

# Minute of the Meeting of Papa Westray Community Council held in St Ann’s on Thursday, 5 September 2024 at 17:30

## Present:

Mr N Rendall, Mr I Cursiter, Mr B Hourston, Mrs I Hourston and Mrs L Sharp.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms L Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services.
- Ms J Foley, Community Development Officer, PDT.
- Mr M Jones, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Hourston and Mrs F McNab and Councillors S Clackson and M Thomson.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting of Papa Westray Community Council held on 21 May 2024 was adopted, being proposed by Mrs L Sharp and seconded by Mr I Cursiter.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Kirk Road**

The Community Council Liaison Officer advised that work had been completed, and it was:

Resolved to note completion.

### **B. Generators**

Members were advised that 21 generators were currently still in storage. The best use of these in the future was discussed, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

### **C. Water Sampling**

It was noted that Environmental Health had recently conducted random water sampling and that all results were satisfactory. They had stated that the Risk Assessment needed to be updated and written protocols put in place. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Clerk and Mrs L Sharp would carry out an audit and report back.
2. To discuss at the next meeting and monitor meantime.

### **D. Water Bills**

The Clerk advised that all water bills had been completed and forwarded to OIC. It was resolved to note the completion of this matter.

### **E. War Grave Volunteer Post**

The Clerk advised that information had been posted in public areas, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **F. Storage of Grit and Salt belonging to OIC**

The Head of Neighbourhood Services advised that no further action had been taken, and it was:

Resolved to monitor this matter.

## **G. Ferry and Pier Matters**

It is apparent that there were still many questions and concerns about any possible changes to timetables and haulage issues that might arise from the ferry replacement. Councillor H Woodbridge suggested that PWCC send a letter to the relevant bodies voicing their concerns, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would draft a letter to be sent to OIC/Orkney Ferries.
2. To monitor the situation.

## **H. Fibre Broadband Proposal**

Resolved to note that this project was still ongoing and to monitor the situation.

## **I. Rabbit Management Plan**

Mrs L Sharp advised that work on this project was ongoing but there was general agreement that it should proceed, although financing the project may be an issue, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

## **J. Winter Treatment Contracts**

It was reported that invitations to apply for these had been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

# **4. Correspondence**

## **A. SSEN - Smart Meters**

Correspondence had been received from SSEN re; installing smart meters in the water wells on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Clerk has spoken to SSEN and explained the layout and location of the wells and left contact information. To date, SSEN have not visited the island. It was resolved to monitor the situation.

## **B. Ferry Replacement Programme**

An update on the ferry replacement had been circulated to community council members on 4 August, and it was:

Resolved that this had been discussed at item 3G above and to monitor the situation.

## **C. SSEN - Community Fund**

Members had previously been forwarded information regarding the SSEN Community Fund, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline of 31 August had now passed.

#### **D. Volunteering for Island Games 2025**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding volunteering for the Island Games 2025, it was resolved to discuss this further at the next meeting

#### **E. SFRS survey and focused discussion group.**

The deadline for this has now passed and it was resolved to note the expiry date.

#### **F. Review of Orkney local development plan.**

This is ongoing and information is available on-line. It was resolved to monitor the situation.

### **5. Consultation Documents**

#### **A. Review of OLDP Newsletter**

Members had been forwarded information regarding the review of the Orkney Local Development Plan newsletter, and it was:

Resolved to note that the consultation expired on 30 September 2024 should anyone wish to respond.

#### **B. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan, for which responses were required by 25 October 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

#### **C. Orkney Islands Marine Region – Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Orkney Islands Marine Region – Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance, for which responses were required by 25 October 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

### **6. Financial Statements**

#### **A. General Fund**

Following consideration of the general fund statement for Papa Westray Community Council as at 22 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £19,909.13.

## **B. Papa Westray Community Council Water Scheme**

Following consideration of the Water Scheme Account statement as at 22 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £18,909.77.

## **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the CCGS statement as at 22 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances remaining in the main, additional and island capping limits were £3,184.35, £712.50 and £740 respectively.

## **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the CDF statement as at 22 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £5,000.

## **E. Papa Westray Community Council Seed Corn**

Following consideration of the PWCC Seed Corn statement as at 22 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £0.

## **7. Financial Requests**

### **A. Rabbit Survey**

Resolved to note that it had previously been agreed by members, via email, to fund the cost of the rabbit survey, at a cost of £600, and that this had been claimed and paid from CCGS.

### **B. Papay Machinery Group - Rabbit Cull**

Members had received correspondence advising that the estimated cost of the project would be £20,000 plus VAT, and that a full report would be available to anyone that requested it. PMG were asking for a contribution from the Community Council to demonstrate that the island can meet a share of the costs involved, and it was:

Resolved to award a grant towards the costs of £2,000.

### **C. Lunch Expenses - Science Festival Event**

Members considered a request for assistance with the cost of providing hospitality for visiting marine scientists from Malaysia who were part of the Science Festival, and it was:

Resolved to note that £100 had been provided, subject to CCGS approval.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

Mr I Cursiter relayed information from Loganair regarding the large number of no-shows. This information had been included in September's Papay Matters to make others aware that they should cancel any bookings not required, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

### **B. Planning**

Resolved to note there had been one planning application relevant to Papa Westray.

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

Resolved to note that there was no representative present to provide an update.

### **D. Water Scheme Admin**

There was a discussion regarding UV bulb changing programme and possible relevant insurance issues. 60 no. UV bulbs had been ordered, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

### **E. Papay Development Trust**

The Community Development Officer was present to update council members on PDT's work notably the trust's housing situation but also the two benches, the Climate Action Plan, the state of the Shore Road, and the situation with the mail sorting office, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications had previously been circulated to members and were noted:

- Letter from School Place – 27 May and 24 July.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – July 2024.
- VAO Newsletter – 17 and 31 August and 2 September 2024.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – July and August 2024.
- Holyrood Highlights - 31 May, 3 and 28 June 2024.
- Week in Parliament - 21 July 2024.
- Loganair passenger numbers, year to date - 2 September 2024.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### **A. Rabbit Population**

The proposed culling project had previously been discussed at length, and it was:

Resolved to continue the project.

## **B. Wheelie Bins**

Following queries from residents about the provision of wheelie bins, clarification was given by the Head of Neighbourhood Services, and it was:

Resolved that a notice should go out in October's Papay Matters, advising that residents could request their own wheelie bins via OIC Customer Services or the MyOrkney portal, however to note that these would be for storage of waste only and would need to be emptied ahead of collection day.

## **C. Scrap Car Scheme**

Following a couple of queries as to whether the scrap car scheme was still active, the situation was clarified, and it was:

Resolved to note the scrappage scheme's continuation and that this should be conveyed to residents.

## **D. Reporting of Potholes**

Members were advised by the Head of Neighbourhood Services that potholes, and any other issue that OIC was responsible for, could be reported on the OIC website or via customer services, and it was:

Resolved to note the information given.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Papa Westray Community Council would be held on Thursday, 14 November 2024 at 19:30 in St Ann's.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:30.