

# Community Council Meeting Minutes 21 August 2012

**MINUTES of the MEETING of  
SANDAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
held in the SANDAY COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL on TUESDAY  
21 AUGUST 2012 at 7.00 pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Councillor Stephen Clackson  
Councillor Stephen Hagan,  
Ms Carol Elliott – Scottish Community Foundation  
Ms Avril Fraser – SSE  
Mr Rod Thorne – Sanday Ranger  
Mrs Sylvia Thorne  
Mr Gareth Ellis – Sanday Development Trust  
Ms Naomi Black, Clerk

1. **1.APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED** to note that apologies were received from Mrs Jacqueline Seatter.

1. **2.SCF and SSE Presentation**

John Dearness welcomed Ms Carol Elliott from SCF and Ms Avril Fraser from SSE and advised that the purpose of their visit was to update the Community Council members on the forthcoming change in the administration of the community benefit funds from the Spurness Wind Farm.

Carol Elliott thanked Sanday Community Council for the invitation to attend this meeting. She introduced Avril Fraser who would be the new contact at SSE for the administration of the fund. SSE were taking all the community benefit funds in house across Scotland. Avril

Fraser is based at SSE offices in Inverness. SSE wants to build a relationship with the communities it works with. The SSE is not a registered charity and this should offer more flexibility with how funds are spent. John Dearness advised that the Community Council had been quite restricted in the way the funds had been allocated in the past. Under the new administration, utilising the funds should be less restrictive and Ms Fraser said she would be willing to work with the Community Council to help funds go to a more wider range of causes.

Avril Fraser will be taking over from Carol Elliott from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012. The system will be kept to much the same as the Community Council have been used to, using the same form layouts etc. The fixed payment will be increased in line with the new higher output from the new turbines and the new rock payment. Councillor Stephen Clackson asked if the same formula would be applied as before to calculate the payments. Avril Fraser confirmed this to be the case, but just the increased output figures would be used.

Hopefully there will not be too much of a change and there will be a page dedicated to the Spurness Windfarm on the SSE website with details of all the forms which will be updated soon. However, the endowment fund will stay with SCF for the foreseeable future. A statement of the current endowment account was reviewed. Councillor Stephen Hagan noted that the returns were quite poor and asked if the Community Council had the option to invest elsewhere. Carol Elliott said she would enquire and come back to the Community Council later.

It is anticipated that a report will be issued at the end of August. Just under £100K has been committed /spent to date, a notable milestone to have reached for handing over to SSE. There is still £6,000 to be distributed which has been agreed upon.

Carol and Avril would be working closely to ensure that the handover went as smoothly as possible and would keep in contact with the Clerk and the Community Council so that any queries can be quickly addressed.

John Dearness thanked Carol Elliott and Avril Fraser for attending the meeting and they left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Councillor Stephen Clackson also left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

### **I. 3.ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

The minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were adopted, subject to the following amendments:

**Item 4 (h) Temperance Hall – Lady Village.** The wording for the potential lease agreement should read: A potential 20 year lease with a nominal rent was agreed upon.

#### **Item 8 (d) Financial requests Funding request from Sanday Agricultural Association**

This should read that Mr Adam Towrie and Mr Raymond Brown declared an interest and exited the room and not Mr Adam Towrie and David Muir as stated.

#### **Item 10 MARS Representative**

The MARS representative, Mr David Muir reported that there was a dyke down at Cross Kirk, this should read: Mr David Muir reported that there was a dyke down at Cross Kirkyard.

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes were proposed by Mr David Muir and seconded by Mrs Norma Brown.

