

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in the Community Room, Hope School and via Teams on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Ms F Lawtie, Mr R Bland (via Teams), Mr R Jackson, Ms K Sinclair, Mr R Smith and Mr D Ward.

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.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ms K Budge and Ms H Green (Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure).

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Ward and seconded by Ms K Sinclair.

3. Priority Actions

A. Daisy Villa

Members heard that the Chief Executive of NHS Orkney had advised that the board was seeking to secure a new contract for the practice at Daisy Villa and initial expressions of interest have been received. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to write to the Chief Executive again after the next meeting if no update had been received by that time.

B. Bus Shelter in St Margaret's Hope

Members received correspondence advising that the Roads Department would be available to meet with Community Council representatives to show members locations which would be suitable for a bus shelter. The Roads Department would contact the Community Council to arrange a meeting. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to request that the meeting take place as soon as possible in order to have the shelter in place before winter.

C. Churchill Barriers

Members received an update from Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure advising that the 24-hour warnings re the barriers would no longer be shared. Orkney Islands Council had commented on the Islands Connectivity Plan and asked that the Scottish Government should look at the causeways and be included in future investment planning. Members heard that if they wished to put forward any proposal which had not yet been considered they could contact the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To send a copy of the Community Council's response to the Islands Connectivity Plan and request a copy of the comments made by Orkney Islands Council.
2. To send any proposals to Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
3. To request clarification about the legal position if barrier closures were to be made advisory.
4. To set up a working group to address issues with the Churchill Barriers.

D. Stagecoach X1

Members received correspondence advising that the X1 bus was not running to St Margaret's Hope although the Churchill Barriers were open and asking what the justification was for this. Following discussion, 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.

4. Ongoing Matters

A. Community Transport

Members received copies of the responses received to the consultation on Community Transport, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. South Ronaldsay and Burray Flood Group

Members resolved to forward the SEPA consultation on areas most at risk of flooding to the flood group.

C. Smiddy Museum

Members heard that the Orkney Islands Council Team Leader (Culture) had offered to meet with members to discuss the Smiddy Museum and that the Culture Fund would be advertised shortly. Members also heard that the heat pump in the Smiddy Museum would need servicing and that a volunteer was needed to take a stepladder to the museum and replace some lightbulbs, which had already been purchased. The Clerk advised that Highland Park had been contacted following the last meeting to ask if their volunteers would paint the Smiddy - receipt of the message was acknowledged but no further communication has been received.

Members discussed forming a group to oversee the Smiddy, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To obtain quotes for servicing the heat pump.
2. That Mr D Ward would replace the lightbulbs.
3. That Ms F Lawtie and Ms K Sinclair would oversee the Museum, and that Ms K Budge would also be invited to join this group.
4. To contact Highland Park again regarding painting the Smiddy.

D. Festive Lights

Members received quotes for PAT testing and putting up the festive lights in St Margaret's Hope and Burray. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To ask Lindsay and Son Electrical Services to PAT test and put up the festive lights.
2. That Mr D Ward would oversee the testing and putting up of the lights.

E. Hanging Baskets

Members heard that the hanging basket brackets had been tested and all were in good condition. Quotes for planting the baskets had been obtained but as yet nobody had been found who would be able to take on the task of maintaining them. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Mr D Ward would enquire if the South Ronaldsay Golf Club would be able to maintain the baskets.
2. To enquire how often the brackets would need to be tested.
3. To ask if local businesses would sponsor a basket and to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

F. Defibrillator in Phone Box

Members heard that the British Heart Foundation had closed for applications for a free defibrillator but that this would reopen in September. Members also heard that monthly checks would need to be carried out once a defibrillator was installed, and it was:

Resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

5. Correspondence

A. Windwick Camping

Members received correspondence concerning problems caused by camper vans and caravans parking in the small parking space at Windwick. This included a request for signs advising that the road was a no through road and no overnight parking was allowed, and it was:

Resolved to forward the correspondence to Orkney Islands Council.

B. Burwick Toilets

Members received correspondence advising that the portable toilet unit at Burwick Pier would shortly be removed and refurbished. Members heard that the unit would be replaced if the foot passenger ferry resumed sailing from Burwick. Once refurbishment was complete the best location for the unit across Orkney would be considered. Members considered the possibility that this would be a suitable place for camper vans to park if the unit was replaced at Burwick, and it was:

Resolved to write to the harbour authority and request that the unit is replaced at Burwick.

C. E-Lithium-Ion Batteries

Following consideration of information regarding a petition in relation to the use of E-lithium-ion batteries in electric scooters and bikes, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

6. Local Place Plans and Orkney's Local Development Plan

A. Local Place Plan

Members received correspondence inviting the community to submit a Local Place Plan, advising that any plan should be submitted by the end of March 2025, and it was:

Resolved to arrange a meeting to discuss this and to invite the Development Trust to take part in preparing a plan.

