

Minute

Asset Management Sub-committee

Tuesday, 31 May 2022, 11:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Heather N Woodbridge, P Lindsay Hall, James W Stockan and Ivan A Taylor.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Steven B Heddle and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Kenny MacPherson, Interim Head of IT and Facilities.
- Shonagh Merriman, Interim Corporate Finance Senior Manager.
- David Sawkins, Deputy Harbour Master (Strategy and Support) (for Items 1 and 2).
- Jackie Thomson, Service Manager (Enterprise).
- Michael Scott, Solicitor.
- Graeme Christie, Estates Manager.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

Observing

- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.

Apology

- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

1. Disclosure of Exempt Information

The Sub-committee noted the proposal that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Item 3, as the business to be discussed involved the potential disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

2. Land at Saverock, St Ola

After consideration of a joint report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Estates Manager, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. That, in 2017, the Council acquired 10.51 hectares of land at Saverock, St Ola, as detailed on the plan attached as Appendix 1 to the joint report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, as a strategic acquisition.

2.2. That the land at Saverock, St Ola, was designated as Site K18 in the Orkney Local Development Plan and was deemed suitable for business and industrial development.

2.3. That Orkney's Indicative Regional Spatial Strategy, approved by the Council on 5 May 2021, recognised the strategic nature of land use at Hatston in relation to the Orkney Local Development Plan.

2.4. That, in April 2020, the Council approved the Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1, which included extension of the existing pier at Hatston, together with seabed reclamation and other uses of shore land facilities.

2.5. That Marine Services had requested that Site K18 be transferred from the Strategic Reserve Fund to the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Account at its market value of £455,000.

2.6. That the Capital Planning and Asset Management group had confirmed there were no other interests in the land at Saverock, St Ola, and supported the proposed transfer of the land to the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Account.

The Sub-committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.7. That land at Saverock, St Ola, designated as Site K18 in the Orkney Local Development Plan, be transferred from the Strategic Reserve Fund to the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Account as an internal movement in reserves at the market value of £455,000.

3. Request to Purchase Site at Garson Industrial Estate, Stromness

On the motion of Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, the Sub-committee resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

After consideration of a joint report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing reports from the Estates Manager, the Service Manager (Enterprise) and the Solicitor, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers, what action should be taken with regard to a request to purchase a site at Garson Industrial Estate, Stromness.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:57 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Heather N Woodbridge.