

**MINUTE of the MEETING of SANDAY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in the
SANDAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL on
TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Councillor S Hagan
Mr R Thorne, Sanday Ranger
Ms N Black, Clerk

One member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note that there were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2014

RESOLVED to note that the Minute of the Meeting held on 11 March 2014 was approved, being proposed by Mrs N Brown and seconded by Mr D Muir.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Screen Machine's visit

After hearing a report regarding the recent visit of the Screen Machine, and following discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note that the event had been well attended and deemed to be successful;
- (2) to note that there had been a request that in future there should be more 12/12a category films which would attract more viewers;
- (3) to note that members agreed to support the next visit of the Screen Machine, which was planned for September; and
- (4) to ask the Clerk to notify the other organisations who were due to fund a share of the costs of the Screen Machine's visit.

(b) Sanday's War Memorial

After hearing an update on the War Memorial from Mr D Muir, members heard that a local contractor had agreed to undertake the renovation works at the War Memorial at an estimated cost of approximately £700, and it was:-

RESOLVED to accept the quote and to ask the Clerk to submit an application for assistance through Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £700.

(c) Grasscutting and Machine Maintenance

Members heard that the grasscutting contract had been awarded and the contractor had already made a start, and that there had been no applications for the machine maintenance contract but the work would be undertaken but not under a contract, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

(d) Sanday Tourist and Business Group – Maps

Mrs J Seatter reported that she and Mrs N Brown had arranged for the maps to be up-dated, and they now featured fifty-six items which included all the local hostellers, bed and breakfasts, hotels, toilets and shops, as well as the Doctors' Surgery and points of interest. Members heard that a cost of £91 had been quoted for three maps however four were now required, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to purchase the four maps based on the previous cost provided;
- (2) to ask the Clerk to issue a purchase order; and
- (3) to submit an application for CCGS assistance.

(e) Core Paths

Members heard representation from the Sanday Ranger regarding core paths; some of Sanday's paths had vertical stiles which were difficult to navigate, signage was an issue and there was erosion at Doun Helzie. An Orkney Islands Council officer was scheduled to visit Sanday during the summer to inspect Sanday's core paths, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

(f) Bag The Bruck and Beach Cleaning Initiative

Members heard that Bag The Bruck had been very well supported this year with a large amount of rubbish being cleared from the beaches. The issue of larger items of refuse was discussed, as sometimes these items were not removed along with the bagged items, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to defer discussion on payment to the various organisations who had participated to the next meeting, as claim forms were still to be sent in; and
- (2) to ask the Clerk to investigate responsibility for removal of larger items of rubbish and debris following Bag the Bruck.

4. PETITION FROM SANDAY RESIDENTS

Members heard that a petition dated 28 March 2014 with fifty-eight names had been presented to the MARS Representative, expressing concerns over safety issues at a stretch of road by the North End School and running north of Sandgarth. The Chairman advised members that an Orkney Islands Council officer would be checking this area on the next visit, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) to ask the Clerk to write to the principle petitioner to provide an update from the Community Council.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dog mess in Lady Village Area

Following consideration of correspondence from a local resident who had previously made representations regarding dog mess in Lady Village, members were pleased to hear that there had been a considerable improvement and a reduction of instances, now that signs and notices had been put in place, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(b) Scottish and Southern Energy Distribution Business Plan

Following consideration of correspondence providing an update on Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution business plan, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(c) The Big Lunch 2014

Consideration was given to correspondence from organisers of The Big Lunch, which was due to take place across the whole of the UK on 1 June 2014, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to note the contents of the correspondence; and
- (2) that the information be forwarded to the Café Manager at Helsja Fjord.

(d) Voluntary Action Orkney Membership Renewal

Following consideration of correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney notifying members that membership was due to be renewed for the next year, it was:-

RESOLVED to renew the Community Council's Voluntary Action Orkney membership.

(e) Sanday Heritage Centre – Dry Stone Dyke

Following consideration of correspondence from the Secretary of Sanday Heritage Group asking if the Community Council could assist with the supply of building stone to build a dry stone dyke to run in front of the new Heritage Centre building, and after discussion, it was evident that ownership of the Quarry and building stone contained therein was unclear. Councillor Hagan offered to help with enquiries to ascertain ownership of the site, and it was:-

RESOLVED to await the outcome of Councillor Hagan's enquiries.

6. CONSULTATIONS**(a) Flood Study Questionnaire**

Following consideration of a consultation document on a flood study being carried out by Orkney Islands Council, details of the flooding events that had occurred over the last winter period were discussed and recorded, and it was:-

RESOLVED that this information would be submitted, along with a map depicting the various stretches of road affected, prior to the deadline.

7. FINANCE**(a) General Fund**

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

RESOLVED to note that the estimated balance was £3,741.35, as at 14 April 2014.

(b) Spurness Wind Fund

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

RESOLVED to note that the estimated balance was £1750.02, as at 14 April 2014.