B. Orkney Matters

Members received correspondence inviting them to participate in the Orkney Matters 2 community engagement exercise, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Local Development Plan

Members received correspondence advising that the Development and Marine Planning team had launched the review of Orkney's Local Development Plan and that the consultation was open until 30 September 2024, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

7. Financial Statements

A. Annual Grants

Members received correspondence listing the annual grants for the 2024/2025 financial year, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. Annual Accounts

Members received copies of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, and it was:

Resolved to note the accounts.

C. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 4 June 2024 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £11,012.70.

D. Smiddy Account

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 4 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,225.11.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2024/2025 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 4 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,596.54.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 4 June 2024 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the total remaining available for allocation was £10,000.
(£5,000 ring fenced for Smiddy upgrade works)

8. Financial Requests

A. P7 Residential Trip to Hoy

Members received an application for funding towards the cost of the P7 Residential Trip to Hoy for 7 pupils from St Margaret's Hope School, and it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £30 per pupil should be given towards the cost of the trip and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £210.

B. Netball Shetland

Members considered an application for funding towards the cost of travel to Shetland for Intercounty Netball, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 should be given from the general fund.

C. Netball Glasgow

Members considered an application for funding towards the cost of travel to Glasgow for Supercup Development League, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 should be given from the general fund.

D. Athletics Inverness

Members considered an application for funding towards the cost of travel to Inverness for the North District Athletics Competition, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 should be given from the general fund.

E. Football Aberdeen

Members considered an application for funding towards the cost of travel to Aberdeen for a member of the KGS football team, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 should be given from the general fund.

F. Gymnastics Motherwell

Members considered an application for funding towards the cost of travel to Motherwell for Gymnastics Grading, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 should be given from the general fund.

G. Burray School P6 Outdoor Activities

Members had received an application for funding towards the costs of P6 Outdoor activities for 9 pupils from Burray School, and it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £20 per pupil should be given towards the costs and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £180.

H. St Margaret's Hope School P6 Outdoor Activities

Members had received an application for funding towards the costs of P6 Outdoor activities for 5 pupils from St Margaret's Hope School, and it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £20 per pupil should be given towards the costs and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £100.

I. St Margaret's Hope School Netball Club

Members had received an application for funding towards the costs of St Margaret's Hope School Netball Club, and it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £20 should be given towards the costs and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £20.

J. St Margaret's Hope and Burray Schools Football Club

Members had received an application for funding towards the costs of St Margaret's Hope and Burray Schools Football Club, and it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £40 should be given towards the costs and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £40.

K. Bag the Bruck

Members had agreed by email on 29-03-2024 to apply for CCGS funding for Bag the Bruck events and an application was made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £300.

Two groups held Bag the Bruck events, South Ronaldsay Golf Club and Hope and Burray Brownies, and it was:

Resolved that each group should be awarded £150.

L. Marengo Garden Signage

Members had received an application for funding towards the costs of signage for the Marengo Community Garden, and it was:

Resolved to request further details and costings and carry this forward to the next meeting.

M. Burray Playpark – Grass Cutting and CCGS Grant Update

Members received correspondence advising that the Burray Community Association would not be able to carry out the improvements to the playpark for which a CCGS grant was approved in February.

Members received an application for funding towards the costs of grass cutting in the playpark, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the CCGS funding approved in February would be cancelled.
2. That a grant award of £350 should be given towards the costs of grass cutting and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £350.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Resignation of SRBCC Member

Members resolved to note the resignation of Ms M Brooks from the Community Council.

B. Resignation of Clerk

Members resolved to note the resignation of the Clerk and thanked her for her many years of service to the community council.

C. Consultations and Publications

Members resolved to consider making it policy to post relevant Consultations on Community Facebook pages.

10. Consultations

A. Scottish Fire and Rescue Services

Following consideration of correspondence informing members of a consultation in relation to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of correspondence informing members that Orkney Area Licensing Board was carrying out a review of its Gambling Policy it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

11. Publications

The following publications were available to members:

- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- SEPA Scottish Waste.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Minutes.
- LDP Newsletter.
- Digital Voice.

12. Dates of Next Meetings

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved:

A. That the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 28 August 2024 in the Burray Hall, commencing at 19:30.

B. That future meetings will be held as follows:

- Wednesday, 6 November 2024 at Hope School.
- Wednesday, 22 January 2025 at Burray Hall.
- Wednesday, 5 March 2025 at Hope School.
- Wednesday, 18 June 2025 at Burray Hall.
- Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at Hope School.
- Wednesday, 5 November 2025 at Burray Hall.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:10.