

Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held in the Sanday Community School on Tuesday, 22 March 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:

- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- 2 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 Clackson, S Hagan and G Sinclair.

2. Minute of Meeting Held on 2 February 2016

The minute of the meeting of Sanday Community Council held on 2 February 2016 was approved, being proposed by Mrs N Brown and seconded by P Allan.

3. Matters Arising

A. Burness Kirkyard

The Service Improvement Officer gave an update on the present situation regarding the Burness Kirkyard. He advised members that it had been hoped that the extension could have gone through swiftly, however Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) had lodged an objection as there was a lack of depth of soil above the bedrock, therefore planning permission had been refused. He also advised that this project could not have been progressed earlier due to lack of funding. An alternative area of ground had been offered to Orkney Islands Council and the necessary groundwater survey had been undertaken, and it was hoped that planning permission could be progressed. Members advised of the urgency of moving the project on as quickly as possible as there were only four unreserved lairs remaining in the Burness Kirkyard, with sixty five lairs being reserved. The Service Improvement Officer advised members that, although being a very sensitive issue, consideration was being given to contacting relevant persons with reserved lairs enquiring, if the need arose, whether they would consider waiving their reserved lair in the Burness Kirkyard for a lair in the new kirkyard, at no extra cost. Members agreed that this would require to be addressed delicately. He also advised that arrangements had been made for the spraying of the weeds at the gates, and it was:

Resolved:

- 1.** To note the contents of the report from the Service Improvement Officer.
- 2.** To note that planning permission had been refused for the extension of Burness Kirkyard due to lack of soil depth above the bedrock.
- 3.** To note that an area of land had been made available to Orkney Islands Council adjacent to the existing Cross Cemetery.
- 4.** To note that the results of a ground water survey which had been undertaken were awaited.
- 5.** To note that arrangements had been made for the weeds at the gate of Burness Kirkyard to be sprayed.

B. Post of Clerk

After hearing an update from the Interim Clerk regarding the Clerk's post, advising that no applications had been received, members discussed remuneration in relation to the Spurness Fund, and it was:

Resolved to ascertain from Scottish and Southern Energy plc (SSE) what level of funding may be available towards the Clerk's post.

C. Haulage of Aggregates

Members were advised that the Haulage of Aggregates Community Council Grant had been increased to include the applications received at the last meeting and, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Christmas Tree Lighting

After hearing a report from the Interim Clerk advising members that the Sanday Christmas tree lighting could be advertised along with other Orkney events if they completed and submitted the relevant documentation to Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to contact Democratic Services requesting that an application form for Christmas tree lighting events be sent to Sanday Community Council.

E. Bay of Lopness Road Sign

Following consideration of correspondence advising members that the Team Leader, Roads Support, would investigate the matter and arrange for the appropriate repairs, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and ask if the work could possibly be undertaken prior to the Battle of Jutland commemoration events.

F. Queen's Birthday Beacon – 21 April 2016

Members were advised that arrangements were in hand for the bonfire, that the landowner had granted permission, and that an advert would be placed in the Sanday Sound, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

G. Spurness Fund

Following consideration of the online Spurness Fund Small Grant and Main Grant application forms and the Community Council's Micro Grant application form, which had been amended, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the amendments which had been made to the Main Grant application form.

2. That the amended Micro Grant application form should be used.
3. That an additional clause should be added to the Micro Grant application form stating “only one application will be granted with a 12 month period”.
4. To ask SSE if they would consider including the Community Council Micro Fund Application form on their website.
5. To ask SSE again to consider increasing the funds available within the Micro Fund.

4. Kirkyard Maintenance

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was held in Committee.

Resolved that the Chairman would find out about cutting at the War Memorial.

5. Correspondence

A. Roads Issues

Following consideration of correspondence advising members of how various road issues were to be dealt with, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That Orkney Islands Council officers had been in the island taking photos.
3. To ask Orkney Islands Council if consideration could be given to the concrete blocks at the quarry being placed alongside the road to save it.
4. To ask for an update on progress regarding South End Road and North End Road.

B. Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, advising members of the revised and published Development Plan Scheme 2016, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. National Commemorations - Battle of Jutland

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the commemoration for the Battle of Jutland, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that R Thorne and M Stockton would be attending the event on behalf of the community.
2. That R Thorne had advised Orkney Islands Council of the associated events taking place in Sanday.

D. Orkney Ferries – Islands of Orkney Website

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries advising members of the possible development of an Islands of Orkney website, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that members were in favour of developing an Islands of Orkney website.

E. Police Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland advising of their ongoing consultation process, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Sanday Care Home Steering Group

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Care Home Steering Group asking for assistance in finding out the present status of the previous care home in Sanday, it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council if they could confirm the current status of the previous care home.

G. East Anglian Amateur Radio Observatory (EAARO) – Proposed Meteor Radar on North Ronaldsay

Following consideration of correspondence from EAARO regarding the location of receiving stations to be based in North Ronaldsay, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Finance

A. General Fund

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £5,816.24, as at 11 March 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 £1,174.02, as at 11 March 2016.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

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

Resolved to note that £1693.72 remained available for approval in the main capping limited for approval, as at 11 March 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 11 March 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 11 March 2016.

