

**MINUTE of the MEETING of SANDAY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the
SANDAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL on
TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Councillor S Clackson
Mrs P Herickson
Ms Naomi Black, Clerk

1. PRESENTATION – SANDAY CARE HOME PROPOSAL

Members heard representation from Mrs P Herickson on how the idea of establishing a care home on Sanday had initially been raised by members of the Sanday Church of Scotland Guild. Several members of the Guild were now in care but were unable to be accommodated on the island, which made life difficult for them and family members. Mrs Herickson made reference to the care home in Westray which was an island with a similar population size and explained that a care home would offer Sanday sustainability, create quality jobs and meet a definite need. Members heard that the issue had been raised at the recent Development and Infrastructure Committee meeting and had appeared to be well received. It was believed to be a very viable and beneficial community project but would require support from all of the islands various groups, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note that members all agreed that the project would be very worthy of support; and
- (2) to ask the Clerk to write a letter of support from the Community Council.

Mrs Herickson left the meeting at this point.

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note that apologies were received on behalf N Brown and from Sergeant David Hall.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2014

RESOLVED to note the Minute of the General Meeting held on 19 August 2014 was approved, by J Dearness and seconded by A Towrie.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Dog fouling in Lady Village

Following consideration of a letter from Democratic Services which advised that Orkney Island Council was to provide and put up 'Wanted' signage in Lady Village to deter dog fouling, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Sanday School Parent Council - Annual bonfire

Following consideration a Risk Assessment for the forthcoming community Bonfire and Firework display submitted by Sanday School Parent Council, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to agree that risk assessment was acceptable to enable the event to be covered under the Community Council's insurance policy; and
- (2) to make a donation of £50 from the General Fund.

(b) Inter Isles Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum

The Transport Representative reported that she had requested there were to be no off island trips scheduled during the Soulka weekends or other notable events, such as the Agricultural Show. The Soulka weekends had now been determined and these dates would be relayed to ensure that no excursion trips were scheduled.

The Transport Representative also reported that it had been advised by Loganair that flight users who had onwards connections south from Kirkwall should leave at least an hour between their arrival and next flight, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) to ask the Clerk to put a reminder in the Sanday Sound about leaving sufficient time to meet connecting flights.

(c) Scottish Water - Plans for the Future Public Meeting

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water providing notification of a public meeting to be held regarding the services provided by Scottish Water, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(d) North Isles Airfields Update

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising that there are plans, yet to be approved, to provide a new terminal building with an internal garage at Sanday and other refurbishments, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(e) Liam McArthur - Scottish Broadband Reach Project

Following consideration correspondence from Liam McArthur regarding the Scottish Government's Broadband Reach project, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(f) Sanday Development Trust - Community Council's funding approval

Consideration was given to correspondence from Sanday Development Trust concerning funding allocated by the Community Council which had not been fully claimed, and following discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to approve the funding awarded being carried forward to the next financial year; and
- (2) to notify Sanday Development Trust accordingly.

(g) Orkney Fisheries Cultural Heritage Project

Consideration was given to an email updating supporters of the Orkney Fisheries Cultural Heritage Project which advised that the project had changed focus and was now based around the renovation of the Zephyr and seeking community support. Members agreed that the project was worthwhile, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write and confirm the Community Council's support of the project.

(h) Scottish and Southern Energy - Community Benefit Agreement

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Energy advising that there was to be an amendment to the Community Benefit Agreement due to energy policy changes the two options on offer were discussed, it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to the Head of Community Investment at Scottish and Southern Energy to enquire as to whether the new payments could be index linked.

(i) NHS Orkney Healthy Communities Representative for Northern Isles

Following consideration of an email from the Health Promotion Manager at NHS Orkney which invited interested parties to make contact if wishing to be considered as a representative from the Isles Community Councils, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. CONSULTATIONS

(a) Winter Service Plan 2014/15

Following consideration of the Winter Service Plan 2014/2015 consultation, it was:-

RESOLVED to note that responses were due for submission by 4 May 2015.

(b) Future Proofing for Neolithic Archaeology Galleries

Following consideration of the contents of a consultation document that had been received regarding future proofing for Neolithic Archaeology Galleries, it was:-

RESOLVED to note that comments could be submitted by members individually if they so wished.