1. **4.MATTERS ARISING**

a. **(a) Barbed wire collection scheme**

The costs of running this scheme had now been researched and agreed upon. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the skip to be placed close to the recycling bins over a weekend at Lady Village and ensure that the scheme was advertised in the Sanday Sound and in the local shops. It was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(b) Recycling Bins at Lady Village**

There has been no further information on this issue since the last meeting and, it was:-

**RESOLVED** that this matter is raised again with Liaison Office.

**(c) Orkney Project Woodland Review**

The Youth Group, being part of the Development Trust had made known their interest in taking on this project with the site identified at Heilsa Fjord. It was:-

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to notify those concerned at the Orkney Woodland Project of this decision.

a. **(c) Update on Container left Lady Village**

There has been no further information received on this issue since the last meeting. The Liaison Office had sent details of a fly-tipping scheme through that may be applicable in this incidence. It was:-

**RESOLVED** that this matter be raised again with Liaison Office.

a. **(d) Temperance Hall – Lady Village**

It was discussed that the Development Trust should express what they would like included in the lease because the cost of drawing up the lease is dependent on what is included. The CDF fund would be used to cover the costs of drawing up the lease. A Solicitor would need more guidance before being instructed. John Dearness offered to draw up some points which would need reviewing and commenting on, before taking to the next Development Trust/Heritage Group meeting, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to review issues via email from John Dearness and take these comments forward to the Development Trust for their consideration.

1. **5.BURNES KIRKYARD**

The undertaker on the island had reported that there were now under thirty spaces left at the graveyard and an extension was now clearly needed. Councillor Hagan offered to take this matter up and suggested that the issue be raised with the Liaison Office too, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Liaison Office and ask that this matter be addressed

## **6.DEVELOPMENT TRUST- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW**

The final payment due to the Development Trust from the Spurness Fund was due to be paid out very soon. Gareth Ellis reported that the funding for the posts (not all of them) will come to an end next March. He explained that he would like to see more discussion and collaboration between the Development Trust and the Community Council as it appears there is duplication between the two organisations. There is to be another meeting of the office bearers at the Development Trust shortly, and it was;-

**RESOLVED** to ask Raymond Brown, as the Community Council Development Trust representative, to enquire about future funding strategies at the next meeting.

Gareth Ellis, Carol Elliott and Avril Fraser left the meeting after this item was discussed at 8.45pm

### **1. 7.CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **(a) Scottish Natural Heritage - SNH Evening Reception**

An invitation has been sent to the Community Council inviting attendance at a forthcoming evening presentation. After discussion it was apparent that no one was able to attend on this occasion, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to contact SNH to thank them for the invitation but decline attendance.

#### **(b) Orkney Inter-Isles Air and Ferry Service Consultative Committee**

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Jacqueline Seatter, the Transport Representative, had attended the Air and Ferry Committee Meetings which had been held earlier in the day (21<sup>st</sup> August). Although unable to attend this meeting, she had sent through reports for both Air and Ferry meetings. She reported to the meeting, via the Chairperson, as follows:-

**The Air Consultative Committee Meeting:** The proposed Monday morning timetable now has a flight to pick up secondary school children from Eday using the North Ronaldsay flight. It was proposed to start this now for five Mondays to help new youngsters settle in at Kirkwall Grammar School. No final decision has been made yet. The implications are that this will impact on the Stronsay – Sanday flight making that slightly later. Rosemary Newton had no objections as far as she is concerned for Sanday Community School pupils. Jacqueline has also asked for Sunday on request flight mentioning that Westray originally requested this and it subsequently became part of their timetable. The only issue with this is the cost of the additional landing fee.

**The Ferry Consultative Committee Meeting:** This had been a long meeting with much discussion but not all concerning the outer northern isles. Jacqueline had asked to change

the Stronsay to Sanday trip from 8<sup>th</sup> September to the 30<sup>th</sup> June which would enable the Silver Darlings to come across for a Souka Weekend. Alastair Wylie is now the new manager of Orkney Ferries. He expressed a willingness to work around changes so that trips to events in the northern isles would enable more people to reach them. He is willing to look at all options.

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(c) Air Ambulance Service Response**

A letter had been received from the Health and Social Care Integration Directorate at the Scottish Government in response to the Community Council's letter of support for Liam McArthur's campaign for an Orkney based Scottish Ambulance helicopter. After reviewing this letter, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to continue to monitor the situation.

**(d) Orkney Ferries Statistical Report**

Statistical information for Orkney Ferries activity for May and July 2012 was reviewed, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(e) Patient Focus and Public Involvement – NHS Orkney**

The Patient Focus and Public Reference Group have sent a substantial amount of information through. This included minutes of the Public Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August. This was duly reviewed, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(f) Setting Community Council meeting dates**

An email had been received regarding the setting of dates for Community Council meetings, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note the contents.