(c) Community Council Grant Scheme

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

RESOLVED to note that £405.89 remained unclaimed but approved, as at 14 April 2014.

(d) Community Development Fund

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

RESOLVED to note that the balance remaining for approval was £4419.68, as at 14 April 2014.

(e) Seedcorn Fund

After consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £7,018.03, as at 14 April 2014.

8. FINANCIAL REQUESTS

The Sanday Ranger and one member of the public left the meeting at this point.

Mr J Dearness, Mrs J Seatter and Mr D Muir declared an interest in next item and left the room.

(a) Sanday Heritage Group – Part-time Position

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance from Sanday Development Trust to fund a part-time position at the new Heritage Centre from the Seed Corn Fund, and after a very lengthy debate, it was clear that the details of the position had not yet been finalised, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) to agree to an award in principle; and
- (2) to ask the Clerk to write to the Development Trust requesting more detail regarding the request.

Mr J Dearness. Mrs J Seatter and Mr D Muir joined the meeting.

Mr J Muir and Mrs J Seatter declared an interest and left the room.

(b) Sanday Community School – Trip to Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence from local Secondary School pupils requesting financial assistance towards their trip to Shetland in June, it was:-

RESOLVED to award £450 as a donation from the General Fund.

(c) Spurness Micro Grant Application – W Sichel

Following consideration of an application for a Spurness Micro Grant from W Sichel, it was noted that a guideline of one application per year per applicant had been agreed upon in 2013 for applications to the Micro Grant fund, and it was:-

RESOLVED to defer consideration of this request to the next meeting.

(d) Spurness Micro Grant Application – Sanday Swim Club

Following consideration of a Spurness Micro Grant application received from Sanday Swim Club, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the £234 requested from the Spurness Micro Grant Fund.

(e) Spurness Fund Application – Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Award Group

Following consideration of the assessment undertaken by Scottish and Southern Energy on the Spurness Fund application received from Sanday Duke of Edinburgh Award Group for financial assistance for the purchase new equipment, it was:-

RESOLVED to agree to the recommended award of £2000 from the Spurness Fund.

(f) Spurness Micro Grant Application – Rich Tasks Team Sanday School

Following consideration of a Spurness Micro Grant application from Sanday School for financial assistance towards participating in the Commonwealth Tapestry project, it was:-

RESOLVED to award the sum of £250 requested from the Spurness Micro Grant fund.

Mrs J Seatter and Mr J Muir rejoined the meeting at this point.

(g) Recycling Sub Group of Sanday Development Trust – Equipment Disposal

Following consideration of correspondence from the Recycling Sub Group of Sanday Development Trust requesting financial assistance towards the costs of removal of unusable electrical equipment, it was:-

RESOLVED to award up to a maximum amount of £150 and to submit an application for assistance through CCGS.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**(a) Planning**

The Planning Representative reported that there were no new planning applications to report, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

(b) Transport

The Transport Representative reported that there were still issues with the bow doors on the two Earl ferries, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

(h) Sanday Development Trust

The Development Trust Representative advised that there was nothing new to report, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

(d) MARS

The MARS Representative reported that the repair to the shed in the Burness Kirkyard had been completed. Members also heard that the safety helmet for the grass cutting contractor needed replacement, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and ask the Clerk to issue a purchase order for a new strimmer safety helmet.

10. PUBLICATIONS

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

Orkney Ferries Statistics;
Orkney Internal Air Service Passenger Figures; and
Holyrood Highlights.

11. AOCB**(a) Annual Grants Information**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Democratic Services Manager regarding Community Council Annual Grants, along with a list of grants allocated to each community council area, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(b) Sunken Graves and Tilting Headstones

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Community Council Liaison Officer in response to photographs submitted depicting sunken graves and tilting headstones, advising members that the local grave digger should be approached to deal with these matters. Following discussion, members expressed their disagreement with the information provided, on the grounds that the graveyards were owned by Orkney Islands Council. Councillor Hagan offered to take up the matter with Democratic Services and report back, and it was:-

RESOLVED to await an update from Councillor Hagan.

(c) Support for more Funds for Parish Councils Proposal

Following consideration of correspondence forwarded on by Councillor Clackson, requesting support for a proposal to allow a percentage of Business Rates be paid direct to Parish and Town Councils for the benefit of local economic growth, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(d) Scottish Government Inquiry into the Flexibility and Autonomy of Local Government

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Government regarding the collation of information about flexibility and autonomy of local government, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the contents of the correspondence.

(e) Sanday Development Trust – Joint Meeting

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from the Chairman of Sanday Development Trust expressing a wish to hold a joint meeting with the Community Council on how to best utilise funds from the Spurness Wind Farm. The Chairman and Mrs J Seatter expressed interest in attending such a meeting when arranged, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note this information.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting was scheduled for 17 June and the next meeting thereafter for 19 August 2014.

13. CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting concluded at 9.35 p.m.