

# Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held via Zoom on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr C Dixon, Mr T McCabe, Mr M Scott and Mr H Thomson.

## In Attendance:

- Mr J Ross, Network Integrity Manager, SSEN.
- Mr N Wheeler, Head of Region, SSEN.
- Ms P Harvey, Customer Relations Manager, SSEN.
- Ms E Wilson-Gavin, Head of Corporate Affairs, SSEN.
- Mr L McArthur, MSP.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.

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## **1. SSEN Update**

After hearing an update report from representatives of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) regarding the Sanday-Eday cable fault, and the Eday to Westray fault and arrangements being made for repairs, it was:

Resolved:

- A. To note the contents of the update.
- B. To note that SSEN would provide further updates.
- C. To note that community turbines losses should be considered by SSEN.

## **2. Conversation with Mr L McArthur, MSP**

Mr L McArthur, MSP, thanked members for inviting him to the meeting and explained that he was happy to meet on Teams due to not being able to hold surgeries following Covid. Various topics were discussed including the lone working policy and island proofing solutions, and it was:

Resolved to note that Mr L McArthur, MSP, would respond to items direct.

## **3. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs S Thompson and Councillors G Sinclair and H Woodbridge.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 23 September 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr T McCabe and seconded by Mrs A Byers.

## **5. Kirkyard Grass Cutting**

Following consideration of the annual grass cutting tenders and storage facilities for the equipment, it was:

Resolved:

- A. To invite tenders for the annual grass cutting with the deadline for submission prior to the next meeting.
- B. That Mr T McCabe would make enquiries regarding storage for the equipment.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **A. Cattle Pens**

The Chair advised members that a meeting had not yet been held with local farmers, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and discuss at a future meeting.

## **B. Faray Wind Project**

Following discussion regarding the Faray Wind Project, it was:

Resolved to note the project and that members had no comments to forward at this time.

## **C. Kirkyard Issue – Accessible Path**

The Chair advised members that a visit to the kirkyard had not been arranged, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that a visit would be arranged soon.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **A. Waste and Recycling Services**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the waste and recycling services resuming, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Conversations with the People of Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the Conversation with the People of Scotland events taking place to capture people's experience of health care services during the pandemic, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **C. Awards for Community-led Built Environment Projects**

Following consideration of correspondence Awards for Community-led Built Environments Project, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum Meetings - February 2021**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum Meetings due to be held in February 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that any items for the agenda should be forwarded to the Transport Representative.

### **E. Road Repairs**

Members discussed correspondence regarding reporting of road issues and raised concerns regarding the condition of the roads on the island. They also raised concerns on how the Lone Working policy was not beneficial in the islands where there was only one Roads Operative, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and forward their concerns to Orkney Islands Council via Democratic Services.

## **F. Proposed North Isles Waste Management Initiative**

Following consideration of correspondence from Stronsay Waste Matters regarding the setting up of a North Isles Waste Management Initiative, it was:

Resolved to note that Eday Partnership was already involved in the project.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 24 November 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £11,462.39.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 24 November 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances of £2,086.96 and £669 remained available in the main capping limit and additional capping limit respectively, with the island capping limit being fully allocated.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 24 November 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained for allocation.

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

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 24 November 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £7,258.51 remained for allocation.

## **9. Financial Request**

### **A. Eday Community Association**

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated via email, requesting funding of £550 towards the cost of a present to all of the children primary-aged and below, a Christmas tree for the school, and some sweets and activity packs, it was:

Resolved to make a donation of £550 towards Christmas celebrations, £60 of which should be taken from CCGS for the tree.

## **B. Travel Assistance**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Chair, copies of which had previously been circulated by email and agreed, requesting assistance towards travel costs for a local family, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £77.20 had been awarded towards the cost from the general fund.

## **C. Eday Community Enterprises Ltd**

The Chair updated members on the situation at the shop and explained that assistance had been provided in the form of staff time by representatives of the community shop in Sanday, which would need to be reimbursed (wages and travel costs). The Chair also advised that she had incurred some costs in relation to assistance provided, and it was:

Resolved that members agreed in principle to providing financial assistance towards the work going on at the shop, but that a written request should be submitted once detailed costs were known.

## **10. Reports from Representatives**

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report from either the Planning or Transport Representative.

## **11. Consultation**

### **A. Local Housing Strategy**

Following consideration of the Local Housing Strategy document, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

### **B. Islands Communities Impact Assessments**

Following consideration of the Islands Communities Impact Assessment, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

## **12. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – July and August 2020.
- Loganair – Inter Isles Statistics – June to September 2020.
- VAO Newsletter – September and October 2020.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – October and November 2020.
- Councillor Clackson's Letter from School Place – October and November 2020.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – October 2020.

### **13. Any Other Competent Business - Orkney Ferries Cafés**

Members discussed the continued closure of the cafes on board the inter-island ferries, and it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Ferries for information as to why the cafes remained closed on the vessels.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting of Eday Community Council, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held via Zoom on Wednesday, 10 February 2021, commencing at 19:30.

### **15. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:53.