**(g) Spurness Repowering update**

Ruth Liddicoat, SSE Corporate Affairs, had sent an update on the progress of the repowering project. The last Public Meeting had only attracted three attendees so there appears to be no urgent problems being experienced by islanders by the development, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(h) Bonfire and Fireworks – Pickaquoy – Rotary Club**

The Community Council was in receipt of an email from the Clerk to Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council seeking donations towards their bonfire and fireworks event to be held

on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. As Sanday Community Council holds its own event it was agreed that Sanday Community Council would not donate and support its own event, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to notify Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council of this decision.

**(i) VAO Membership Renewal**

A letter reminding the Community Council that its membership for 2012 was due had been received. It was agreed that this should be renewed, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to progress the payment for the subscription.

**(j) Email from Ute Clackson - Grindally**

An email from Ute Clackson had been received. Mrs Clackson expressed her dismay at the mess and the amount of abandoned vehicles that have been left at the Grindally site. She feared that this was an environmental hazard and asked to be kept up to date with any efforts to clean up the site.

Mr Rod Thorne also spoke out about the mess from broken down insulation materials that had blown around the Doun Helzie beach area, as he had organised a beach clean area earlier in the year. As winter approaches the deteriorating state of some of the poorly built shed type structures will no doubt bring about further littering problems possibly endangering animals, pedestrians and road users alike, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to bring this matter to the attention of the Liaison Office.

Mr Rod Thorne left the meeting after the discussion of this item at 9.00 pm

**(k) Air Service Timetable 2012 – 2013 Sunday Drop in Flights**

The subject matter for this agenda item has already been discussed at 7b.

**(l) Letter from Tony Lee – British Legion**

A letter of thanks had been received from Mr Tony Lee for the award from the Spurness Micro Grant fund for purchasing wreaths for Remembrance Sunday, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(m) Letter from South Ronaldsay & Burray Community Council**

South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council had written to all the Orkney Community Councils expressing concerns over the Orkney Local Development Plan. They were unhappy with the responses received from the planning department and feel that their views were not being taken into consideration. After reviewing the letter and discussing the topic, Sanday Community Council were unable to identify with the problems South Ronaldsay & Burray were citing and therefore unable to offer support on this issue, and it was:

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to write to South Ronaldsay & Burray Community Council to notify them accordingly.

**(n) Patient and Public Reference Group NHS Orkney email.**

An invitation to attend a workshop to start the process of developing a Design Statement had been received from the Patient and Public Reference Group, NHS. After reviewing the letter, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to offer thanks for but decline the invitation on behalf of Sanday Community Council.

**(o) Enjoy Wild Orkney RSPB Project**

An email had been received from the RSPB Community Engagement Officer, Anne Bignall, as the RSPB have been granted funding for a new project called Enjoy Wild Orkney. Anne is keen to involve people and organisations in the isles and to create a new festival in May to celebrate Orkney's natural history.

After discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Community Council would like to hear more about the project and would pass on the information to the Ranger too, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to reply to Anne Bignall confirming interest in the scheme and inviting her to attend a future meeting.

**(p) Litter & dog poo bins at prominent locations on Sanday.**

Rosemary Newton from Sanday Community School had written to Sanday Community Council members with reference to placing proper litter bins and dog poo bins at prominent locations on the island. She mentions Whitemill Bay and Bea Sands. Their Metasaga box has been ruined twice by people using it as a depository for their rubbish. After reviewing and discussing the contents of her letter it was agreed that more bins could be advantageous to the island, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to write to Liaison Office and submit a request for additional litter bins at tourist locations on the island.

1. **8. CONSULTATIONS**

**(a) Consultation on ideas for the proposed Community Empowerment + Renewal Bill**

An email from The Liaison office had been received alerting Community Council members to see information on the Scottish Government Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill consultation document at the website address of [www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations). The consultation now runs until the 26<sup>th</sup> September, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note the contents.

**9. FINANCE**

**(a) General Fund**

The statement for the General Finance was reviewed, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(b) Spurness Fund**

The statement for the Spurness Wind Fund was reviewed, and it was:-

**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.

1. **10.FINANCIAL REQUESTS**

**(a) Funding request from Sanday Junior Football Club Travel assistance**

James Muir declared an interest and was not present during discussion thereof.

