

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in the Sanday Community School and via Teams on Thursday, 13 June 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Andrew Wilcox, Gary Nickells, Liam Holly and Ken Snelson.

In Attendance:

- Kenny MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities (via Teams).
- Ross Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
- Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Gail Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ute Clackson and Bruce Stuart, and Councillors Stephen Clackson, Heather Woodbridge and Melissa Thomson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2024 were adopted, being proposed by Gary Nickells and seconded by Liam Holly.

Gary Nickells queried the part of the minute where members requested that the ILO sends the draft minute round to all CC members after a meeting for their input before going to Democratic Services for finalising, and advised that this item needed further discussion, and it was:

Resolved that the ILO would circulate the draft minute to all members in future however she would state a deadline for the members to have their input and after this deadline, no other changes could be permitted, and the ILO would then send the minutes to Democratic Services for finalising.

3. Matters Arising

A. Defibrillators

Following a report from the ILO with regards to defibrillators on the island and the upcoming installation of the Cardio Caddy with defibrillator at the Lopness Destroyer viewpoint, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the concrete base to house the Cardio Caddy had been constructed and that the final work to install the Cardio Caddy would be completed in due course.
2. That the ILO had put new batteries into all the defibrillators, and she would arrange a catch-up meeting with the volunteer defibrillator checkers once the installation of the Cardio Caddy had been completed.
3. To note that the ILO would amend the maps of where the defibrillators are situated on the island with the new details of the defibrillator at Lopness viewpoint.
4. To note that the members would make arrangements for a contractor to build a door surround for the door of the phone kiosk at Burness and that the ILO would order the installation kit.

B. Kirkyard Grass Cutting

Following consideration of the tenders received for the kirkyard grass cutting for the period 2024, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the contract for the Burness Kirkyard had been awarded to J Boxall.

2. To note that the contract for the Cross Kirkyard plus extension, Lady Kirkyard and the War Memorial be awarded to J Steer.

C. Sanday Sound Production Costs

Following discussion with regards to Sanday Sound Production Costs and the need for a new photocopier, it was:

Resolved

1. To note an application would be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme for £1,700 to fund the Sanday Sound Production Costs.

2. To note that a replacement photocopier was packed and ready to be sent out to Sanday due to the old photocopier ceasing to work.

3. To note that members agreed to reduce the number of issues of the Sanday Sound from 11 to 10 by merging the July/August issues to save costs.

D. Sanday Cinema

Following discussion with regards to the Community Councils plans to host cinema nights in the Community room, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the projector had been donated from the Chair's workplace.

2. To note that the Community Council had applied for a cinema licence.

3. To note that the 3D cinema would no longer be in the community room, as Friends of Sanday Kirk had now taken possession of the Kirk building, and that OIC had taken so long to process the licence.

4. To note that it had been agreed at a previous meeting that the profits from the cinema viewings would be split between the Friends of Sanday Kirk and the Community Council.

5. To note that the monies collected on the cinema would be in the form of donations and that the Community Councils share of the profits would go towards the scrap car scheme.

6. To note that members had agreed at a previous meeting to approach the Friends of Sanday Kirk to see if they wanted to send a representative to Community Council meetings and that the members of the Friends of Sanday Kirk nominated Hayley Dodd to be their representative.

E. Sanday Website

Following discussion with regards to the Sanday website, it was:

Resolved to note that Liam Holly would be helping the Chair with the website production.

F. TRI-CE Meeting

Following discussion with regards to the TRI-CE meeting held on 28 March 2024, and the upcoming meeting in June/July 2024, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Ute Clackson attended this meeting on behalf of the Community Council.
2. To note that the next TRI-CE meeting had been postponed until after the summer.
3. To note that Liam Holly had been nominated as the TRI-CE representative on behalf of Sanday Community Council.

G. Bag the Bruck 2024

Following a report from the ILO with regards to the success of Bag the Bruck 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council donated £300 from the General Fund to match fund the Community Council's Grant Scheme donation of £300.

H. Scheme for Community Councils

Following a report from the Chair with regards to the Scheme for Community Councils, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would write to the Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications, to explain the differences between Fife Community Council's scheme and Orkney Islands Council's Scheme.

4. Correspondence

A. Volunteering for Island Games 2025

Following consideration of the correspondence from the organising committee of the Island Games 2025, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO displayed the volunteer request posters on the Sanday Residents Facebook page, Sanday Community Resilience Facebook page and Community Noticeboards on Sanday.

B. Sanday CC response to the Consultation on the Future of the Universal Postal Service

Following consideration of the Chairs letter to the Scottish Islands Federation with regards to the future of the Universal Postal Service, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letter.

C. Local Place Plans

Following consideration of the correspondence from the Team Manager of Development Plans in the Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure department at Orkney Islands Council with regards to an invite to local communities to prepare a Local Place Plan for their area, it was:

Resolved to note that Sanday Development Trust would be putting a place plan together.

