

Community Council Meeting Minutes 19th June 2012

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

In Attendance: Councillor Stephen Clackson
Mr R Thorne – Sanday Ranger
Miss N Black, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: to note that apologies were received from Councillor Stephen Hagan and Councillor Graham Sinclair.

2.ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

RESOLVED to note that the following office bearers for Sanday Community Council were elected:-

- (i) Chairman - Jacqueline Seatter nominated John Dearness as Chairman this being seconded by Norma Brown;
- (ii) Vice Chair - Raymond Brown nominated Jacqueline Seatter and this was seconded by David Muir;
- (iii) Planning Representative - David Muir nominated Norma Brown and this was seconded by James Muir;
- (iv) MARS Representative - Jacqueline Seatter nominated David Muir and this was seconded by Raymond Brown;
- (v) Sanday Development Trust Representative: Raymond Brown was nominated by David Muir and this was seconded by Norma Brown;
- (vi) Transport Representative: Norma Brown nominated Jacqueline Seatter and this was seconded by Adam Towrie.

The Chairman welcomed the two new members, Mr Adam Towrie and Mr James Muir to Sanday Community Council.

I. 3.ADOPTION OF MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2012

The minutes of the meeting of 24th May 2012 were adopted, this being proposed by Mr D Muir and seconded by Mrs J Seatter.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Bag The Bruck

The funding of £300 available with assistance from Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS) would be matched by funds from Sanday Community Council General Fund so participants would receive a division of £600, this being paid by ratio per bag collected, and it was:-

RESOLVED: to note this information.

(b) Recycling Bins at Lady Village

Councillor Stephen Clackson had been chasing up the ongoing issue of recycling bins at Lady. There was still no response to the request to the Community Council's earlier request to move the facility to a different site, and it was:-

RESOLVED that this matter be raised again with Liaison Office.

(c) Update on Sunday / Excursion Sailings Orkney Ferries

There had been no update from Liaison Office on the Sunday excursions. Rod Thorne had made it known to Jacqueline Seatter that he would welcome the opportunity to have some input, in particular with arrangements for the Silver Darlings to be included in the Soulka events, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(d) Diamond Jubilee Mugs

The mugs were distributed to the children as planned and the remainder was all sold too. The money from the sale would be returned to the General Fund, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note that the Clerk would arrange for the money to be collected from the school office and paid back into the Sanday Community Council's General Fund.

(e) Update on Container left at Lady Village

After considerable discussion regarding the ownership of the land on which the container stands, it is not completely established. There is a strong possibility that it is on Sanday Community Council land and as such it was decided to ask Orkney Islands Council's Legal Department for guidance on how to proceed, and it was:-

RESOLVED that this information be noted and the Clerk ask for guidance from the Liaison Office.

(f) Coastal Erosion at Saville Beach

Following receipt of a letter from Liaison Office in answer to Mrs J Soord's request for assistance with the coastal erosion issues at Saville it has been noted that there is no assistance available because no public road affected, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to Mrs Soord to advise her.

(g) Criminal Justice Social Work Services

A letter had been received from the Community Council Liaison Office regarding the Criminal Justice Social Work Services – this matter being deferred from the last meeting. It was decided that the

Community Council would like to take up the offer of a short presentation and would invite the Criminal Justice Service Manager to attend a meeting in the future, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to the Liaison Office and take up the invitation.

(h) Temperance Hall – Lady Village

Following circulation of an email concerning the Heritage Group and the Temperance Hall, discussion took place regarding the potential leasing or selling of the property to the group.

Mr John Dearness had obtained information regarding potential costs and possible recommended terms for a lease. It was agreed, in principle, that a lease agreement option would be the best way forward if the Heritage Group [which is a sub-group of the Development Trust] want to take it on. A potential 20 year lease with a nominal rent was agreed upon, as a basis on which to proceed. If the Heritage Group were unable to comply with the terms, the Temperance Hall would revert back to the Community Council. Mr Gareth Ellis will be approached to keep the Community Council up to date on the issue so that a more formal agreement could be worked out later, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to Mr Gareth Ellis and request an update on the situation.

(i) Kirkyard Grass Cutting – Update

Mr David Muir declared an interest in this issue and left the room.

Mr Mick Siddall, the tenderer who had won the kirkyard grass cutting contract had recently contacted the Community Council and explained that he was unable to continue. Mr David Muir, who had submitted the second keenest tender, had now taken up the contract. The grass had become very overgrown and an extra cut was definitely required to bring the grass back to a reasonable length. An extra cut was sanctioned at a cost of £300, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk would arrange for the extra payment to be made to Mr D Muir.

