

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in the Sanday Community School on Tuesday, 19 February 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, Mr J Muir, Mr P Allan, Mr G Ellis, Ms H Dakin, Mr M Lennie and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors S Clackson, G Sinclair and K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 4 December 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Allan and seconded by Mr M Lennie.

3. Matters Arising

A. Sunken Graves

Following consideration of a report from the Chair advising of the sunken graves within the kirkyard, members noted that A Simpson would repair forty lairs completely and top up a further twenty-five lairs with sand. Members discussed putting an advertisement in the Sanday Sound Newsletter to liaise with families in respect of the upkeep of lairs, but decided to defer to the next meeting. Members also expressed concern regarding the safety of the paths in Lady Kirkyard and it was agreed to contact Democratic Services to query who was responsible for the repair of these. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided and discuss further at the next meeting.
2. That the Clerk would apply for Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost of the lair repairs.
3. That the Clerk would contact Democratic Services regarding the paths in Lady Kirkyard.

B. New Cemetery

Following correspondence from Democratic Services, which provided confirmation that works had been completed at Cross and New Cross cemeteries, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Weighbridge at Kettletoft

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, providing a response to members' queries relating to the weighbridge at Kettletoft, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Grasscutting Contracts

Following discussion with regards to the Grasscutting Contracts for 2019, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would place a notice in the Sanday Sound and local shops to invite tenders for the Grasscutting Contracts.
2. That the closing date for applications would be Sunday, 31 March 2019.
3. That the Clerk would contact Democratic Services for a map of the New Cross Cemetery.

E. Sanday Sound Production

Following further discussion regarding the Sanday Sound Production, it was agreed that the Clerk should check with the organiser regarding advertisements of two or more pages and also ask for an update on the cost of subscriptions. Following discussion, it was resolved:

That the Clerk would advertise on the Sanday Gruelly Belkies Facebook page that subscriptions were available, once an update of costs was made available, and at a price to be advised by members.

F. Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosks

Following a report from the Clerk in connection with the adoption of three red telephone kiosks on Sanday, it was noted that all three adoptions had been given the go ahead by the BT Payphone Manager, subject to further consultation. It was also noted that the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme had agreed to provide funding towards this project. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to liaise with the Heritage Group and work alongside them on this project, and Mr P Allan volunteered to be on the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme steering group committee. Following discussion, it was resolved:

To discuss the project further at the next meeting.

G. Seed Corn Funding

Due to the sensitive nature of this item it was held in committee.

Following consideration of advice provided by the Economic Development Manager in response to the applicant's query on why their application had been unsuccessful, and the subsequent letter sent to the applicant by the Clerk, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letter that was sent to the applicant.

H. Barbed Wire Scrap

Following a report from the Clerk in connection with a second skip being made available for the public in February 2019, it was noted that the second skip had been larger and well received, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should arrange for another fencing wire skip to come out to Sanday in August or September 2019.

I. Scrap Car Scheme

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding available funds left for the disposal of scrap cars on Sanday, it was resolved:

1. To note that there was a total of £575 left in the budget.
2. That the Clerk was to arrange with the haulier the removal of six scrap cars through the scrap car scheme.

J. Your Island, Your Choice

Following an update on the upcoming public voting event, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would not be able to attend the event on 26 February and that the Vice Chair would be going in her place.

K. Empowering Communities

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the recent joint meeting held between the Community Council and the Development Trust, it was resolved:

1. To note that it had been agreed that the Clerk would produce a small booklet to be distributed to every household in the island explaining everything that the Community Council does.
2. To note that there had been a problem getting a wheelie bin delivered to the Link Office and that a letter box would be purchased for the Link Office.

4. Correspondence

A. Police Scotland

After consideration of correspondence from the designated isles officer for the Orkney Area Command, advising of his retirement from the role and that another office would take over in due course, it was also noted that the fire station on Sanday would be used by both the Fire Brigade and the Police for the purpose of holding drop-ins, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Energy Supply Company – Our Power

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, advising that Our Power had ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Deputy Lieutenant of Orkney

After consideration of correspondence from the Deputy Lieutenant of Orkney, providing details of what their duties entailed, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Scottish Water Agreement

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services following a query regarding an agreement with Scottish Water and the Community Council, and following further discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note that the Chair was going to speak to Scottish Water to gain further clarification on certain areas of the agreement.
2. After discussion with Scottish Water, the agreement would be amended, if necessary, and forwarded to OIC's solicitors for checking before proceeding.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 30 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £9,776.96.

B. Spurness Wind Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 30 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £8,795.92.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 30 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £81.26, additional capping limit was £263.06, and the Island capping limit was £330.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 30 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £9,419.68.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 30 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £4,218.03.

6. Application for Financial Assistance – Orkney Schools Concert Band

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Schools Concert Band, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of travel for the 47 strong band to participate in the Scottish Concert Band National Finals in Perth on 16 and 17 March 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be awarded from the General Fund.

7. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Following a report from the Transport Representative and an update on the Air and Ferry Consultative Forum meetings he had attended on 18 February, it was noted that Stronsay had requested that flights be changed on a Saturday to give more time on the mainland, the outcome being that a decision could not be made as there were had discussed the opening time for booking a Sunday flight, and members requested

that the opening point for booking be 09:00 on a Friday and for this decision to be reported to the Transport department. It was also reported that a book of ferry tickets could now be shared between two cars, and that there would be a new survey coming out for every resident on the outer isles to complete in regards to the Outline Business Case, and that this would be funded by the Scottish Government. Following the report, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should contact all the North Isles Community Council Clerks to discuss a way forward to raise awareness of the need for new ferries.
2. That the Clerk would contact the Transportation Manager via Democratic Services regarding the opening time for booking a Sunday flight.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that an application had been re-submitted for an extension at Harbour House and that an application had been submitted for a building plot on Howland Road for a new house and temporary siting of a caravan.

C. Development Trust Representative

The Development Trust Representative gave a report advising members of the various projects being undertaken by the Trust at present, and an update on the Kettletoft project, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

8. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd Statistics – December 2018.
- Loganair Inter Island Statistics – November and December 2018 and January 2019.
- VAO Newsletter-December 2018 and January 2019.
- Scottish Health Council in Orkney Newsletter.

9. Any Other Competent Business

The Clerk asked members if it would be possible to swap two days around at the Link Office so that she could help with a school trip, and it was:

Resolved to note that members were happy with this arrangement providing it was well advertised in advance.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings would be held on Tuesdays, 2 April and 18 June 2019, commencing at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:25.