

# Community Council meeting minutes 22nd January 2013

## MINUTES of the MEETING of SANDAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

held in the SANDAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL on TUESDAY 22nd January 2013 at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Councillor Graham Sinclair  
Mr Gareth Ellis – Community Development Officer  
Mrs Rosemary Newton, Head Teacher Sanday Community School  
Ms Naomi Black, Clerk

### 1.Presentation from Spyria Partnership

The planned presentation did not take place. Arrangements for a new date and possibly a Special Meeting would be put in place, and it was

RESOLVED to note this.

### 2.APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 3.ADOPTION OF MINUTES

General Meeting held on 4th December 2012

The minutes of the meeting of 4th December were adopted, being proposed by Mr David Muir and seconded by Mr Raymond Brown.

### 4.MATTERS ARISING

#### a) Teachers at Stronsay and plane coming to Sanday

This issue was discussed first, so as not to detain the Head Teacher longer than was necessary. The morning plane which carries teachers bound for Stronsay is coming to Sanday first and reportedly restricting the number of passengers able to board at Sanday. The Transport Representative, had subsequently looked at the plane statistics and was not able to substantiate these claims. Furthermore, a teacher from Sanday was now being seconded to Stronsay and the Head Teacher explained that the current plane timetable and schedule was of the utmost importance to her and any changes would prove very detrimental to her and the school timetable here at Sanday. The school is very dependent upon teachers flying in to teach and there is not a single day when there are not staff flying in. The Head Teacher further requested, if possible, that she be included when the timetables are reviewed in the future, and it was:-

RESOLVED

(1)that no further action be taken to alter the current plane timetable, and  
(2)request that the Head Teacher, Sanday School be given the opportunity to comment on future air timetables.

#### b) Razorfish fishing

Following consideration of correspondence from the Compliance Business Manager at Marine Scotland replying to this issue, in which he acknowledged the difficulties in policing illegal fishing, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the information contained therein.

c) Water on the B9070

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, which advised that the road was due to be resurfaced at some time in the future, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the information contained therein.

d) Fuel issues

Following consideration of various letters and an email received from L McArthur MSP, regarding the fuel problems on Sanday, it was:-

RESOLVED to await the outcome of further developments and updates from L McArthur MSP.

e) Temperance Hall Lady Village – draft lease update

A copy of the lease agreement had now been amended by Lows Solicitors and was available for Community Council Members to approve before passing on to Sanday Development Trust. It was agreed that the document had the Community Council's approval, and it was

RESOLVED that Mr J Dearness would check with Lows as to how the next stage should be progressed.

f) Update on the recycling bins at Lady Village/ rubbish Shed at Marston Road

The Clerk had received comments from residents after placing a note in the Sanday Sound asking that the shed at Marston Road be left exclusively for the use of Marston Road residents. Residents from close-by and other areas had been using this facility, reporting that the refuse was being collected too early for them. The refuse collecting contract start time is 7.30 am, and it was:-

RESOLVED to request the Clerk put a notice in the Sanday Sound stating this information.

g) Defibrillators

An email had been received notifying the Clerk that the Red Cross had been unable to secure funding for their proposals, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

h) Container at Lady Village

This ongoing matter of an abandoned container left close to the recycling bins and The Croft was discussed. Councillor Sinclair stated that this was definitely a Community Council matter and suggested that a lawyer be instructed to send the resident owner a letter requesting removal by a specific date, and it was:-

RESOLVED that Mr Dearness would consult with Lows, Solicitors on this issue.

i) Flag for Sanday's Cubs

Costing for purchasing a flag for Remembrance Sunday for Sanday's Cub Scouts had been obtained. These had come in at £159.50 and it was agreed that the shortfall would be covered by the Community Council. It was:-

RESOLVED

(1)to ask the Clerk to notify the Treasurer for Sanday Cubs Group, and  
(2)that Mr Dearness would write to Mrs Stevenson advising her as to how her donation was being spent.

5.PATIENT FOCUS AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT NHS ORKNEY

Documentation had been received from the Patient Focus and Public Involvement Group including Agenda and Minutes from various meetings, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

6.STORM DAMAGE AND COASTAL EROSION ON LOWER ROAD AT ISGARTH

The recent storms had once again resulted in extensive damage, large amounts of debris washing up on certain roads rendering them impassable in places. Three locations were particularly affected: Isegarth road, the end of the road by the old Kettletoft store and at the watermill in the Bay of Lopness. It was:-

RESOLVED to bring this to the attention of Orkney Islands Council as a matter of urgency.

