

ISLANDS GROWTH DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held through
Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 16 January
2025 at 11.00am.

PRESENT	Mr Paul Steele, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Chair) Ms Emma Macdonald, Shetland Islands Council Ms Heather Woodbridge, Orkney Islands Council Mr Kristopher Leask, Orkney Islands Council
APOLOGIES	Mr Donald Crichton, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Mr Dennis Leask, Shetland Islands Council
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs Anne Murray, Islands Deal Programme Director Mrs Charlene Macmillan, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Ms Kirsty Laing, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Mrs Elaine Mackenzie, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Mr Sweyn Johnson, Orkney Islands Council Ms Inga Burton, Orkney Islands Council Mr Jan Riise, Shetland Islands Council Ms Hazel Tait, Shetland Islands Council Ms Maggie Sandison, Shetland Islands Council

MINUTES

Minute of Meeting of 28 August 2024	1	The Minute of the Meeting of 28 August 2024 was approved .
Declaration of Interest	2	There were no declarations of interest.

It was agreed that the public, including the press, be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of items 3 on the grounds of the amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the partners under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services. Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to partners in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

The Chairman ruled the appendix to item 3 as urgent.

Quarterly Grant Claim and Performance Report	3*	Mrs Anne Murray, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar presented a Report which sought approval of the October – December 2024/25 Quarterly Claim and Progress Report for the Islands Deal.
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In respect of the Creative Islands Wellbeing project, it was indicated that the Full Business Case for the collaborative workstreams would be submitted by the end of January with approval expected in February. The variance in respect of the Callanish Visitor Centre had increased due to weather delays and the need to reconfigure the project around the demolition of the farmhouse. The Knab project had been impacted by uncertainty around Scottish Government funding for housing.

A detailed quarterly update would be presented to the next Meeting of the Joint Committee.

It was agreed to approve the Quarterly Claim and Performance Report.

The Islands Growth Deal Joint Committee will next meet on Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 9.00am. The meeting will be held through Microsoft Teams.