

# Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held in the Garden Room, King Street Halls on Monday, 18 March 2019 at 19:00

## Present:

Tom Rendall, Cathleen A Hourie, Christine E Marcus, Robert F Leslie, Rikki A Lidderdale, Steven Metcalf and John R Mowat.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Constable James Sutherland, Police Scotland.
- Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- One member of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr David Flett, Mr Jimmy Currie and Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

Following a presentation by the Constable present on Police Scotland matters, including road traffic incidents, drug and alcohol abuse, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **3. Kirkwall BID**

Resolved to note that there were no Kirkwall BID matters to report.

## **4. Room in Roof Insulation**

Resolved to note that the Room in Roof Insulation presentation had been postponed.

## **5. Women's Aid**

Resolved to note that the Women's Aid presentation had been postponed.

## **6. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr Steven Metcalf and seconded by Mrs Christine E Harcus.

## **7. Matters Arising**

### **A. Green Plaques**

Following an update from the Chair regarding the green plaques, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would investigate the position regarding the installation of the Christina Costie plaque on a house in Willowburn Road.

### **B. Traffic Issues at Watersfield Development**

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr R Lennie, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the submission of a written statement, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence received from Mr R Lennie.

### **C. Scotland's Tree of the Year – Promotion and Use of Care Grant**

Members were advised that no further correspondence had been received and that the replica award had also not been received, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair would pursue the matter.

## **D. Letters of Thanks**

The Clerk advised members that letters of thanks had been received from Orkney Youth Climbing Squad, R Harcus, K Brown and C Tulloch for financial assistance received, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **E. War Memorial**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the leaching on the War Memorial, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney Islands Council would be making arrangements for an assessment, including costings, to be carried out and any necessary work could then be planned for the summer, if funding and relevant permissions were secured.

## **F. Headstones in St Olaf's and St Magnus Kirkyards**

Members considered correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been circulated, advising members that the Council had expressed an official apology to the Orkney community for the outcome of the work undertaken to date and the Council's intent to engage the Community Council more closely in the next stages of this work. It also advised that the Council was presently reviewing its approach to the Kirkyard Safety Programme through the mechanisms of a working group. The working group had already provided the steer that all gravestones that were under 1m high and post 1950 would be re-erected by the Council as soon as possible. This would, however, take some time as there were limited professional resources available to the Council to undertake this specialist work. However, all gravestones which met this criteria will be re-erected by the Council as soon as possible.

The letter continued by explaining that the working group had indicated the intention to erect as many stones as possible and that they would continue to consider how best to address the gravestones which did not meet this criteria. The gravestones within St Magnus Kirkyard would fall into this category and contact would be made with the Community Council in due course regarding working with members on these matters. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **G. Shrub Bed at Scapa Junction**

Mrs C Hourie advised members that she had received an estimated cost for the provision of shrubs, and had contacted Robertson personnel who advised that consideration would be given to providing funding towards the cost, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **H. Energy Supply Company – Our Power**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, advising members that the Energy Supply Company, Our Power, had ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **8. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Lieutenancy**

Following consideration of correspondence from one of the Deputy Lieutenants, copies of which had been circulated, informing members on how the lieutenancy works and the service provided, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Arcadia Park**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council's Environment Officer (Policy) advising members that work had commenced on site and that this phase of the work was expected to be completed by 31 March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Proposal of Application Notice**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Builders (Contractors) Ltd, informing members of a proposed planning application at Walliwall, Kirkwall, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Bag the Bruck – 30 March to 7 April 2019**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding Bag the Bruck 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply to the Community Council Grant Scheme for £300 and to split the grant evenly between applicants.

### **E. Licensing Application - 21 Albert Street**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services informing members of an application by Grooves Live Limited for a Variation of Premises Licence for 21 Albert Street, Kirkwall, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make.

## **F. Licensing Application - Lynnfield Hotel**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services informing members of an application by M B Stout Ltd for a Variation of Premises Licence for the Lynnfield Hotel, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make.

