Minute of the Meeting of Sanday Community Council held online on Tuesday, 10 November 2020 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Seatter, M Lennie, Mr P Allan, Mr J Muir and Mr A Towrie.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer (ECLO).
- Ms G Speers, Island Link Officer (ILO).

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr G Ellis and Miss H Dakin.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 8 September 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr J Muir and seconded by Mr A Towrie.

3. Matters Arising

A. Red Telephone Kiosks

Following a report from the ILO advising members on the progress with the Red Telephone Kiosks, it was:

Resolved:

- 1. To note that Sanday Community Council had secured funding from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme for the total cost of the renovations to the interior and exterior of the telephone kiosks and the electrical work needed to install solar powered sensor lighting in all three kiosks.
- 2. That the ILO and the Chair would be meeting up to sign the contract.
- 3. To note that the ILO had ordered all the parts for the interior and exterior renovation.
- 4. To note that the ILO had submitted a grant application to the Sanday Development Trust Community Fund requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the three defibrillators, and would be engaging in a Zoom meeting on Thursday, 12 November with the CDO of the Sanday Development Trust to discuss the project.
- 5. That the ILO would look into other sources of funding for the defibrillators.
- 6. That the ILO would contact SSE to enquire if the Community Council could apply to the Spurness Community Fund for match funding to help with the funding of the three defibrillators.

B. Skip for Scrap Wire

Following discussion regarding the arrangement of a skip for scrap wire, special collections and enquiries from members regarding abandoned vehicles on the island, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the ILO had previously applied to the Community Grant Scheme for £500 to cover the cost of the scrap metal skip.

- 2. That the ILO would apply to the Community Council Grant Scheme for a further £600 to cover the cost of the scrap wire skip.
- 3. That the ILO would apply to the Community Council Grant Scheme for £600 to cover the cost of Special Collections.
- 4. That the ILO would contact Orkney Islands Council with regards to abandoned cars on the island.
- 5. To note that Councillor S Clackson had offered his support and would contact Orkney Islands Council with regards to abandoned vehicles on the island.

C. Picnic Benches

Following an update from the ILO advising members on the progress with the picnic benches, it was:

Resolved to note that production of the picnic benches had ceased at present due to the Covid restrictions and that the ILO would update members once she had received an update from the suppliers.

D. Notices

Following an update from the ILO advising members on the progress with the litter notices for the picnic benches, and after further discussion on who would be available to attach the notices to the eleven benches on the island, it was:

Resolved:

- 1. To note that eleven notices had been made and delivered to the Link Office.
- 2. That the Chair would meet up with the ILO at the Link Office to collect the notices as the Chair would be attaching the notices to the benches.

E. Sanday Future Fund Agreement

Following discussion with regards to the Sanday Future Fund agreement, it was:

Resolved:

- 1. To note that members agreed with the contents of the agreement.
- 2. That the ILO would contact Foundation Scotland to enquire what the charges would be should there be any exceptional circumstances withdrawals from the policy.

F. Empowering Communities

Following a report from the ILO advising members of current projects, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

4. Correspondence

A. Email from resident

Following consideration of correspondence from a Sanday resident with regards to a right of way, it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council if the road was included in the Core Path network

B. MSP Virtual visit to Sanday

Following consideration of correspondence from MSP L McArthur with regards to setting up a virtual visit to Sanday, it was:

Resolved to note the ILO would contact the MSP L McArthur to advise him that members agreed that he would be welcome to try a virtual surgery, but the connections were not very good at present, this being evident at the last Community Council meeting, which highlights the need for upgrading.

C. Scottish Water

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water regarding a survey engaging customers experience with Scottish Water, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Waste and Recycling Services

Following consideration of correspondence from the Infrastructure and Strategic Projects department in relation to an update on Waste and Recycling Services in the Covid-19 period, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Potholes

Following consideration of correspondence from J Muir with regards to potholes between Clinkhammer Barns and Backaskaill, which was previously reported to Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to note that there were no updates at present.

F. Loth Road

Following consideration of correspondence from J Muir in relation to the poor state of the road between Warsetter and Clinkhammer which had previously been reported to Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved to note that there were no updates at present.

G. Unit 1 Lady

Following consideration of correspondence from the Heritage Group, advising members that the Sanday Development Trust had passed on Unit 1 to the Heritage group for their sole use, it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

5. Consultation Documents

Resolved to note that no consultation documents had been received.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 9 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £12,247.21

B. Spurness Wind Micro Fund

Following consideration of the Spurness Wind Fund statement as at 9 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £2,470.97

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 9 October, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £429.72, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £669 and the Island capping limit remaining was £405.84.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 9 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £9,419.68.

E. Seedcorn Fund

Following consideration of the Seedcorn Fund statement as at 9 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £3,689.03

7. Application for Financial Assistance - Micro Grant Fund - Miss F Clackson

Following consideration of an application from Miss F Clackson, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of driving lessons in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved that £250 be awarded towards the cost of driving lessons from the Micro Grant Fund.

8. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that the current Ferry timetable had been extended to May 2021.

B. Planning Representative

Following a report from the Planning Representative, it was:

Resolved to note that an application had been submitted for the erection of a house at Overbister Road, Sanday.

C. Development Trust Representative

The Development Trust Representative gave a report advising members of the various projects being undertaken by the Trust at present, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

D. NILPS Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

E. Resilience Group Representative

Following a report from the Resilience Group Representative with regards to the Orkney Islands Wind Turbine Project, it was:

Resolved to note that there were links on the Orkney Islands Council website showing the presentation of the Orkney Islands Council Wind Turbine Project, and that OIC would be sending the link to the Resilience Group Representative.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics June 2020.
- Loganair Statistics June to September 2020.
- VAO Newsletter August and September 2020.

10. Any Other Competent Business - Orkney Ferries

Following discussion with regards to the booking system at the Orkney Ferries office where the last chance to make emergency bookings, alter or cancel bookings for a Sunday and Monday morning was up to 15:00 on a Saturday, it was:

Resolved:

- A. That a request be forwarded to Orkney Islands Council requesting that they contact Orkney Ferries to discuss these booking concerns and that Councillor S Clackson and the Chair of the Orkney Ferries board be copied into all correspondence dealing with this matter.
- B. To note that members queried if it would be possible for residents to email Orkney Ferries on a Sunday night to cancel, alter or to book the boat for Monday morning sailings.
- C. That Councillor H Woodbridge suggested that the ILO contact other Community Councils to write a combined letter highlighting these booking issues.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Sanday Community Council would be held on Tuesdays 19 January and 9 March 2021, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:47.