Mr David Muir re-entered the room.

(j) Blide Trust

This issue had been deferred from last meeting. The Blide Trust now have organized a meeting at Heilsa Fjord and information is displayed at the Doctor's Surgery, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Sinclair Haulage – Blanket quote for Aggregate Haulage Grant

Sinclair Haulage had sent in a copy of the blanket quote that they had now prepared for haulage of aggregates grant applicants. It was agreed that this was acceptable, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk would enquire whether it could be published in the Sanday Sound, after seeking the relevant permission from Sinclair Haulage.

(b) Old Temperance Hall Lease

Following receipt of a letter from Mrs Sylvia Thorne, Secretary of Sanday Heritage Group in which she asked for the issue of the Heritage Group's plans to lease the Old Temperance Hall be discussed as

a matter of urgency, it was noted that this matter had already been covered under Item 4 (h) and taking this matter forward is now dependent upon hearing the outcome of discussions from the Development Trust's meeting, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

c) Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Publication of the Modified Proposed Plan & Action Programme May 2012

A letter had been received from the Senior Planner (Development Planning and Regeneration) regarding the consultation, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

d) Orkney Ferries Statistical Report for April 2012

The statistical information for ferry usage for April 2012 was reviewed, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

e) Diamond Jubilee Beacons/Bonfires

A letter of thanks from Dr Tony Trickett had been received, thanking the 20 communities and organizations throughout Orkney who had held and helped with the Jubilee celebrations on the 4th June. Jacqueline Seatter mentioned that she had sent out thank you letters to those who had helped her with the Sanday event and that a considerable amount of money had been raised which will go towards the Christmas Tree party, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of this letter.

(f) Patient Focus and Public Involvement – NHS Orkney

A letter had been received from the Rhoda Walker concerning Sanday Community Council being a representative of the Patient Involvement Group for NHS Orkney. Various forms had accompanied the letter, registration, feedback and current involvement and it was agreed that the Community Council would register as a member collectively and attend such meetings when possible, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk would complete and return the forms for the Community Council's registration.

(g) Tree Planting to Mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Orkney Woodland Project

A letter inviting Community Councils to plant 60 trees to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee had been received from the Lord Lieutenant via Orkney Islands Council Liaison Office. Suitable and available sites for planting were requested. The trees are to be gifted by the Orkney Woodland Project. Rod Thorne had contacted Jacqueline Seatter with a suggestion that the site of the old Kirk would be a very suitable site for a community/public open garden and this tree planting event would be a very good start for such a project. Following on from discussions it was decided that the land at the old East Kirk site would make a suitable site, and it was:-

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to contact Mr J Walls to enquire whether the site was available for this project.

(h) Air Ambulance Service - Updates from Liam McArthur MSP

Three letters updating the Community Council on the Air Ambulance situation had been received, one including a response from Nicola Sturgeon. These were duly reviewed, and it was:-

RESOLVED to write to Ms Nicola Sturgeon MSP stating Sanday Community Council's support for Liam McArthur's efforts in trying to improve on the current service and also to Liam McArthur MSP to thank him and ask for ongoing updates when available.

(i) Natural Dyeing Workshop

A letter had been received from Rosemary Dempster who has written to John Dearness to advise that the recent funding award to hold a Natural Dyeing Workshop had regrettably, had to be cancelled. Mrs Dempster thanked the Community Council for its support and the awarding of a grant but now had to return the funds.

There was also a similar situation with the grant that was awarded to Mr Brendan Butler for the kayaking event which also had to be cancelled. It was agreed that the funding should be left in place, but this item included on the next agenda to re-assess towards the end of the summer.

Following consideration, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the letters and that the Clerk would make arrangements for the natural dyeing workshop money to be refunded to the Spurness Micro grant account.

(j) Serco- Northern Isles New Ferries Operator

A letter had been received from Serco introducing their company as the new Northern Isles Ferry operator, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(k) Northern Constabulary – Community Feedback

The Community Council was in receipt of an email from PC Ruth Ross, Community Liaison Officer in Kirkwall advising of the Community Feedback section on the Northern Constabulary website, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(l) Orkney Inter-Isles Air Service – Proposed Winter Timetable 2012/13

Details of the proposed timetable for the winter period 2012/13 were reviewed. As had been previously raised, the request for an ad hoc flight on Sunday was discussed, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the information and to ask the Clerk to request consideration of an ad-hoc flight/drop on a Sunday.

