

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held via Zoom on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr T McCabe, Mr M Scott and Mr H Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr C Dixon and Councillor H Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 15 February 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr T McCabe and seconded by Mr M Scott.

3. Matters Arising

A. Cattle Pens

The Chair advised that a meeting was yet to be arranged, and it was:

Resolved to try and get together the relevant people to discuss this matter within the next month.

B. Kirkyard Issue – Accessible Path

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advised that the response from OIC had been that there had not been any burials recently. Members disagreed with this comment, and it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services staff would enquire further into this matter and repair of the path.

C. Road Conditions

The Interim Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to EMEC regarding the Westside Road, but that a response had not been received, although Councillor G Sinclair further commented that discussion was ongoing with OIC and EMEC. It was also reported that the schedule was being worked up for general road works in Eday and other isles, and it was agreed that issues should be highlighted again, including the Westside Road and around the pier, where the weight limit was being ignored and the carriageway becoming damaged. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would ask via the Business Letter for an update regarding road works on Eday.

D. Haulage of Aggregate

Members discussed whether the CCGS category for haulage of aggregate should remain open, and it was agreed to write off the remaining balance, and it was:

Resolved to close the category in Eday's Community Council Grant Scheme Fund for haulage of aggregate.

4. Correspondence

A. The Circular Economy and the Planning System

Following consideration of correspondence from Planning Aid Scotland, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a series of free events for Community groups to cover the above matters, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Scottish Water – Leaks and Bursts

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members to report any issues following the recent spell of cold weather, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. 5G New Thinking Workshop Invite

Members considered correspondence from OIC, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising of a workshop on mobile networks, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. EU Settled Status Support

Following consideration of correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising of assistance available for local EU citizens to apply to the Settled Status Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising of changes only to the online version of the brochure for the current tourist season, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Calor Rural Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from Calor, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding funding available to apply for, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Community Renewal Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from the Development and Regeneration Manager, Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting bids to the UK Community Renewal Fund from community organisations across Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

H. Orkney Regional Marine Plan

Members discussed correspondence that had previously been circulated from the Marine Planner, Orkney Islands Council, regarding the preparation of a statutory Regional Marine Plan for Orkney, and the preparation of an Islands Communities Impact Assessment, and it was:

Resolved to note that members could provide input over the coming months if they wished.

I. HITRANS – E-Cargo Bikes

Following consideration of information received from HITRANS, copies of which had previously, regarding electric cargo bikes being made available to hire for community use, it was:

Resolved to note that a note of interest had been put in.

J. Annual Grant 2021/2022

Members considered correspondence from the Democratic Services Manager, copies of which had previously been forwarded to members, regarding Community Council annual grants for the 2021/2022 financial year, and it was:

Resolved to note that Eday Community Council had received an annual grant for 2021/2022 of £4,208.12.

K. Adoption of Planning Guidance

Members considered correspondence which had previously been circulated by Democratic Services, advising of three Planning documents that had recently been approved by Orkney Islands Council - Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance, Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting Planning Policy Advice and the Development Plan Scheme 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 7 March 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £6,238.60.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 4 May 2021, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that additional capping limit had not been used, and that the main and island capping limits had been fully allocated for 2020/2021.

2. That the Interim Clerk should check the balances for the new financial year.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 4 May 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained for allocation.

D. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note that the remaining balance of £3,508.51 had been allocated to the fuel tanks for ECA, and that the shortfall would be coming out of 2021/2022 CCGS funding.

6. Financial Request - CC Insurance 2021/2022

Following consideration of how to fund the CC insurance for 2021/2022, it was:

Resolved to allocate CCGS funding of £86 towards the annual insurance costs.

7. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

It was reported that there had been a committee decision on revised ferry fares and that Councillors had received representation from community members. Members discussed a smart card idea, such as was used in Norway, and it was:

Resolved to consider this idea at the next meeting.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

8. Consultation Documents

A. Easing of Covid Restrictions on Islands

Members noted that there had been a consultation circulated to all members in March, regarding the relaxation of restrictions in relation to Covid-19, and it was:

Resolved to note that comments had been forwarded prior to the consultation closing date.

B. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021

Members noted that the Scheme for Orkney Community Councils had recently been revised to reflect recent changes, and that they had been asked for comments, and it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to forward.

C. Winter Service Delivery 2021

Following consideration of the consultation on the Winter Service Policy 2021 to 2026 and Winter Service Plan 2021/2022, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation and that gritting had been done very well over the winter season.

D. Island Wellbeing Survey

Members had been forwarded information on an Island Wellbeing Survey that was being undertaken by Voluntary Action Orkney, and it was:

Resolved to note that the survey had been well circulated and that members would forward their own individual responses to it.

E. GO-HI Rural MaaS Project

Members considered a survey that had been previously circulated which aimed to learn more about the transport and technology needs and preferences of people living in the area of Scotland covered by Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note that members felt that the survey was not relevant to Eday.

9. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications had been made available:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – December 2020 and February 2021.
- Loganair – Statistics – January, February and April 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – February and March 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – February and March 2021.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – February and April 2021.
- Letter from School Place – February, March and April 2021.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Scrap Cars

Members discussed the increasing number of scrap cars around the island, and it was:

Resolved to forward information on the End-of-Life Vehicle Scheme to members.

B. Summer Ferry Timetable

Members discussed the current summer timetable for Orkney Ferries, particularly the Friday schedule where the ferry went round all three isles, causing concern around time available to load livestock. Members did not think they had been consulted on this change, and also noted that there was no evening boat on a Sunday which meant that the schoolteacher could not travel out. It was reported that Education would be contacting Orkney Ferries about the teacher being able to get out to Eday, and it was:

Resolved to write to Orkney Ferries asking for clarification on the above issues.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 1 September 2021 at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:55.