

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in the Sanday Community School on Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Brown, Mrs N Brown, Mr P Allan, Mr J Dearness, Mr J Muir, Mrs J Seatter and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- 3 members of the public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Councillors S Hagan and G Sinclair.

2. Minute of Meeting Held on 24 November 2015

The minute of the meeting of Sanday Community Council held on 24 November 2015 was approved, being proposed by A Towrie and seconded by Mrs J Seatter, subject to the following amendments:

4(f)(1) should be amended to read "that in the guidelines for the SSE Spurness Community Fund scheme under the section showing activities that could not be supported, the trips abroad category should be removed from the list, therefore making trips abroad eligible for consideration for assistance from the fund."

4(f)(2) be amended to read "that for Spurness Micro Fund applications, receipts/evidence of expenditure should be submitted, to the Clerk, within three months of receipt of grant. This should be added to the application form as well, for any future claims."

7(m)(1)(d) be amended to read "in the event that the Sanday Players group folded, the ownership of the equipment should fall to the Sanday Community Association."

3. Matters Arising

A. Burness Kirkyard

The Interim Clerk read an email which had been received from the Head of Roads and Environmental Services which provided an update on the progress made and options available to secure extra lair space in Sanday. Members expressed their disappointment that they had not had an opportunity to meet with officers when they visited the island in January. They also discussed various concerns with the options presented and felt it would be useful to know figures, timescales and costs. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk draft a letter to the Head of Roads and Environmental Services, via Democratic Services, expressing members' dissatisfaction and requesting a meeting with relevant officers.

B. Post of Clerk

After hearing an update from the Interim Clerk regarding the permanent Clerk's post, and the fact that no applicants had been received, it was:

Resolved that the post should be re-advertised with local posters distributed and an advert in the Sanday Sound.

C. Provision of Bins

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the provision of bins in various locations, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

4. Correspondence

A. Orkney Islands Council – Relief Airfield Superintendent/Rescue and Fire Fighting Crew

Following consideration of a recruitment advert for the Sanday Airfield, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information and that the Chair had placed the poster in various public places throughout the island.

B. Marine Scotland – Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan Update

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, providing an update on the Marine Spatial Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Orkney Local Access Forum – Meeting Date

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the next meeting of the Orkney Local Access Forum, it was:

Resolved to note that Emma Webb (Sanday Ranger) would be attending the meeting on behalf of the community.

D. Letter of Thanks – Sanday Community School

The Interim Clerk had received correspondence from N Thompson thanking the Community Council for providing financial assistance towards the school trip to Edinburgh, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Finance

A. General Fund

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £5,968.39, as at 25 January 2016.

B. Spurness Wind Fund (Micro Grants)

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £1,274.02, as at 25 January 2016.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

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

Resolved to note that £1691.44 remained available for approval in the main capping limited for approval, as at 25 January 2016.

D. Community Development Fund

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

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £4,419.68, as at 25 January 2016.

E. Seedcorn Fund

Following 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 January 2016.

6. Financial Requests

A. Haulage of Aggregate

Members were advised that two applications had been received for assistance with haulage of aggregate, and it was:

Resolved to grant £50 per applicant from the Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS), at a total of £100.

B. Orkney Dictionary – Proposed Digitisation Project

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding a request for financial assistance towards the project to digitise the Orkney Dictionary, it was:

Resolved to grant a donation of £50 from CCGS towards the project.

C. Micro Grant Application – Sanday Playgroup

Following consideration of an application from Sanday Playgroup for financial assistance towards liability insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant £100 from the Micro Grant Fund to the Sanday Playgroup.

7. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

After hearing a report from the Transport Representative advising members that she would be attending the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 10 February, and would take the various issues raised by islanders to the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the information from the Transport Representative.

B. Planning Representative

After hearing a report from the Planning Representative advising members of two separate applications for 6kw wind turbine generators on the island, it was:

Resolved to note the information from the Planning Representative.

C. Municipal and Roads Services (MARS) Representative

The MARS representative reported that there were various areas being affected during the recent wet spells, and it was:

Resolved to note the information and monitor certain areas.

D. Development Trust Representative

After hearing a report from the Development Trust Representative advising members of a recent “health check” undergone by the Trust through Highlands and Islands Social Enterprise, and various plans under discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

8. Publications

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

- Orkney Ferries Limited – Statistical Report for December 2015.
- Internal Air Passenger Service Figures – December 2015.
- Holyrood Highlights – 27 November, 4 December, 11 December 2015, 22 January 2016.
- VAO Monthly Newsletter – December 2015.
- VAO Volunteering Opportunities List.
- Scottish Rural Parliament Newsletter – December 2015.

9. AOCB

A. Kirkyard Maintenance

Members reported that rabbit proofing had been completed around the Cross Kirk. It was reported, however, that the areas around the gates at the Burness Kirkyard needed to be weeded, and that they felt this was a Council responsibility, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would write to request that the weeding be undertaken at Burness Kirkyard.

B. Christmas Tree Lighting

Members queried why their Christmas Tree Lighting arrangements were not included in the Orcadian advert along with the other areas in Orkney, and it was:

Resolved to contact Democratic Services and request to be included on the advert in future years.

C. Road Sign for Bay of Lopness

A member of the public had reported that the sign at West Langamay directing to the Bay of Lopness was in need of repair. Members were of the opinion that arranging a replacement should be made a priority, bearing in mind that celebrations and events were to take place in June in conjunction with national Battle of Jutland Commemorations, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact the relevant department at Orkney Islands Council to request a replacement.

D. Queen's Birthday Beacon – 21 April 2016

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Island Council, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, advising members of the upcoming event to celebrate the Queen's ninetieth birthday, it was:

Resolved that an event would be organised, pending permission from a local landowner, and that an update would be given at the next meeting.

E. Tender for Kirkyard Maintenance

Members noted that the contract for grasscutting around the island kirkyards was due to expire and that the tendering process needed to be undertaken, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would issue posters to be displayed around the island and that an advert would be placed in the Sanday Sound inviting quotes for the tender.

F. Island Website

A member of the public had reported that the Sanday website required some updated information and members discussed details and forms that could be included on the website, some of which would assist the Trust Office, who had reported an increase in enquiries, especially regarding forms for financial assistance, and it was:

Resolved that members would send any relevant information to the Trust Office.

10. Date of Next Meeting

After consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of the Sanday Community Council would be held on:

- 22 March 2016 at 19:30 in Sanday Community School.
- 3 May 2016 at 19:30 in Sanday Community School.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and the meeting was concluded at 20:55.