

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in Burray Community Centre and via Teams on Wednesday, 18 September 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.
- Mr R Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- 2 members of the public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ms F Lawtie and Miss K Budge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 19 June 2024 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Ward and seconded by Ms K Sinclair.

3. Matters Arising

A. Windwick Camping

Councillor G Skuse provided members with an update regarding the problems caused by camper vans and caravans parking in the small parking space at Windwick. This included a request by residents for signs advising that the road was a no through road and no overnight parking was allowed, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Orkney Islands Council was going to put a “No Through Road” sign at the end of the road.
2. To source a cost for a suitable sign reading “no overnight parking” and email members for their consideration.
3. That Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost of the sign, if purchase is agreed.

B. Daisy Villa

The Head of Primary Care was not available to attend the meeting. It was noted that there had been discussion in public that progress was being made. The Community Council discussed the necessity for the practice to be replaced like for like and, in particular, that the service of any future practice should include dispensing of medication, and it was:

Resolved to write to the Head of Primary Care again requesting an update on the situation, and to advise the strong wish of the community to retain the local dispensary service.

C. Bus Shelter in St Margaret’s Hope

The Community Council Liaison Officer advised that three areas for the potential siting of a bus shelter had been suggested and passed up to OIC Roads but no feedback had been received, and it was:

Resolved to chase a response and email members once received.

D. Churchill Barriers

Members were advised that available dates had been provided for next month for Police Scotland and OIC officers to advise the community council on the updated closure procedure, these being 8, 16 and 17 October for an hour meeting to provide update. OIC staff and Mr S Robinson. Roger provided notes, it was:

Resolved:

1. To ask for the meeting to be held on 8 October 2024 to provide information on procedure for closure of barriers, to be held in Burray Community Centre.
2. To ask OIC again for an update on the legality of crossing at your own risk/advisory closure only.

E. Stagecoach X1

Members were advised that a representative from Stagecoach was not available to attend the meeting. Following discussion regarding the bus not always following the route through the village and that it was not always waiting for passengers of the ferry, it was:

Resolved to invite a representative from Stagecoach to the next meeting to discuss this and problems with the X1 not always following the route through the village.

F. Smiddy Museum

Members heard that quotes have been invited for the installation of a heating system. Mr D Ward advised that he had replaced the lightbulbs. There had been no response from Highland Park regarding painting of the propellor. Members were also advised that the Smiddy Fund was in debit and the Community Council Liaison Officer suggested transferring some money from the general fund. Members discussed visitor donations and suggested that it would be useful to have a way for visitors to donate electronically, for those who did not carry cash. It was also suggested that it was not clear from the outside of the building that it was a museum, and perhaps some signage or a sandwich board was required, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To look into card payment or some means of receipt of donations other than cash.
2. To consider the opening hours ahead of the next season.
3. That Ms K Sinclair would like to oversee the Smiddy meantime.
4. To consider options for signage on the outside of the Smiddy Museum.

G. Hanging Baskets

Resolved to defer consideration of the hanging baskets to early 2025.

H. Defibrillator in Phone Box

Resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion and Mr D Ward would contact Ms F Lawtie to find out where the project was at.

I. Local Place Plan

Members discussed the Local Place Plan and the involvement of the local Development Trust, and it was:

Resolved to invite South Ronaldsay and Burray Development Trust to the next meeting to discuss the Local Place Plan.

J. Burwick Toilets

Following consideration of correspondence from the Deputy Harbour Master, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members that it was intended to refurbish the units and return them to their original location, it was:

Resolved to write thanking the harbour authority for their response and for working together with them.

4. Correspondence

A. Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Attendance

Following consideration of correspondence from the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, regarding officers' attendance at community council meetings, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. SSEN - £3m Community Fund

Correspondence had been forwarded via email from Scottish and Southern Electricity Network (SSEN) inviting applications for its new Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund, the deadline for the funding this year is imminent so it was felt that this may be something that could be investigated further another year and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. OIC Winter Treatment Contracts

Following consideration of information from Orkney Islands Council regarding Winter Treatment Contracts and inviting offers of assistance during periods of extreme weather or for civil engineering works, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Notes of Thanks

Notes of thanks for funding provided had been received from J Steeple and J Scott, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising on the Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising on the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan drop-in events, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. National Care Service

Members had previously been sent correspondence from Democratic Services and on the Scottish Government engagement on National Care Services, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and members could respond individually if they wished.

D. Voice of Communities Survey

Following consideration of a survey which had been circulated on behalf of Highlands and Islands Enterprise, regarding opportunities and challenges communities were seeing and their ambitions to shape and inform future working, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 9 September 2024 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £13,637.38.

B. Smiddy Account

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 9 September 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £-247.65.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2024/2025 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 9 September 2024, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,596.54 in the main capping limit and £585 in the additional category.
2. That the grant awarded to Burray Community Association for the Burray Play Park should be cancelled as there had been a change of circumstances.

D. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 9 September 2024 and discussion thereof, 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. Financial Requests

A. Marengo Garden Signage

Resolved that, as no further information had been provided, this item could not be considered further at this time.

B. Kirkwall and St Ola CC – Bonfire and Fireworks at Pickaquoy

Following consideration of correspondence from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the annual bonfire and fireworks, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £150 should be made and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost.

8. Publications

The following publications had previously been sent to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletters – June, July and August 2024.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – July 2024.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Burray Community Association - Festive Lights

Mr R Jackson advised that the Burray festive lights had failed the PAT test. He further advised that consideration was being given to replacing them and that they would be planning to come to the community council for funding, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and await an application.

B. Public Meeting

The Community Council Liaison Officer asked if members wished to proceed with a Public Meeting to elect new members prior to the next meeting, and it was:

Resolved that arrangements should be made to hold a Public Meeting prior to one of the next scheduled meetings.

C. Schedule of Meetings

Resolved to retain the agreed schedule of meetings and investigate the possibility of changing the meeting night.

D. Transport

Following consideration of correspondence from the Service Manager, Transportation, regarding the South Ronaldsay Community Transport Trial, members asked if this information could be put out to the general public, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would ask that this information be circulated to the general public.

E. St Margarets Hope Flood Group

Councillor G Skuse reported that she had been advised that due to a lack of community buy in to the Flood Group, there were too few members to undertake the work, and it was currently inactive. She further advised that the individual in Holm who was interested in forming a flood group was happy to support people locally in St Margaret's Hope, but he could not do all the work himself, and that they were looking for flood group wardens to come forward. There was to be a meeting to discuss this issue on 8 October, to be confirmed, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

F. Resignation of CC Members

Members resolved to note the resignations of Ms F Lawtie and Miss K Budge from South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council.

10. Dates of Next Meetings

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2024 at Hope School, commencing at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:15.