

**MINUTES of the MEETING of SANDAY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the
SANDAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL on
TUESDAY, 18th JUNE 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mr J Dearness, Mr R Brown, Mr D Muir,
Mrs N Brown, Mr J Muir and Mr A Towrie

In Attendance: Mr R Thorne, Sanday Ranger
Miss N Black, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note that apologies were received from Councillor Stephen Clackson, Councillor Graham Sinclair and Mrs J Seatter.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

(a) Chairman

RESOLVED that Mr J Dearness be appointed Chairman of Sanday Community Council.

(b) Vice Chairman

RESOLVED that Mrs J Seatter be appointed Vice Chairman of Sanday Community Council, subject to her acceptance.

(c) Planning Representative

RESOLVED that Mrs N Brown be appointed Planning Representative for Sanday Community Council.

(d) Municipal and Roads Services (MARS) Representative

RESOLVED that Mr D Muir be appointed MARS Representative for Sanday Community Council.

(e) Sanday Development Trust Representative

RESOLVED that Mr R Brown be appointed Sanday Development Trust Representative for Sanday Community Council.

(f) Transport Representative

RESOLVED that Mrs J Seatter be appointed Transport Representative for Sanday Community Council, subject to her acceptance.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd APRIL 2013

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd April 2013 were approved, this being proposed by Mr R Brown and seconded by Mrs N Brown.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Bag The Bruck

Following consideration of the £300 funding available through Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS) to support Bag the Bruck 2013, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) that this figure would be matched by funds from Sanday Community Council General Fund, so participants would receive a share of £600; and
- (2) to note that a total of 267 bags had been collected from registered groups and would be paid by ratio per bag collected.

(b) Recycling Bins at Lady Village

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, indicating that the Head of Transport and Amenities had agreed that it would be possible to move the mini recycling bins, discussion took place as to the best place to site them. It was agreed to ask if an area outside the fenced off area of the Orkney Islands Council yard could be considered, as the measure was likely to be only temporary. It was also agreed to request that the Sanday Development Trust, who were now leasing the land, write to Orkney Islands Council as they had similar representations, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) that the Clerk would send details of the Community Council's suggested site to Democratic Services for the attention of the relevant officer; and
- (2) that the Development Trust Representative would raise this issue at the next Development Trust meeting.

(c) Kirkyard Grass Cutting Tender - Update

Members heard that following the meeting of 23rd April, the successful tenderer had informed the Clerk that they were unable to fulfill the terms of the contract. The contract was duly offered to the other tenderer, who had now taken on the contract, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(d) Air Passenger Figures

After consideration of the response received from Democratic Services in connection with the request for per flight data for the air passenger figures data statistics, it was agreed that this would not be pursued further due to the cost implication that this would incur, and it was:-

RESOLVED to notify Democratic Services of this decision.

(e) Storm Damage

Following on from the previous correspondence and reports of storm damage at various locations, the MARS Representative, Mr D Muir reported to the meeting that he had now met with a representative from Orkney Islands Council together with the Chairman, and visited the affected sites. Members felt that there appeared to be a reluctance to undertake remedial works and action was only taken when problems arose, and it was:-

RESOLVED to monitor the situation closely.

(f) Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund

Consideration was given to correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund. Sanday's War Memorial could qualify for the available funding, which could be used for remedial works. It was agreed to seek tender applications for the required works, which the Chairman, Mr J Dearness and the MARS Representative, Mr David Muir would identify, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to place a suitable advertisement in The Sanday Sound.

(g) Screen Machine

The Screen Machine had visited Sanday on 14th and 15th June and the mobile cinema had been very welcome and well attended, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this.

5. CORRESPONDENCE**(a) Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) Subscription**

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO notifying the Community Council that the subscription renewal was required, it was:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to complete the relevant paperwork to renew the Community Council's subscription with VAO.

(b) Great Tapestry Visit

Consideration was given to correspondence from the organisers of the Great Tapestry, expressing disappointment that the visit to Sanday had not taken place due to time restraints and conveying apologies for this. The donation made by the Community Council was to be refunded, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(c) Letter of thanks from Mrs M Dearness [Senior Youth Worker]

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs M Dearness, expressing thanks and gratitude for the Spurness Micro Grant donation that had funded the sound engineering training for Kyle Brown, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the letter of thanks.

(d) Whitemill Beach Picnic Area

Consideration was given to correspondence from the proprietor of a local Guest House, which had been sent to the Sanday Ranger, highlighting issues that guests had raised whilst visiting Sanday. The issues were in relation to the area surrounding the picnic bench sited at Whitemill Bay, which was reported as being littered with dead rabbits and carcasses as well as dog litter. After some discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note that the picnic bench at Whitemill bay had been placed there by the Tourist and Business Group;
- (2) to note that whilst residents were more accustomed to the site of rabbit carcasses, it was appreciated that tourists can find it less than acceptable, however as the land was privately owned the Community Council had no responsibility for the site;
- (3) to note that the placement of a bin at similar sites had been raised previously, however there was no funding for the provision of bins or for collection and disposal of waste available; and
- (4) that the Clerk be asked to write to the local proprietor advising of the above.

