

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls Community Centre and via Teams on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs T Avis, Ms P Johnston, Ms A Kinsey, Mr A Sinclair, A Clark, Mrs I Mathieson and Mrs R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Mr Roddy Mackay, Head of Planning and Community Protection, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure
- Councillor L Hall.
- Councillor G Bevan.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillor J Stockan.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held on 18 January 2023 was adopted, being proposed by Mr A Clark and seconded by Mrs T Avis.

3. Matters Arising

A. RSPB Restructure

Following consideration of a request by T Avis for the Community Councillors to send a letter to the RSPB as a response to the recent plans for the restructure of the warden role on Hoy, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and that T Avis would compile a letter to be forwarded to the RSPB and to copy in Councillors and MSP's.

B. Aggregate for Graemsay

Following consideration of an update by the ILO and I Mathison regarding the delivery of Aggregate to Graemsay, it was resolved:

1. To note the content of the update and approval of payment of the invoice from Gairsty Quarry Ltd.
2. That I Mathison would oversee the payment of residents aggregate to be forwarded to Orkney Islands Council.

C. Lyness Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from A Clark, forwarded to Orkney Islands Council, regarding the proposed plan changes to Lyness and an update from H Green, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the ILO would request the removal of rubbish from the 'slab' before the Hoy on Hoy event on 29 April, on the business letter. R Mackay advised that he would investigate further.

D. Memorial update and Reminder

Following consideration of correspondence from Sam Harris, OIC Burial Grounds Officer, regarding a final call for information on damaged memorials, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. Bag The Bruck

Following consideration of an update regarding Bag the Bruck 2023, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.

2. That the ILO apply for Community Council Grant Scheme and send any subsequent applications for claims to Democratic Services, to share out the £300.

3. I Mathieson to provide details for the Graemsay Community Association allocation.

F. Graemsay Kirkyard and Shed

Following consideration of a request for an update regarding the repairs needed to the Graemsay Kirkyard gate and shed, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and for the ILO to chase up Orkney Islands Council, via the business letter.

G. Public Waste Bin at Lyness

Following consideration of a request from P Johnson for an update on the request for a public waste bin at Lyness, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and that the ILO would chase up, via the business letter, along with a further request of a third bin to be placed at Rackwick during the summer season.

H. Disabled Parking at Lyness

Following consideration of correspondence from a community resident regarding the distance between the disabled parking and entrance to the Scapa Flow Museum, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and for the ILO to raise this on the business letter.

4. Correspondence

A. Levelling Up Fund Bid

Following consideration of correspondence from Transportation Service Manager with an update on the unsuccessful bids for the Levelling Up Fund, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Refit Timetable, Draft Timetables and Air and Ferry Forum Notes

Following consideration of the refit timetables, draft timetables and Air and Ferry Forum notes, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and for the ILO to request an explanation of the changes to the Graemsay timetable and the times that residents can book the Sunday Lyness to Houton ferry having been restricted.

C. VAO Small Grants Scheme 2023/24 now open

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO advising that the small grants scheme 2023/24 is now open, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. COVID recovery in local communities

Following consideration of correspondence from Environmental Health, Orkney Islands Council, regarding COVID recovery in local communities, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Accommodation on Hoy

Following consideration of correspondence from the NHSO with a request for assistance in seeking available rental accommodation on Hoy, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Event – Creating a Home Emergency Plan with SSEN

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN engagement events for Creating a Home Emergency Plan, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. West of Orkney Windfarm – Orkney Community Panel final meeting minutes

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Windfarm regarding the Orkney Community Panel final meeting minutes, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

H. West of Orkney Windfarm – March PAC events postponed

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Windfarm to advise that March PAC events had been postponed, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. West of Orkney Windfarm – Erroneous leaflet drop

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Windfarm regarding an erroneous leaflet drop, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Opportunity for Community Councils in Rural and Islands Areas – Free Website

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the free websites available to Community Councils, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. MSP correspondence Re: Rackwick 4G Mast

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur regarding the 4G mast at Rackwick, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that A Clark advised that it is now connecting and working.

L. Coronation Events

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding Coronation events, copies of which had been previously forwarded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board – Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Overprovision Assessment

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding details of consultations on the overprovision assessment of Licensing in Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 7 February 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Winter Service Plan 2023/24

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council to advise of a consultation for the Winter Service Plan 2023/24, copies of which had previously been circulated to members on 4 April 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence and for the ILO to request that the Whaness Road be upgraded to a 2s on the business letter.

6. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications was made available at this meeting:

- VAO Newsletter – January 2023
- VAO Training and Funding Update January 2023
- VAO Newsletter – February 2023

- VAO Newsletter – March 2023
- VAO Training and Funding Update February 2023
- Isles Special Collection Rota April to September 2023

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the community council's general finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £17,523.74 as at 3 April 2023.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2022/2023 Community Council Grant Scheme statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval of £719.00 as at 3 April 2023.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04 as at 3 April 2023.

D. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note funds remaining for approval of £1,258.47 as at 3 April 2023.

8. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of an application from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance for a trip from Orkney ASC to attend the Inverness Graded Meet, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be granted to the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club towards the cost of the Inverness trip.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Lyness Terminal

Following consideration of a request from members for an update on the request for the signage and signposting at Lyness to be made clearer or reconfigured as there are safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists, especially as there is now a higher footfall of visitors to the Scapa Flow Museum, it was:

Resolved to note the request and for the ILO to request an update in the business letter.

B. Refuse bin at Lyness Terminal

Following consideration of a request for an update by a member regarding the lack of public refuse facilities at Lyness and at The Ouse, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the concerns and for the ILO to raise the issue on the business letter to Orkney Islands Council.

C. Road Repairs

After consideration of concerns raised again for the road to Braebister and that it is becoming very dangerous, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns raised and the ILO would add to the business letter, another request for an update, highlighting that this has now become a matter of urgency due to how dangerous the road has become.

D. EV Charging Points for the Public

After consideration of a request from a member of the public that there should be an EV charging point for island visitors to access, it was:

Resolved to note the request and that the ILO would add the request to the business letter.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at 19:30 and Friday, 25 August 2023 on Graemsay.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:15.