

# **Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held at Rousay Community School and via Teams on Saturday, 26 November 2022 at 09:30**

## **Present:**

Mr Angus Firth, Mr Richard Tipper, Mrs Zoe Flaws, Mrs Diana Compton, Miss Alice Mainland, Mrs Carole Maguire and Mrs Carey Mainland (via Teams).

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor Melissa Thomson (via Teams).
- Councillor Heather Woodbridge (via Teams).
- Ms Hayley Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure (via Teams).
- Mrs Emma Soames, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that there had been no apologies for absence received.

## **2. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the meeting held on 1 October 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mrs Zoe Flaws and seconded by Mrs Diana Compton.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Notice Boards**

Members were advised that the signs still needed to be erected. The Chair had been in touch with someone who had shown interest in arranging this who was still keen to undertake the work. There were four boards to be erected at the school, the post office, the Heritage Centre and possibly Egilsay pier, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would speak to Chris Jacques regarding installation of the boards.

### **B. Kirkyard Matting**

Mrs Carole Maguire explained that there was matting available and had been in touch with the relevant person regarding borrowing the matting for future burials, and it was:

Resolved to add a query to the business letter regarding use of the matting purchased for other sites here on a temporary as-and-when-needed basis.

### **C. Memorial/Path at Rousay Kirkyard**

Members were advised that the path had been installed at the kirkyard, and that the idea of a memorial was still being discussed, and it was:

Resolved to keep this item on the agenda.

### **D. Waste Recycling**

Members discussed the recycling on Rousay and looked at the results of a survey undertaken by two Brownies from Rousay. It was shown that the community would like alternative recycling methods on Rousay, and it was:

Resolved to add information to the business letter regarding the response to the community survey and ask OIC if changes could be made to improve recycling on Rousay.

### **E. Use of the School for Events**

Members discussed the difficulties currently experienced in using the school for community events, and it was reported that Rousay Community Association (RCA) had been in touch with OIC regarding this. A draft plan was being created and the RCA had been asked to work with the Head Teacher re outdoor space and cleaning.

It was noted that a response had not been received regarding the outdoor spaces and playing field, and it was:

Resolved to ask for a response again via the business letter regarding the state of the playing field and the trees that had been planted on it, and the play park being in an unusable condition, as members believed it was entrusted to OIC to maintain the play equipment after successful fundraising by several Rousay groups.

## **F. NHS Orkney – Emergency Care**

Members discussed the recent response by isles community councils to NHS Orkney's proposal to make changes to the way the communities access urgent care, and it was:

Resolved to note that the plans were not going to be coming in to force, and that more information would follow.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Verge Maintenance Plan**

Members discussed correspondence from OIC regarding the verge maintenance plan, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

### **B. Avian Flu**

Members discussed correspondence regarding Avian Flu and a recent outbreak in Finstown, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. West of Orkney Windfarm – PAC Notice**

Members discussed correspondence which had previously been circulated from the West of Orkney Windfarm, who had submitted a PAC notice, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Ferries Letter from Shapinsay Community Council**

Members discussed correspondence from the Chair of Shapinsay Community council regarding the ferry situation, copies of which had been forwarded to members, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the letter.
2. To respond to Shapinsay CC and offer support where it is required.

3. That the Clerk would enter something in the Rousay Review to request anecdotal evidence of any issues with Orkney Ferries to support the cause for assistance with new vessels.

## **E. Thank you Letter - Rousay Community Association**

Members read a letter from RCA, which was circulated at the meeting, thanking the community council for financial support provided for the bonfire, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letter and that members are looking at purchasing items to improve the community space.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Account**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 10 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £29,945.22.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 10 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £2,599.18, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £743, and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £719.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 10 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 10 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

## **6. Financial Requests**

### **A. Rousay Community School**

Members heard that a request for £500 had been submitted by Rousay Community School to assist with the purchase of Santa gifts for the children of Rousay and Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed via email to award a general fund donation of £500.

## **B. Rousay Parent Council**

Members heard that a request for £85 had been submitted by Rousay Parent Council to help with the purchase of the Christmas Tree, for the community to enjoy, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to £100 be awarded, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

## **C. 1<sup>st</sup> Rousay Rainbows, Brownies and Guides**

A request for £63.90 to support the purchase of uniforms for new starters, and equipment for them was put forward by 1<sup>st</sup> Rousay Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, and it was:

Resolved to support this request to the value of £63.90 as a general fund donation.

## **7. Consultations**

### **A. Boundary Commission for Scotland's - Revised proposals of UK Parliament Constituencies**

Members discussed the consultation from BCS, copies of which had previously been forwarded to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and the deadline date for comments.

### **B. Application to Vary Section 36 Consent -The European Marine Energy Centre Ltd**

Members discussed the consultation on the application to vary consent from EMEC, copies of which had previously been forwarded, and it was:

Resolved to note the deadline date for comments of 15 December 2022.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Planning**

A member advised that there were a few applications but nothing to worry about relating to Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **B. Transport**

The Transport Representative gave an update from the latest ferry meeting and that Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre would be given the MV Shapinsay, hopefully for the whole of the summer timetable, and that there were some issues with booking ferries for Egilsay and Wyre as the booking system allowed late bookings which the crew didn't always pick up. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **9. Publications**

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

- VAO Newsletter – October 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – October 2022.
- Letter from School Place – October 2022.
- Orkney Harbours Offshore Wind Community Newsletter.
- Scottish Water News Autumn 2022.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Invitation to meet the Convener of the ZNET Committee**

An invitation to members to attend a meeting on 28 November with the Convener of the NZET Committee had previously been forwarded to members. They were currently undertaking an inquiry into 'A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland' and touring island communities gathering facts and information. The Chair offered to attend this meeting as it was taking place on the mainland, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Community Resilience Group Volunteer**

The Chair asked if another member could take his place for the upcoming meeting of the Community Resilience Group, which was due to take place, and it was:

Resolved that the Vice Chair would take the Chair's place at this meeting.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Following discussion of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on Saturday, 4 February 2023 at 09:30 at Rousay Community School.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

With there being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 10:30.