(e) Supplementary Guidance for Wind Energy

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding Supplementary Guidance for Wind Energy, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents.

(f) Town & Country Planning Legislation

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising that Guidance Notes on Town and Country Planning Legislation were due to change as from 30th June 2013 and providing details of how to view these online, it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(g) Marston Road Bins

Consideration was given to correspondence from a Marston Road resident regarding the bin shed designated for the sole use of Marston Road residents and reporting regular misuse of the facility by non-residents, including the disposal on non-household rubbish. Following some discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to Democratic Services requesting that the relevant Service be asked to provide and place a notice on the bin shed, clearly stating that the shed is for the use of 1 – 10 Marston Road houses only.

(g) Scottish & Southern Energy – Westray South Tidal Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, providing details of local exhibitions in connection with the Westray South Tidal Project to be held by Scottish and Southern Energy, it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(i) Orkney Ferries Statistics

Following consideration of statistical data for Orkney Ferries for the months of April and May, received from Democratic Services, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the information.

(j) Notes on Orkney Ferries Workshop Meeting held on 29th April 2013

Members were advised that notes from the Orkney Ferries Workshop held on 29th April were available for review, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(k) Minutes of Patient & Public Reference Group Meeting held on 26th March

Members were advised that minutes from the Patient and Public Reference Group held on Tuesday 26th March were available for review, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(l) Dunoon & Gourock Ferry Action Group – Transport Scotland Complaints Process

Following consideration of correspondence from the Research Officer at Dunoon & Gourock Ferry Action Group, providing details on the complaints process for Transport Scotland in respect of the lack of back up vessel for the MV Hamnavoe, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the information.

(m) Inter-Isles Air & Ferry Consultative Committees

Following consideration of the agendas for the Inter-Isles Air & Ferry Consultative Committee Meetings, received from Democratic Services, the meetings were scheduled for Wednesday 21st August 2013 and it was anticipated that Mrs J Seatter would be able to attend on behalf of Sanday Community Council, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(n) NHS Orkney New Hospital Replacement

After consideration of correspondence from the Programme Assistant at NHS Orkney regarding a consultation with members of the public over the NHS Orkney replacement hospital, it was agreed to request a local public meeting be held in Sanday as many residents were regular users of the current hospital facilities, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to submit a request to NHS Orkney asking that local meeting be arranged.

6. CONSULTATIONS

(a) Draft Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance

Following consideration of the consultation document Draft Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance, copies of which had been previously circulated, the deadline for submission of comments to Democratic Services had been 7th June, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the consultation document.

(b) Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board Licensing Policy Review 2013

Following consideration of the consultation document Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board Licensing Policy Review 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, the deadline for submission of comments to Democratic Services was 5th August, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(c) Scotland Rural Development Programme Stage 1 Consultation

Following consideration of the consultation document Scotland Rural Development Programme Stage 1 Consultation, copies of which had been previously circulated, the deadline for submission of comments to Democratic Services had been 14th June, and it was :-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(d) Papdale Development Brief

Following consideration of the consultation document Papdale Development Brief, copies of which had been previously circulated, the deadline for submission of comments to Democratic Services had been 7th June, and it was :-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(e) Orkney Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement

Following consideration of the consultation document Orkney Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement, which had been received from Voluntary Action Orkney and copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

7. FINANCE

The Community Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2013 had been circulated for review and approval, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note that these were agreed as correct.

(a) General Fund

After consideration of a financial statement for the Community Council's General Fund as at 3rd June 2013, copies of which had been circulated, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the estimated balance of £6,182.37.

(b) Spurness Fund

After consideration of a financial statement for the period 1st April to 20th November 2012 for the Spurness Wind Farm Micro Grant Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note the estimated balance of £447.86; and
- (2) that the Clerk be asked to request additional funds be added to this account from Scottish & Southern Energy.

(c) Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the balance remaining for allocation of £691.03.

(d) Community Development Fund

After consideration of a financial statement for the Community Development Fund, the balance of £292.54 detailed under the entries for CDF1, CDF2 and CDF3 was queried. Members asked if this could be incorporated in the balance total rather than listed separately as it currently appeared, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note that the balance remaining was £4,127.14; and
- (2) that the Clerk would contact Democratic Services to request that the CDF statement balance be presented as one figure.

(e) Community Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the balance remaining of £7,018.03.

(f) Community Investment Fund Statement

After consideration of the financial statement for the Community Investment Fund for Spurness, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the balance of £35,683.99.

