

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls School on Friday, 15 June 2018 at 18:45

Present:

Mrs M Groat, Mr C Bates, Mr A Clark, Mrs G Robertson, Mr A Sinclair and Mrs R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Mrs T Avis, Island Link Officer.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mrs J Traynor.

2. Correspondence

A. Community Conversations

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Community Conversations meetings, the Chair asked for feedback from members regarding the questions raised, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would take the notes to the meeting of Community Council Chairs on the 20 June at Orkney Islands Council.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Annual Grants

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding this year's Annual grant amounts, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Community Council Accounts

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Community Council Accounts, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and to display accounts as directed.

E. Unsafe Headstones

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding unsafe headstones, it was:

Resolved that the Island Link Officer would check what was classed as "unsafe" and visit the four kirkyards.

3. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Graemsay Community Association

After consideration of correspondence from Graemsay Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance towards the cost of providing a Christmas party for the children on the island, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £150 be allocated in the form of a donation.

B. Graemsay Community Association

After consideration of correspondence from Graemsay Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards insurance costs for the community hall, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £350 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

C. Longhope Sailing Club

After consideration of correspondence from Longhope Sailing Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of insurance, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £500 be allocated, subject to assistance from Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS) being approved.

D. Gable End Theatre

The Chair declared an interest in the following item and was not present during discussion thereof. The Vice Chair took the Chair.

Following consideration of correspondence from the Gable End Theatre, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance towards insurance costs, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

E. St John's Kirk

The Chair declared an interest in the following item and was not present during discussion thereof. The Vice Chair took the Chair.

Following consideration of correspondence from St John's Kirk, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance towards the cost of insurance, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £600 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

F. Island of Hoy Development Trust

Mr A Sinclair and Mrs G Robertson declared an interest in this item and were not present during discussion thereof.

After consideration of correspondence from the Island of Hoy Development Trust, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance to cover the costs of insurance for the YM Hall, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £500 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

G. Longhope Lifeboat Museum

Mr C Bates declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

After consideration of correspondence from the Longhope Lifeboat Museum, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance to cover the costs of insurance, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £350 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

H. Hoy Hounds

Mrs G Robertson declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

After consideration of correspondence from Hoy Hounds, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance to cover insurance costs, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £160 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

I. Friends of Hoy Kirk

Mrs R Thomson declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from Friends of Hoy Kirk, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance towards the yearly insurance costs, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £600 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

J. Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council

Members considered the purchase of wreaths for five memorials, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £150 be allocated from Community Council general funds.

K. Gable End Film Society

Following consideration of correspondence from the Gable End Film Society, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the hire of films suitable for family showing, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £350 be allocated from the Community Development Fund, or failing that, CCGS, subject to approval.

L. Haey Hope Club

After consideration of correspondence from the Haey Hope Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance to cover the cost of their Christmas Party, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £321 be allocated in the form of a donation.

M. Longhope Lifeboat Management Group

The Chair declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof. The Vice Chair took the Chair.

After consideration of correspondence from the Longhope Lifeboat Management Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of wreaths for the 50th Anniversary of the Longhope Lifeboat disaster, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 be allocated, subject to assistance from CCGS being approved.

N. THAW Orkney

After consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance to cover their running costs, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £200 be allocated in the form of a donation.

O. Year of Young People Event

Members considered correspondence from Orkney's Year of Young People Ambassadors, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards a youth concert to be held in August 2018, and it was:

Resolved that the application be passed to the Island of Hoy Development Trust to be considered by them for a grant from their "Events Fund".

P. NHS Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, detailing their "Give a Little, Help a Lot" initiative, and requesting financial assistance towards additional items at the new hospital, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £200 be allocated in the form of a donation.

Q. Hoy and Walls Gardening Group

The Chair declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof. The Vice Chair took the Chair.

After consideration of correspondence from Hoy and Walls Gardening Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance to purchase some equipment, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £44 be allocated, subject to assistance from Community Development Fund being approved.

R. Resident of Hoy and Walls

After consideration of correspondence from a resident of Hoy and Walls, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting funding for a business start-up, it was:

Resolved to write to the resident to ask for further information as per the criteria for Seed Corn funding.

4. Any Other Competent Business

A. Grass cutting at St Colm's Scheme

Members discussed the cutting of OIC's budget, which had meant that the grass in the play park in Longhope was no longer being cut, causing complaints. Members agreed that if they had known about this in advance, then they could have taken action sooner. It was agreed, as an interim measure, to finance a couple of cuts to get the grass cut to a manageable level and then ask the Island of Hoy Development Trust if they would fund grass cuts for the rest of the season. It was agreed that the current caretaker at the Kirkyard would be approached to see if he would do the job, and it was resolved:

1. That a grant of £100 be allocated from the Community Development Fund, or the general fund if CDF was not applicable.
2. That the current caretaker at the kirkyard would be asked to cut the grass at the play park in Longhope over the summer season.
3. That the Island of Hoy Development Trust would be asked if they would provide funding to ensure the grass was cut for the rest of the season.

B. Supply of Aggregate

The Clerk read an email from a resident who had queried details of funding in the case of road repairs, and it was:

Resolved to write to the resident to inform them of the aggregate scheme that will be discussed at the next meeting of the Community Council.

C. Road Visibility Issues

Members discussed a couple of issues where visibility on the roads was an issue, and it was:

Resolved to write to Democratic Services regarding installing a mirror at one road junction and check regarding a road sign that had been erected at another.

5. Date of Next Meeting

After consideration of dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would take place on Friday, 14 September 2018 at 18:45.

6. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked members for attending and declared the meeting concluded at 20:30.