7.CORRESPONDENCE

a) Ward Plans : R Ross – Single Police Service for Scotland.

Following consideration of correspondence from Northern Police providing information on new Ward Plans for the local policing plan for Orkney, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents.

b) Orkney Ferries Statistical Report

The passenger statistics for Orkney Ferries for November 2012 were available to review, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

c) Loganair – Flight Statistical report

The passenger statistics for Logan Air for November 2012 were available to review, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

d) Thank you card from Sanday School Pupils

A thank you card had been received from Sanday School pupils conveying their thanks to the Community Council for financial assistance with purchasing fireworks, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of this letter.

e) Pilot Pentland Firth & Orkney Water Marine Spatial Plan: Marine Scotland

Details regarding the preparation and involvement with the Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan were reviewed. Discussion centered around the navigational issues for boats and ferries if all the renewable plans go ahead. The forthcoming consultation would be a platform to air concerns, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

f) Letter from Northern Constabulary – Police and the Community

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Northern Constabulary, advising of the main contact, Constable Torquil MacLeod. The police are currently facing a period of transition to a single force and the purpose of the communication was to think about any concerns that may have been raised at Community Council level which will form the basis of future consultation between police and the community. The Force Website also has a monthly bulletin for Orkney, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

g) Letter of thanks from R Brough : Sanday School Parent Council

A letter from Mrs R Brough had been received thanking the Community Council for their kind donation towards the cost of holding the children's Christmas tree party. It was

RESOLVED to note this information.

h) Letter from Head of IT & Support Services

Following receipt of a letter from the Head of IT and Support Services in answer to the Community Council's request for attendance at a Community Council meetings by a member of the Democratic Services Team, it was:-

RESOLVED to follow this issue up with a written request to be notified when attendance can be expected.

i) Letter from Head of Community Resilience Policy, Scottish Government

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Head of Community Resilience Policy regarding resilience and emergency planning. The letter identified a website [www.readyscotland.org](http://www.readyscotland.org) which provides helpful advice and information. Councillor Sinclair raised the question of whether Sanday Community Council gets involved with Emergency Planning measures and the Emergency Planning Officer. At present this does not happen. Councillor Sinclair offered to follow up this issue and would ask the Emergency Planning Officer what role Community Councils play in emergency planning and if the role could be refreshed. It was:-

RESOLVED to await outcome of Councillor Sinclair's enquiry into the matter.

j) Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO) HR Service

After reviewing an email received from VAO who were researching the possibility of offering a new service focusing on Human Resources, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

k) Broadband : Highlands & Island Enterprise

Following consideration of correspondence from Highlands & Islands Enterprise regarding next generation broadband initiative, Mr Ellis advised the meeting that he would be attending a meeting soon with other Community Development Officers (CDOs) and that Sanday would still be in with an opportunity to apply jointly with other islands for funding for faster broadband from the Scottish Government. After attending the meeting Mr Ellis would be better placed to update on the issue, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

l) Air Ambulance Provision

Following consideration of correspondence, received from L McArthur, MSP, advising members that he had secured a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Health to discuss implications for the emergency air ambulance services in Orkney. There were no comments to pass on, and it was:-

RESOLVED to wait being notified of the outcome of the meeting.

## 8. CONSULTATIONS

### 1. Orkney Bio-Diversity Action Plan

This consultation document had been circulated amongst members, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit this response to Orkney Islands Council.

### 2. Licencing Over-provision

This consultation document had been circulated amongst members, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the Clerk submit this response to Orkney Islands Council.

## 9. FINANCE

### a) General Fund

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

RESOLVED to note that the balance remaining was £4,127.78

### b) Spurness Fund

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

RESOLVED to note that the balance remaining was £1,673.86

c) Community Council Grant Scheme

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

RESOLVED to note that the balance remaining in the main CCGS category was £1,167.76.

d) Community Development Fund

The financial statement for the CDF was reviewed, and it was:-  
RESOLVED to note that the balance remaining was £4,127.14.

e) Seed Corn Fund

The financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund was reviewed, and it was:-  
RESOLVED to note that the balance remaining was £7,018.03.

