

# Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in Flotta Community Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 28 January 2025 at 16:15

## Present:

Mrs R Biddle, Mrs P Gee, Mrs I Smith and Ms J Ward.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor G Bevan (via Teams).
  - Councillor L Hall.
  - Councillor J Park (via Teams).
  - Mr R Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
  - Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer (via Teams).
  - Miss C Kelday, Community Council Liaison Assistant (via Teams).
  - Mrs A Holland, Clerk.
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- 14 members of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that no apologies for absence had been received.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting of Flotta Community Council held on 3 December 2024 was approved, being proposed by Mrs P Gee and seconded by Mrs J Ward.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Triangular Area of Land at Burnside**

The Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications, informed members that a quote was being prepared for the initial work by Mr L Burgher, Chartered Architect. Mrs J Ward informed members that a community survey had now been carried out, and it was:

Resolved that the sub-committee would have a discussion prior to the next meeting regarding proposals to be put forward for the use of the land.

### **B. 13 and 14 Burnside**

Following an update on matters relating to the properties, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that a set of emergency lights for each house had been received.
2. To note that it had been confirmed that there was a requirement for fire extinguishers to be placed in the houses which would now be arranged.

### **C. Flotta Play Park**

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was discussed in private.

Members discussed the possibility of having a caretaker to oversee the play park. The project to install a "Remembering Together" memorial was also discussed, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact the relevant people in respect of the play park.

### **D. Scrap Car Scheme**

The Clerk advised members that keepers of the cars had been contacted and missing registration documents and others that needed fully completing, would be taken to security at the terminal once in order and received.

### **E. Scapa Flow Landscape Partnership Paths**

Resolved to note that there had been no update from Orkney Islands Council on the requirements for the strimming and to arrange for a tender to be invited for the work.

## **F. School Wind Turbine**

After further discussion it was resolved to note that the best course of action would be for the wind turbine to be removed.

## **G. Orkney Care and Repair**

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Care and Repair in relation to repairs required, it was:

Resolved to note that funds had been found from another source.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Resignation of Community Council Members**

Members noted that two letters of resignation had been received. It was agreed by members that a letter should be sent to the former members to thank them for all their hard work and contributions made to the community during their time on the community council, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would forward a letter of thanks to each former member.

### **B. MyOrkney**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council encouraging the public to use MyOrkney, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put copies on the noticeboard, in the waiting room at the pier and at the post office.

### **C. Roads**

Concerns were raised by members and some members of the public that not all roads were gritted which could lead to accidents and problems for vulnerable people. Councillor G Bevan stated that this was happening throughout Orkney and was an issue he and fellow councillors were aware of. The roads department had stated that they had been advised to make cuts, however, Councillors would still take the matter to full Council. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. AbilityNet Event**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding an AbilityNet event, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **E. Kirkyard Equipment**

Following consideration of a request to service the two lawnmowers and replace the petrol trimmer it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would look into the matter and procedures.

## **F. Fireworks Event**

Following consideration of correspondence from a member of the public concerning debris going on to private property, it was:

Resolved that for future events members of the Community Council/Community Association would give the resident notice of the event date so that they could move their livestock, and that members of the Community Council/Community Association would help collect and remove any firework debris that had gone into the field in question following the event.

## **G. Transport to Medical and Off Island Appointments**

Following consideration of correspondence from two members of the public regarding transport to medical and off island appointments, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that if a resident did not have the means of getting to an appointment, they could ask a friend or neighbour to take them.
2. The Clerk would contact NHS Orkney to see if they had any support they could offer.
3. That the Health and Care representative would raise the matter with NHS Orkney at the Joint Isles Health and Care Meeting on 4 March and that she would raise the matter with them.
4. To note the advice from a member of the public that Journey Assistance Cards were available from the bus station in Kirkwall.

## **H. Community Support Day**

Following correspondence regarding fire risk management on Flotta with the offer of an awareness and holistic public event on the 15 February 2025, it was:

Resolved to note that no time of the event was stated on the correspondence and would be looked into by the Chair.

## **5. Consultations**

### **A. 20mph Proposals**

Members had previously been sent correspondence regarding a corporate response regarding 20mph proposals for Flotta. No responses were received, and it was:

Resolved to note the deadline had now passed.

### **B. Verge Maintenance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Verge Maintenance Plan 2025, it was:

Resolved to note that no changes were necessary.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance 2024/2025**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 16 January 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £53,928.59.

### **B. Wind Power Fund**

After consideration of the Wind Power Fund statement as at 16 January 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,493.77.

### **C. Burnside Account**

After consideration of the Burnside Account statement as at 16 January 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £7,770.56.

### **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 16 January 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the OIC Main Capping Limit had £915.81 remaining for allocation.
2. To note the Additional Capping Limit had £765 remaining for allocation.
3. To note the OIC Island Capping Limit had £740 remaining for allocation.

### **E. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 16 January 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £10,980.51 remained available for allocation.

### **F. Seed Corn Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 16 January 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,161.00 remained available for allocation.

## **7. Financial Requests**

### **A. Flotta Community Centre Kitchen**

After consideration of correspondence from Flotta Community Association requesting funding towards the cost of extending and replacing the kitchen at Flotta Community Centre, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would send copies of the proposed work to all current members and that a decision would be made once additional members had been elected.
2. That the Clerk would send a funding application form to the Flotta Community Association.

### **B. Road Scheme Grant**

A member of the public enquired about a road scheme grant, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would send the appropriate form.

## **8. Publications**

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

- Scottish Water – Orkney Newsletter.
- Scottish Islands Federation – November 2024 Newsletter.
- Transport Infographic.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – October and November 2024.

## **9. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

Resolved to note that the Chair had attended the Transport Forum meeting which was held in January and that summer timetables were to be discussed in a future in-person meeting with members of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council.

### **B. Planning**

Resolved to note that the Planning Representative reported that there were no new items for Flotta.

### **C. Health and Care**

Following an update, it was:

Resolved:

1. That that the Health and Care Representative would contact Mr J Ellis regarding the recent questionnaires.

2. That the newly acquired defibrillator for the Community Centre would be the responsibility of Mrs J Ward and Mr D Hourston who had training regarding its use.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Display of Minutes**

A member of the public stated that they had observed that the minutes sometimes disappeared from the noticeboards, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would make sure copies were displayed in all the appropriate places and would check them periodically and replace if necessary.

### **B. 13 and 14 Burnside**

The need to carry out fire risk assessments at the property was raised, and it was:

Resolved to note that the fire risk assessments were due to be carried out on 15 February 2025.

## **11. Dates of Future Meetings**

Following consideration of dates for the next meeting of Flotta Community Council, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 18 March at 16:15 and that this would be a public meeting, and that the following meeting would be held on Tuesday, 13 May at 16:15.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 18:00.