## **G. Licensing Application - Albert Hotel**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services informing members of an application by Albert Hotel Ltd for a Variation of Premises Licence for the Albert Hotel, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members should forward any comments to the Clerk before 21 March 2019.

## **H. Memorial Bench**

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr Robert Leslie, copies of which had been circulated, advising members that he had been contacted by a member of the public asking for the Community Council's support for siting a memorial bench near the Old Man's Hut at Kirkwall Pier, it was:

Resolved that the Community Council should support the idea, providing all parties were in agreement on the siting of the bench.

# **9. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 28 February 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 28 February 2019 of £8,271.12.

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 28 February 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £587.10.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 28 February 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,688.42.

## **10. Financial Requests**

### **A. Kirkwall Squash and Racketball – Scottish Junior Nationals**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall Squash and Racketball requesting financial assistance for 12 junior players to travel to Aberdeen to take part in the Scottish Junior Nationals held in Aberdeen on 1 February 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

### **B. Orkney Schools Concert Band – Scottish Concert Band National Finals**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Education, Leisure and Housing requesting financial assistance towards 19 pupils living in the Kirkwall area participating in the Scottish Concert Band National Finals in Perth on 16 and 17 March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £350 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

### **C. Orkney Folk Festival**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Folk Festival requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the 37th Orkney Folk Festival, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £250 be awarded from the Community Council Grant Scheme towards travel costs within Orkney.

### **D. Orkney Climbing Club Youth Squad – National Finals**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Youth Climbing Squad requesting financial assistance towards the cost of three competitors attending the national final in Glasgow on 23 and 24 March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded to each child, subject to confirmation of attendance.

### **E. Inter-District Netball Play-offs**

Following consideration of correspondence received from E Poke requesting financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter participating in inter-district netball play-offs in Perth from 27 to 28 April 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

### **F. Under 17 Netball**

Following consideration of correspondence received from K Brown requesting financial assistance towards her daughter participating in an Under 17 Netball Trip to Dundee from 15 to 17 March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

## **11. Consultations**

### **A. Police Scotland Engagement – Shaping Our Direction and Delivery 2019-2022**

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland regarding a public survey that would be used to shape the service that Police Scotland provides, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Historic Marine Protected Areas**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Historic Environment Scotland, copies of which had been circulated, regarding details of a consultation on two proposed designation orders for The Queen of Sweden and Scapa Flow, and following discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that any comments on the proposals should be submitted by completing Historic Environment Scotland's online survey by 17 April 2019.

## **12. Meeting Attended by Members – SSEN – Finstown Substation**

Members were advised that a recent meeting of the SSEN group had not provided any additional information, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **13. Publications**

The Clerk had received the following publications which were made available to members:

- Scottish Health Council – News from your Local Office – January 2019.
- VAO January 2019 Newsletter.
- Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants.

## **14. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Wick Community Council**

After hearing a report that the community council in Wick was called the Royal Burgh of Wick Community Council and that Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council may wish to consider changing its name to the Royal Burgh of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, it was:

Resolved that the community council name should remain as Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council.

## **B. Papdale Consultations**

Members were advised of the planning process and community meetings for the proposed Papdale Playpark and ongoing responsibilities for the group, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **C. Yellow Lines – Palace Road**

Members were advised of the parking restrictions and parking on Palace Road, and welcomed the provision of yellow lines as they felt this would ease the parking situation in this part of Kirkwall, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **D. Big Lunch**

Members were advised of the Big Lunch event which organisers were wishing to launch in Scotland, and it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor John T Richards would forward the information to the Clerk.

## **E. Peedie Sea**

Members were advised that the grass cutting contract for the Peedie Sea area had been enhanced for the 2019/2020 financial year, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **F. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council Vacancy**

Members were advised that a public meeting required to be held to fill the vacancy on the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **15. Date of Next Meeting**

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council be held on Tuesday, 7 May 2019 in the Garden Room, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, commencing at 19:00.

## **16. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:15.