8. Financial Requests**(a) Sanday Tourist and Business Group**

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance towards the printing of the Sanday leaflet 'Where Sand, Sea and Sky meet,' which had been received late at the previous meeting and had been deferred, it was agreed to fund the cost of a print run of 5000 leaflets, and it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum of £446 and to make an application for financial assistance through Community Council Grant Scheme.

(b) Funding request from W Sichel for a Micro Grant

After consideration of the application from W Sichel, requesting financial assistance towards costs associated with competing in the British Ultra fast 6 day race in Abingdon in August 2013, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum of £149.28, representing a third of the balance remaining in the fund.

(c) Funding requests from Sanday Junior Football Club

Mr J Muir declared an interest and left the room.

After due consideration of two applications for financial assistance from Sanday Junior Football Club in connection with participating in two football events, one in Stromness and one in Kirkwall, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sums requested, £137.70 and £105.30 respectively.

Mr J Muir re-entered the room.

(d) Funding request from Sanday Agricultural Association, Spurness Community Fund

Mr A Towrie declared interest in this item and exited the room.

After due consideration of an application from Sanday Agricultural Association with the purchase for financial assistance towards a new shipping container to store equipment, and the accompanying assessment form from Scottish & Southern Energy, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum of £5000 from the Spurness Community Fund.

Mr A Towrie re-entered the room.

(e) Funding request from R Brassfield-Thorpe, Spurness Micro Grant

After due consideration of an application for financial assistance from R Brassfield-Thorpe towards costs for attending the Scottish Youth Theatre Summer Course in Glasgow, it was

RESOLVED to award the sum of £149.28, representing a third of the balance left in the fund.

(f) Funding request from K Brassfield-Thorpe, Spurness Micro Grant

After due consideration of the application for financial assistance from K Brassfield-Thorpe towards costs for attending the Scottish Youth Theatre Summer Course in Glasgow, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum of £149.28, representing a third of the balance left in the fund.

(g) Micro Grant Applications

Following discussion around the receipt of the three Micro Grant applications which had been considered at the meeting, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to limit all future applications from individuals to one per annum;
- (2) that applications from groups would not be restricted;
- (3) that where applicants could demonstrate that they had made endeavours to raise some of the funds themselves, this would be looked on more favourably;
- (4) that the three applications considered at this meeting would each receive an equal share of the balance left in the Micro Grant fund; and
- (5) to ask the Clerk to place a notice in the Sanday Sound advising of the amended criteria as above.

9. REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

a) Planning

The Planning Representative, Mrs N Brown reported that the following planning applications had been submitted since the last Community Council meeting:

Aboondariggs, Erection of a 5KW Turbine

b) Transport

The Transport Representative, Mrs J Seatter was not in attendance.

(c) Sanday Development Trust

The Development Trust Representative, Mr R Brown reported that there was an Intern on the island over the summer, who was interviewing businesses and individuals and would be producing a report. Members also heard that there was a new manager, J Murray, at Heilsa Fjord, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(d) MARS

The MARS Representative, Mr David Muir reported that problems affecting the ferry had impacted on the stone chipping machine travelling to Sanday to resurface the roads, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to enquire with Democratic Services when the scheduled roadworks would now take place.

11. **PUBLICATIONS**

The Crown Estate Spring Edition of the Scotland Bulletin was available to view.

12. **AOCB**

(a) **Twinning agreement Sanday and Sandoy**

Councillor Stephen Clackson had submitted a letter and provided background information on a potential twinning of Sanday with Sandoy in the Faroe Islands. After brief discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to contact Councillor Clackson to enquire what benefits he thought this would bring to Sanday and its residents.

(b) **Orkney Fisheries Cultural Heritage Project**

Consideration was given to correspondence from Orkney Fisheries Association, regarding a project being organised which would be seeking funding to establish a heritage programme, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to register the Community Council's interest.

(c) **Orkney Ferries Dispute**

Members noted that the ongoing industrial dispute with Orkney Ferries was causing difficulties to local businesses and residents alike, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to Democratic Service Team and express dissatisfaction with the situation.

(d) **Grindally**

Members heard that the abandoned cars and other debris were still present at the property Grindally, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to Democratic Services and request an update on the situation.

(e) **Motorcycle left in layby**

A report of a motor cycle being left in a passing place and thus restricting safe passage of traffic had been received. Members were uncertain as to whether this would be an issue with which Democratic Services might be able to help, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to bring this to the attention of Democratic Services.

(f) Councillor Clackson's Attendance at Orkney Islands Council Meetings

Concerns about the reported low meeting attendance levels by Councillor Clackson had been received. The recent publication of Councillors' attendance and expenditure had been seen in The Orcadian and had given rise to a level of dissatisfaction locally. After discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to Councillor Clackson, asking him to attend the next Community Council meeting and offer an explanation.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Following consideration of future meeting dates, these were set as 27th August, 8th October and 26th November 2013.

14. CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting was concluded at 10.00 p.m.