D. Outer North Isles Forum March 2024

Following consideration of the minutes from the North Isles Air and Ferry Forum held on 11 March 2024, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that following discussion members have requested that the Nordic Sea be available out with the winter timetable and that the Community Councils Liaison Officer would forward the request.
2. To note that L Holly would investigate how the Hydrofoil is going.

E. Disrupting Digital Dumpers

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Europe with regards to the all-time high number of adverts on digital platforms promoting illegal waste collection services, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Island Connectivity Plans

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Islands Federation with regards to the Transport Scotland events taking place in Orkney in May and June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. New Orkney Ferries Booking System

Following consideration of correspondence from the Ferry Operations Service Manager at Orkney Ferries with regards to the new ferries booking system, anticipated to be up and running by 1 July 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed that the new system of paying up front seemed to be working.

H. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services with regards to the Community Councils Annual Grants allocation for the financial year 2024/2025, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Sunday Opening – Orkney Ferries Shore Street Offices

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services with regards to the Sunday opening of the Orkney Ferries Shore Street offices from 9am to 3pm beginning on Sunday 23 June 2024 and that it would be all year round, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had shared the information on Sanday Residents and Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages.

J. Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries, E-bikes and Scooters

Following consideration of correspondence from the United Kingdom Parliament with regards to the Bill to make provisions regarding the safety of electric-powered micromobility vehicles and of lithium batteries, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would write to the UK Parliament.

K. Voluntary Action Orkney – Help with Our New Website

Following consideration of correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney with regards to a request to members for assistance with their new website, it was:

Resolved to note that the Development Trust Representative would discuss this project with the Sanday Development Trust.

L. Orkney Stop Smoking Services

Following consideration of correspondence from the Health Improvement Officer at NHS Orkney with regards to new resources to raise awareness of the stop smoking support that is available locally, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO displayed posters advertising the support locally on the community noticeboards in Sanday.

M. Digital Voice Roadshow July 2024

Following consideration of correspondence from the Graduate Trainee (Digital Engagement and Enterprise), Orkney Islands Council with regards to British Telecom's plans for landlines going digital and the Digital Voice Roadshow planned for July 2024, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities advised members to speak with the Graduate Trainee with regards to British Telecom's plans.
2. To note that British Telecom's plans to change the landlines to digital has been postponed to 2027 due to concerns raised by the public, especially service users who use Home Care analogue devices.
3. To note that members discussed various options such as better mobile reception.

N. Heritage Group

Following consideration of correspondence from the Heritage Group thanking members for allowing the shipwreck to be placed on the grass at the Heritage Centre and a further request for permission to put a water tank in that area, to enable the shipwreck to be submerged, it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed to the Heritage Group obtaining a water tank for the purpose of submerging the shipwreck.

O. Addressing Depopulation Action Plan

Following consideration of the Depopulation Action Plan, which held an online meeting on Wednesday 5 June 2024 and was attended by L Holly, it was:

Resolved to note that it was strongly felt by members that this was an urgent matter needing to be addressed and that the TRI-CE meetings would be the best place for further discussions. Members elected L Holly to be the spokesperson on behalf of Sanday Community Council at future TRI-CE meetings.

P. Loganair Inter-Island Boarding Cards

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council with regards to a recent HIAL Security Audit, it had become necessary to issue boarding cards, to cross reference to who is on the manifest on inter-island flights and that the boarding cards would be issued at Kirkwall Airport only, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Potential Vulnerable Areas Consultation

Following consideration of the Potential Vulnerable Areas Consultation from the Scottish Flood Forum as part of their community-focused approach to flood risk management, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Chair replied to this consultation on their website but found it to be over complicated.
2. To note that members had requested that an officer comes out to Sanday to attend a public meeting regarding flood defences on Sanday.

B. SEPA launch consultation on review of areas most at risk of flooding across Scotland

Following consideration of the SEPA launch consultation on review of areas most at risk of flooding across Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

C. Review of the Orkney Local Development Plan

Following consideration of the review of the Orkney Local Development Plan, which is asking members of the public and stake holders to complete questionnaires with regards to their suggestions on where development should and shouldn't happen in Orkney's towns, villages and rural areas, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO would advertise this in the Sanday Sound, Community notice boards, Sanday Residents and Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages, the deadline for comments being 30 September 2024.

D. Orkney Islands Council Housing Survey

Following consideration of the Orkney Islands Council Housing Survey, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

E. SFRS Consultation

Following consideration of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service national consultation, ending 30 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the ILO had advertised the consultation on Sanday Residents and Sanday Community Resilience Facebook pages.

F. Cross-Party Group on Islands and NIP review consultation analysis

Following consideration of the Cross-Party Group on Islands and NIP review consultation analysis, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair attended this online forum on 22 May 2024.