(m) Letter of thanks from Sanday Community School

A letter of thanks from Sanday Community School had been received for the recent funding award which helped fund the new replacement playground equipment.

Also another 'Thank You' letter had been received from Elizabeth & Robbie Downie for the Jubilee Mugs that Jake and Zara had received, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

1. **6. CONSULTATIONS** _

(a) **Draft Aquaculture Supplementary Guidance** _

A letter had been received from the Planner (Development and Marine Planning) thanking the Community Council for their comments and response to the recent Consultation, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents.

1. **7. GRANTS AWARDS AND LEVELS FOR 2012** _

The amount and caps for the various grants were discussed and it was:-

RESOLVED that funding awards would be as follows:-

- i. (i) Mr Raymond Brown proposed a total of £1020 for the haulage grant, this being seconded by Norma Brown. Application for assistance towards the costs to be made from CCGS. The cap of £50 per household per year will be in place as before;
- i. (ii) the White Goods Removal scheme: there would be no set amount or cap for this and it was agreed that this scheme should be re-advertised in the Sanday Sound. Last year there were just two applications for this. A similar scheme for the removal of barbed wire was also discussed and it was decided to seek some costs of skip or lorry hire to be in place, possibly over a certain weekend; and
- i. (iii) travel allowance grants would remain the same as last year £13 (for travel within Orkney) and £26 (for travel outwith Orkney).

1. **8. FINANCE** _

(a) **General Fund**

The statement for the General Finance was reviewed.

RESOLVED to note this information.

(b) **Spurness Fund**

The statement for the Spurness Wind Fund was reviewed.

RESOLVED to note this information.

(c) **CCGS**

The financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme was reviewed, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(d) **CDF**

The financial statement for the CDF was reviewed, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

(e) Seed Corn Fund

The financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund was reviewed, and it was

RESOLVED to note this information.

(f) Sanday Community Council's End of Year Accounts

The end of year accounts were reviewed. These were agreed on as being correct, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

1. 9. FINANCIAL REQUESTS

a) Funding request from Mrs Sheena Seatter – Haulage Grant Application

After due consideration of the application for financial help with aggregate haulage received from Mrs Seatter, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum of £50.

b) Funding request from Mr Tony Lee – Spurness Micro Grant Application

After due consideration of the application for financial assistance for the purchase of wreaths for Remembrance Sunday, from Mr Lee, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the £100 requested.

c) Funding request from Ms Beverley Singer – Haulage Grant Application

After due consideration of the application for financial help with aggregate haulage received from Ms Singer, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum of £50.

d) Funding request from Sanday Agricultural Association – Spurness Micro Grant

Mr Adam Towrie and Mr David Muir declared interest in this item and exited the room.

After due consideration of the application for financial help to repair and upgrade the cattle rail at the show at Sanday Community School, received from Mr Drew Thomson, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum requested £206.64.

Mr Adam Towrie and Mr David Muir re-entered the room.

e) Funding request from Sanday Gardening Club – Spurness Micro Grant Application

RESOLVED to defer this request to next meeting.

f) Funding request from Ann & Brendan Butler – Spurness Micro Grant Application

This had been agreed upon prior to the meeting (via email amongst all members) and funding had already been awarded, and it was:-

b) Transport _

The Transport Representative, Mrs J Seatter had nothing new to report, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

c) The Development Trust

The Development Trust Representative, Mr R Brown had nothing new to report to the meeting, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

d) MARS _

The MARS Representative, Mr David Muir reported that there was a dyke down at Cross Kirk.

He would inspect the situation closer and report back at the next meeting, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information._

11. PUBLICATIONS

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

12. AOCB

a. (a) Sanday Development Trust

Mr Rod Thorne joined the meeting at approximately 9.45 pm. He had been in attendance at the Development Trust Meeting and was able to update the Community Council as regards the Temperance Hall. He was able to report that no application was being made by the Development Trust in connection with the Temperance Hall for use by the Heritage Group, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

a. (b) Spurness Re-powering Project

Ruth Liddicoat from SSE had issued the Community Council an update letter regarding the progress of the Spurness Re-powering project, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The dates of the next meeting were set as 21st August, 9th October and 27th November 2012.

14. CONCLUSION _

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting was concluded at 10.15 pm