## 10.FINANCIAL REQUESTS

a) Spurness Windfarm Community Benefit Fund

1) Course Fees - T Hull

Following consideration of an application from Mr T Hull for assistance with course fees and travel costs associated with a trip to the Shamwari Game Reserve in South Africa to gain veterinary experience, it was  
RESOLVED to agree to the award of £250.

2) Sanday Development Trust

Mr J Dearness, Mrs J Seatter, Mr D Muir and Mr G Ellis all declared an interest in this item and left the room.

Following consideration of a funding application from Sanday Development Trust for £15,000 to renovate the Temperance Hall to provide a permanent site for Sanday's Heritage Centre and provides up to 3 self contained business units, it was  
RESOLVED to award the request for £15,000.

Mr J Dearness, Mrs J Seatter, Mr D Muir and Mr G Ellis re-entered the room.

3) Haulage of Aggregates – Mr & Mrs Sichel

Following consideration of a funding application from Mr & Mrs Sichel towards the cost of haulage of aggregates into Sanday, it was:-  
RESOLVED to agree to the award £50 towards the application.

4) Haulage of Aggregates – Mrs M Davidson

Following consideration of a funding application from Mrs M Davidson towards the cost of haulage of aggregates into Sanday, it was:-  
RESOLVED to agree to the award £33.33 towards the application.

5)Haulage of Aggregates – Mrs C Weston

Following consideration of a funding application from Mrs C Weston towards the cost of haulage of aggregates into Sanday, it was:-  
RESOLVED to agree to the award £50 towards the application.

## 6)Haulage of Aggregates – Ms S Mellors

Following consideration of a funding application from Ms S Mellors towards the cost of haulage of aggregates into Sanday, it was:-

RESOLVED to agree to the award £50 towards the application.

## 11.REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

### a) Planning

The Planning Representative, Mrs N Brown, advised of the following planning applications

- 1.Erection of a 5KW turbine at Upper Breckan
  - 2.Erection of a 5 KW turbine at Bursie Cottage
  - 3.Erection of a 5 KW Turbine at Saville
  - 4.Erection of a 5 KW Turbine Upperhouse
  - 5.Erection of a house Land at Yarrow Burness
  - 6.Siting of a house at Hillside, and it was:-
- RESOLVED to note this information.

### 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 to report, and it was:-  
RESOLVED to note this information

### d) MARS Items

The MARS Representative, Mr David Muir had nothing new to report to Members, and it was:-  
RESOLVED to note this information.

## 12.PUBLICATIONS

The following publications were available to members:-

- Holyrood Highlights – Liam McArthur
- Voluntary Action Orkney – Newsletter

## 13.AOCB

### a) Proposal to widen participation of parents and children in Heilsa Fjord

Outline plans for opening Heilsa Fjord between the end of school and the start of children's evening activities have been submitted by Ms S Goodman. The idea is to establish whether there is a demand for this and it is being discussed with the staff Heilsa Fjord. The purpose of the email is simply to spread the word about the scheme and it was:-  
RESOLVED to note this information.

### b) Christmas Tree and maintenance of Lights

### c)

It had been reported that the Christmas tree lights have been repaired extensively and would require replacing for next year. Mrs N Brown volunteered to purchase the thank you gifts for

the 2 people who kindly tended to the Christmas tree and lights maintenance this last year and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

d) Orkney Ferries – lack of information on cancellations and delays over the weekends.

One of the Community Council members raised the issue of why is there no way of finding out about cancellations and delays to the ferries over the weekends, unless users are signed up to the text alert system. Not everyone has this service available to them and there is nobody at Orkney ferries around to answer telephone calls at the weekends when services can be disrupted due to bad weather. Whilst it is appreciated that it is a cost issue of not having office personnel around at the weekend, it would be helpful if a telephone message could be updated giving the most up to date information. There were also reports of no personnel being around at the ferry terminal to advice passengers who turned up, only to find out that there is no sailing. It was:-

RESOLVED to write a complaint to Orkney Ferries to highlight these issues.

#### 14.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is already set for the 12th March and then 23rd April 2013.

#### 15.CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting was concluded at 10.05 pm