support the application at this time.
2. That the Clerk should respond to Mrs Scott and encourage her to resubmit a business plan for further consideration of the request.

## **B. NRT - Community Development Manager**

Following consideration of a request from North Ronaldsay Trust, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, for financial assistance of £5,000 towards the cost of maintaining the cashflow of the Trust for the Community Development Manager, it was:

Resolved to award £5,000 to the North Ronaldsay Trust from the Community Development Fund, subject to approval.

## **9. Consultations**

### **A. Licensing - Overprovision**

Following consideration of the consultation document regarding overprovision of licensed premises, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

### **B. Verge Maintenance Plan**

Following consideration of the consultation document regarding the Verge Maintenance plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

### **C. Locality Plan – Non-Linked Isles**

Following consideration of the consultation document regarding the Locality plan for non-linked isles, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

### **D. Amended Core Paths Plan**

Following consideration of the consultation document regarding the Core Paths plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

## **10. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Resolved to note that there was nothing further to report.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

### **C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative**

Members heard that a coffee morning had been held to inform islanders about the Community Development Manager post, and that the Trust and VAO would appoint

someone. NILP funding was in place to appoint a Dyke Manager, and planning permission had also been applied for in respect of the Schoolhouse Project. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **11. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO newsletter/training and funding update.
- Loganair Statistics – January and February 2018.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – January 2018.
- Orkney Partnership Newsletter.
- Growing up in Orkney.

## **12. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Orkney Ferries and Loganair Statistics**

Members discussed the transport statistics, and it was:

Resolved that the Transport representative would pursue the issue of making the statistics more meaningful.

### **B. HIAL – Parking Charges**

A member raised the issue of the plan to introduce parking charges at Kirkwall Airport and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would draft a letter to HIAL detailing the impact that the charges would have on residents of North Ronaldsay.

### **C. Airport Benches**

A member asked when the benches were to be installed at the airport, and it was:

Resolved that this item would be discussed at the next meeting.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

Following discussion of future meeting dates, it was resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 28 May 2018 at 19:30.

## **14. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 23:35.