After due consideration of this application the full amount requested (£243.00) was agreed upon and awarded from Grant Scheme fund, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the £243 requested.

James Muir re-entered the room.

**(b) Funding request from Sanday Central SWRI – Spurness Micro grant application**

After due consideration of the application for financial assistance towards the cost of a trip to Shapinsay from Sanday SWRI Group, it was agreed that this application would be evenly split between the Micro Grant Fund and the General Fund. The General Fund portion would require receipts before payment was made, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the £250 requested and to ask the Clerk to notify the SWRI that receipts would be required for half the grant money.

**(c) Funding request from Mr James Boyd – haulage grant application**



After due consideration of the application for financial assistance with aggregate haulage costs received from Mr Boyd, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the sum of £28

**(d) Funding request from Mr William Sichel – Spurness Micro Grant application**

After due consideration of the application for financial assistance with costs of participating in a 48 hour track race in Skovde, Sweden, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the sum of £250

**(e) Funding request from Claire Cawthorne – Spurness Micro Grant Application**

After due consideration of an application from Mrs Cawthorne requesting assistance towards establishing a community choir, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the sum of £250.

a. **(e) Funding request from The Heritage Group for financial assistance with West Cott**

After due consideration of the application for financial assistance with leasing West Cott as the Heritage Centre, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award £200 as a contribution towards the leasing costs of West Cott, which should be funded from the General Fund

**(g) Funding request from Carolyn Dixon – Spurness Micro Grant Application**

After due consideration of the application for financial assistance to alleviate the costs of running an evening class in Box Making and Enamelling, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the sum of £250.

**(h) Funding request – Spurness Small grant application – Sanday Golf Club**

Raymond Brown declared an interest and was not present during discussion thereof.

After due consideration of this application requesting assistance towards upgrading equipment at Sanday Golf Club, from the Spurness Windfarm fund, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to grant assistance of £250

Raymond Brown re-entered the room.

**(i) Funding request – Spurness Small Grant application – Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Group**

After due consideration of this application and in line with SCF recommendations, it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the sum of £2000

(j) **Sanday Community School – School Trip to France – Financial application from Spurness Small Grant fund**

After due consideration of this application and in line with SCF recommendations it was:-

**RESOLVED** to award the sum of £5000

(k) **10<sup>th</sup> Orkney Scouts – Micro Grant request for financial assistance for replacing equipment**

As there are no funds at present in the Micro Grant Fund it was suggested to defer this item until next meeting when it was hoped that the fund would have been topped up, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk notify Ms S Evans accordingly.

1. **11.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:

Skelbrae	Erection of a 5KW Turbine
4 Lettan	Erection of a 5KW Turbine
East Langamay	Erection of a 5KW Turbine
Templehall	Erection of a 5KW Turbine
Meadows	Erection of a 5KW Turbine
Ladybank	Erection of a 5 KW Turbine
East Silverhall	Erection of a 5 KW Turbine, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information

(b) **Transport**

The Transport Representative, Mrs J Seatter, was not present, therefore there was nothing 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

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

**(d) MARS**

The MARS Representative, Mr David Muir, reported that there was a small section of dyke down but it was not a significant amount, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

1. **12.PUBLICATIONS**

The Crown Estate brochure 'Investing in tomorrow'.....was available to view.

1. **13.AOCB**

a. **(a)Defibulators**

Mr John Dearness raised the issue of defibulators on the island following receipt of an email from NHS Orkney and the Red Cross who had funding to help with placing these units in more locations and the cost of training of their use. The Youth Centre, (Heilsa Fjord) was identified a potential site for a unit. After discussion it was decided to ask Dr Murray about training and whether he thought additional defibulators were needed on the island, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

a. **(b)Islands Tourist Brochure 2013**

The Island Brochure for 2013 is now in the process of being updated. Posters are now out to notify interested parties to ensure that their entries are up to date. The Clerk needs to be advised before the 21<sup>st</sup> September, and it was:-

**RESOLVED** to note this information.

1. **14.DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The dates of the next meeting were set as 9th October and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

1. **15.CONCLUSION**

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