G. Review of Gambling Policy Consultation

Following consideration of the Review of Gambling Policy consultation, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would submit his comments to Democratic Services by 28 June 2024.

H. Orkney Matters 2

Following consideration of the Orkney Matters 2 consultation event on Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

I. National Flood Resilience Strategy Consultation

Following consideration of the National Flood Resilience Strategy Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

6. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Following a report from the Community Council Liaison Officer, in the Transport Representatives absence, it was:

Resolved to note that the next Air and Ferry Consultative Forum meeting would be held on 20 August 2024.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that an application had been submitted to extend a house (to existing building) retrospective at Whip.
2. To note that an application had been submitted to install replacement windows and doors, three air source heat pumps, external insulation and a PV array at Flebister House.

C. Development Trust Representative

The Development Trust Representative gave a report advising members of the various projects being undertaken by the Trust and that they had launched the initial consultations towards the 5-year plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 30 May 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £21,415.39.

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 30 May 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £9,258.50.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 30 May 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was fully allocated, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £501.53 and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £118.95.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 30 May 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £10,806.34.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 30 May 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £3,689.79.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Orkney Folk Festival 2024

Following consideration of an application from Orkney Folk Festival, requesting assistance towards the running costs of the 41st annual festival, in particular towards the costs directly related to the staging of the Ceilidh being held in Sanday on Friday, 24 May 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £500 be provided from the General Fund.

B. Grace Muir Scotland Netball Finals

Following consideration of an application from Grace Muir, previously circulated requesting financial assistance towards the cost of attending the National finals of the Scottish Schools Senior Netball Cup in Glasgow, it was:

Resolved to note that £300 had been awarded and an application had been submitted to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost.

C. Sanday School Parent Council

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday School Parent Council, previously circulated requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 7 pupils attending a school outward bound trip to Hoy in June 2024, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 had been awarded and an application had been submitted to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost.

D. Sanday Wildlife Rescue

Following consideration of an application from Sanday Wildlife Rescue centre requesting financial assistance towards the ongoing costs of running the centre for the emergency care and rehabilitation of injured land-based wildlife on Sanday, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £500 be awarded from the General Fund.

E. War Memorial

Following consideration of correspondence from the Gardening Club, which was previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of bedding plants and compost for the war memorial plant boxes and a report from the Chair with regards to the state of the War Memorial, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that £22.99 had been awarded and an application had been submitted to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost.
2. That the Chair would contact a stone mason to clean the memorial, and he would look into the road subsidence around the memorial.

F. Sanday Community Craft Hub – Spurness Community Fund

Following consideration of an application from the Sanday Community Craft Hub requesting financial assistance to contribute to the costs of two part-time general workers to support the Sanday Community Craft Hub operations, it was:

Resolved that a grant be provided from the Spurness Community Fund, to be paid in two instalments at £8,000 in year one and £5,000 in year two, with year two funding being released on receipt of year one project interim report, along with updated financial projections.

G. Servicing of the Kirkyard Mower and Strimmer

Following consideration of the cost to service the Kirkyard Mower and Strimmer, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the cost to service the Kirkyard Mower and Strimmer was £134.58, and an application had been submitted to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost.
2. To note that members discussed the possibility of renting out the mower and strimmer equipment, as both tender winners had their own equipment.

H. Spurness Micro Grant Fund

1. Logan Sawyer

Following consideration of an application from Logan Sawyer requesting financial assistance towards the cost of attending a school outward bound trip to Hoy in June 2024, it was:

Resolved that £120 be awarded towards the cost of attending a school outward bound trip to Hoy in June 2024.

2. Henry Hough

Following consideration of an application from Henry Hough requesting financial assistance towards the cost of attending a school outward bound trip to Hoy in June 2024, it was:

Resolved that £120 be awarded towards the cost of attending a school trip to Hoy in June 2024.

3. Katy Whitman

Following consideration of an application from Katy Whitman requesting financial assistance towards the cost of driving lessons, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of driving lessons.

4. Caitlin Muir

Following consideration of an application from Caitlin Muir requesting financial assistance towards the cost of attending the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award ceremony at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh on Thursday 4 July 2024, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of attending the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award ceremony at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh on Thursday 4 July 2024.

9. Publications

The following publications had been made available to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – February to May 2024.
- Letter from School Place – March to May 2024.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – January to March 2024.
- Loganair Passenger Statistics – Year to date April 2023 to March 2024.
- Farm Diversification Drop in Event – May 2024.
- Loganair Passenger Statistics – April 2024.
- Review of OLDP Newsletter – June 2024.

10. Any Other Competent Business - Haulage of Aggregates

Following consideration of the Haulage of Aggregates scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council Liaison Officer would check how the other islands operate their schemes and would relay this information back to members.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Sanday Community Council would be held on Thursday, 29 August 2024, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:00.