7. Financial Requests

A. Bag the Bruck 2016

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of arrangements for the annual Bag the Bruck event, members agreed to match the funding from Orkney Islands Council with £300 from their general funds, with the £600 being divided by the total number of bags gathered in the island. The number of bags collected by each group would then be multiplied by the calculated total per bag, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To submit an application for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance on the total cost of £300.
3. That the Chair would submit information to be included in the Sanday Sound.

B. Orkney Folk Festival

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Folk Festival Committee requesting assistance towards the running costs of the festival, and it was:

Resolved to grant a donation of £100.

Due to the nature of items 7.C. to 7.E. they were held in Committee.

C. Micro Grant Applications

1. Sanday Care Home Steering Group

Following consideration of an application from Sanday Care Home Steering Group for financial assistance towards a fact finding trip to Kalisgarth, Westray, it was:

Resolved to grant £179.90 from the Micro Grant Fund to the Sanday Care Home Steering Group.

2. W Clackson

Following consideration of an application from W Clackson for assistance towards the cost of driving lessons, it was:

Resolved:

A. To grant £250 towards the cost.

B. That £125 should be paid from Spurness Micro Grant Fund.

C. That £125 should be paid from Sanday Community Council General Fund.

D. The Development Trust representatives would bring this up at the Trust as to the possibility of them providing match funding.

3. Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Award Group requesting assistance towards the cost of expenses for the Bronze Award, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £250, which should be met from the Sanday Spurness Fund.

4. Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Award

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Award Group requesting assistance towards the cost of expenses for the Silver Award, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that only one grant award can be made to any group/individual within a twelve month period.

B. That grant had been awarded at item 7. C. 3. Above.

C. That a grant of £250 should be awarded, which should be met from the Sanday Community Council's General Fund.

5. S Sinclair

Following consideration of correspondence from S Sinclair requesting assistance towards travel costs for Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award presentation, it was:

Resolved:

- A.** To note that funding for a previous application had been funded from the community council's own funds.
- B.** That £125 should be paid from Spurness Micro Grant Fund.
- C.** That £125 should be paid from Sanday Community Council General Fund.

6. Sanday Heritage Group

Following consideration of correspondence from Sanday Heritage Group requesting assistance towards the cost of design and printing of a leaflet, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £246, which should be met from the Sanday Spurness Fund.

D. SSE Spurness Community Fund – Main Fund Applications

1. Sanday Parent Council

R Brown, J Muir and Mrs J Seatter declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the email agreement.

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Energy plc (SSE), which had been emailed round members, regarding an application to the Main Fund from Sanday Parent Council for assistance towards the cost of a school trip to Iceland, it was:

Resolved to note that members had agreed to the grant being awarded by SSE and that no conditions required to be set.

2. Sanday Development Trust

Following consideration of correspondence from SSE regarding an application to the Main Fund from Sanday Development Trust for assistance towards operational costs for the Heritage Centre, it was:

Resolved to note that members had agreed to the grant being awarded by SSE as it was a worthwhile project and no conditions required to be set.

E. Haulage of Aggregates

Following consideration of correspondence from A Davies, requesting assistance towards the cost of haulage of aggregates, it was:

Resolved:

- 1.** To award a grant of £30.

2. To submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application on a project cost of £500.

3. To amend the present Haulage of Aggregates application form to include the following.

A. Remove “this should cover approx. 3.3 tonnes at current haulage costs depending on whether loose or bagged”.

B. Add “only one application can be grant awarded per financial year”.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

After hearing a report from the Transport Representative advising members of various items that had been raised at the recent consultative forum meetings, 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 one application on the island, it was:

Resolved to note the information from the Planning Representative.

C. MARS Representative

The MARS representative reported that the wave wall at Meur was being undermined and photos had been taken, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Development Trust Representative

After hearing a report from the Development Trust Representative advising members that it had been raised that the ladders on the Kettletoft Pier had become rusty, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report and to advise Orkney Islands Council of the rusty ladders.

9. Publications

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

- Orkney Ferries Limited - Statistics.

10. AOCB

A. Kirkyard Maintenance

Members were advised that the big gates at Burness required repair and that the ground at the small gate required to be levelled out. The hinge on the gate at Cross Kirkyard was also broken and required a new hinge, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Chair would obtain a price for the works.
2. That the Chair would arrange for the works to be carried out.
3. That Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost.

B. Recycling

Members noted that a recycling container had been in Sanday which included a section for plastic. This had now been removed and there was no facility for plastic, and it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council why there was no longer a facility for plastics and when the recycling bag system might be introduced to the island.

C. Hearsy Hoose

Following consideration of correspondence from M Stockton advising that she was now in ownership of the Hearsy Hoose and that she would like the Community Council to consider rehousing the Hearse in it again, it was:

Resolved:

1. To investigate what repairs were required to the Hearse, and arrange and fund the cost of any repairs required.
2. That members would be happy for the Hearse to be housed in the Hearsy Hoose again.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of the Sanday Community Council, due to be held on 3 May 2016, be changed to 7 June 2016 at 19:30 in Sanday Community School.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and the meeting was concluded at 22:45.