(c) **Scottish Government Planning Controls, Pay Day Lending and Betting Offices**

Following consideration of a Scottish Government consultation regarding planning controls on Pay Day lending and Betting Offices, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the consultation and that the deadline for submission of responses was 14 November 2014.

7. **FINANCE**

(a) **General Fund**

After consideration of a financial statement for the General Fund, it was:-

RESOLVED to note that the estimated balance was £284.11, as at 25 September 2014.

(b) **Spurness Wind Fund (Micro Grants)**

After consideration of a financial statement for the Spurness Wind Fund, it was:-

RESOLVED to note that the estimated balance was £2029.02, as at 25 September 2014.

(c) **Community Council Grant Scheme**

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

RESOLVED to note that £352.69 remained unclaimed but approved, as at 25 September 2014.

(d) **Community Development Fund**

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

RESOLVED to note that the balance remaining for approval was £4419.68, as at 25 September 2014.

(e) **Seedcorn Fund**

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

RESOLVED to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £4,218.03, as at 25 September 2014

8. **FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

J Muir and J Seatter declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting.

(a) Sanday Junior Football Club

Following consideration of an application from Sanday Junior Football Club for financial assistance in connection with a recent trip to the East United Invitational Football Tournament in Holm, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to award £91.90 Grant Scheme funded travel; and
- (2) to donate £20 for the bus travel from General Fund.

J Muir and J Seatter re-joined the meeting at this point.

(b) Micro Grant Application - G Leslie

Following consideration of an application from G Leslie in connection with associated costs in taking part in a Teaching Aquatics course, it was:-

RESOLVED to award £160 from the Micro Grant Fund.

(c) Sanday Parent Council - Island Bonfire/Fireworks

RESOLVED to note that this item had been taken under item 5 (a).

9. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**(a) Planning**

RESOLVED to note that the Planning Representative was not present therefore no update was available.

(b) Transport

RESOLVED to note that this item had been taken under item 5 (b).

(c) Development Trust

The Development Trust Representative advised of changes to office bearers following the Sanday Development Trust AGM, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(d) MARS

The MARS Representative reported that the hinge mentioned at the last meeting had not yet been fixed as it was proving difficult to locate the correct part. Members also heard that the gravestone at the Cross Kirkyard which had previously been reported as lying at a dangerous angle had not yet been made safe, and it was:-

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

(e) Police Matters

Following consideration of police matters, it was:-

RESOLVED to note that there were no police matters that members were aware of.

10. PUBLICATIONS

The following publications were made available at the meeting for members to view:-

Orkney Ferries Statistical reports for August 2014
Internal Air passenger service figures for August 2014.

11. AOCB

(a) Petition Regarding Dangerous Stretch of Road at North End

J Seatter reported that she had been contacted regarding the petition that had been handed to the Community Council in April 2014 in connection with a dangerous stretch of road at the North End of the island. Members heard that there had been no response to the petition from Orkney Islands Council and an update on the situation was being sought by the petitioners, and it was:-

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

(b) Christmas Tree

Consideration was given a request to purchase a roll of wire to provide more support for the Christmas lights following the failure of last year's lights. Members heard that J Seatter had arranged replacement lights from the supplier of the lights that failed last year and that this year's tree lighting event will be held on 5 December at 6.30 pm, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and to approve the purchase of wire to support the lights.

(c) Dots on the Loganair timetable

J Seatter raised an issue which had led to confusion by a resident who had wanted to know the significance of the dots on the timetable for drop in flights at the weekend. Members heard that the dots indicated that there may be flights available but the flights were not scheduled, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

(d) Burness Kirkyard

Councillor Clackson made representations regarding the kirkyard at Burness, most specifically the plans to extend the area of land available as members heard that there were less than twenty burial spaces left. Members heard that the area of land identified for the expansion was owned by the Orkney Islands Council but the appropriate preparation work had yet to be undertaken to make it suitable for use, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and to bring this matter to the attention of Democratic Services.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting date was scheduled for 18 November 2015 and the next meeting thereafter for 13 January 2015.

13. CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting was concluded at 9.20 p.m.