

# **Minute of the Special Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 3 August 2020 at 11:30**

## **Present:**

I Deyell, P Donnelly, M Holbrook, H Scott and I Scott.

## **In Attendance:**

- H Woodbridge, Community Representative.
- M Dixon, Chief Executive, NHS Orkney.
- M Firth, Head of Primary Care, NHS Orkney.
- A Colborn-Veitch, Operational Manager, NHS Orkney.
- D Hallworth, PA, NHS Orkney.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor G Sinclair.
- L McArthur, MSP.
- S Moore, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from A Duncan and Democratic Services.

## **2. Matters Arising - Update from NHS Orkney on Nurse Practitioner**

An update was provided by NHS Orkney and discussion was had regarding the current situation with the Nurse Practitioner replacement. The NHS Orkney Chief Executive advised members that, despite advertising for a resident nurse or even two resident nurses, it was possible that no applications would be received or that none of the applicants would prove to be perfectly suited to the demanding role they would face in North Ronaldsay. Members agreed that, should this be the case, and that no suitable candidates were found despite the best efforts of the NHS and the community to recruit as widely and as positively as possible, negotiations would resume to reflect the change in parameters. Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair and L McArthur, MSP, were very supportive of the community's position and desire to resume effective communication with the NHS and recruit the best possible candidate. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

A. That the NHS would recruit for a resident nurse and liaise with the community regularly to ensure their wishes were met as much as possible.

B. That there would be honest and open communication between the community and the NHS going forward with public meetings to be held regularly as far as current restrictions allowed.

C. That the Chief Executive, NHS Orkney, would consult with M Firth and A Colborn-Veitch to produce a proposal by Friday, 7 August, which the Community Council would discuss.

## **3. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Friday, 7 August 2020 in the Memorial Hall, commencing at 21:00, assuming receipt of the proposal from NHS Orkney.

## **4. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 12:12.