

# Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 17 October 2022 at 19:00

## Present:

Mrs S Whiteman, Mr D Stout, Mr S Hourston, Rev D Locke, Mr P Riley and Mr J Seaton.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from L Martini-Brown and Councillors M Thomson and H Woodbridge.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 1 September 2022 was approved, being proposed by Rev D Locke and seconded by Mr J Seaton, subject to the following amendments:

Minute Reference 5. Resolved to read, 'that L Martini-Brown would produce a paper on the Nolan Principles which the Clerk would forward to members for discussion at the next Community Council meeting and Orkney Islands Council would be asked to provide members with guidance on the Nolan Principles'.; and

Minute Reference 10AA to read, 'Members had previously been forwarded a presentation by Eyland Skyn for a third aircraft to be added to the internal air services which received a positive response, and it was:'.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Village Play Park**

Members had previously been forwarded a response from Education to questions raised at a site visit, and heard that Orkney Islands Council was responsible for maintaining the site and replacing equipment up to every ten years, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That advice would be sought from Orkney Islands Council on what was to be done to replace the play equipment removed for safety reasons.

### **B. Scrap Vehicles**

Members heard that since the reopening of the scheme only one application had been received from a vehicle owner who had not used the scheme previously, and that the haulier may charge more to dispose of a vehicle other than a car, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the scrap car scheme would be re advertised opening it to anyone who wished to dispose of a vehicle.

Mr D Stout joined the meeting and Mrs J McGrath left the meeting at this point.

### **C. Stronsay Medical Practice**

Members had previously been forwarded a response from the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care, who had written on behalf of the Chair of NHS Orkney Board, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That an invitation would be extended to the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care to attend the next Community Council meeting.

### **D. Stronsay Community Emergency Plan**

Members had previously been forwarded a response from a resident to the Stronsay Community Emergency Plan, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Stronsay Community Emergency Plan would be updated in May 2023.

## **4. Nolan Principles Adoption Proposal**

Members had previously been forwarded a briefing note prepared by L Martini-Brown and information from Orkney Islands Council on the Nolan Principles of Public Life as per the Commission of Standards in Public Life, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That in the absence of L Martini-Brown this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.
3. That further advice and guidance would be sought from Orkney Islands Council.

## **5. A Yachtsman's Feedback on Visiting Whitehall Harbour, Stronsay**

Members considered the contents of a letter from a visiting yachtsman, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That a letter of acknowledgement and thanks would be sent to the yachtsman.
2. That the letter from the visiting yachtsman would be forwarded via Democratic Services to the Head of Marine Services.

## **6. Community Council Assistance**

Members were asked to consider ways in which help could be offered to residents struggling with rising cost of living expenses, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council's Stronsay Development Trust Representative would raise with the Directors of Stronsay Development Trust ways in which residents struggling with rising cost of living expenses could be helped.

## **7. Armistice Day**

Consideration was given to who should be invited to lay the wreath at this year's Armistice Day commemoration, and it was:

Resolved that an identified person would be invited to lay the wreath on behalf of the community at this year's Armistice Day commemoration.

## **8. Fish Mart Report**

Consideration was given to letters to the current Chair from the previous Community Council Chair and the Fish Mart Operator, details of repairs and maintenance to be undertaken at the Fish Mart during October and November 2022, and a previously circulated request and agreement for a transfer of funds into the Fish Mart account, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. That information contained in the previous Chair's letter to the current Chair would be forwarded to Orkney Islands Council.

C. That members agreed to a request from the Fish Mart Operator to increase the Hostel charges from £25 to £30 per adult per night for the first two nights, after which a visitor would be charged £25 per night, and that the Hostel charge for a child would remain at £15 per child per night.

C. That the Fish Mart Operator's request for two wall mounted ashtrays, enquiry about the Short Term Let Legislation, a replacement tumble drier, the removal of all the heritage pictures from the Fish Mart, television license and insurance cover for the Hostel would be followed up.

D. That the fitting of new blinds to the Café and Hostel windows would be put out to tender once the operator had purchased these.

## **9. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Consideration was given to issues brought to the Transport Representative's attention, and it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would raise issues brought to his attention when he attends the Transport Consultative Forum meetings on 24 October 2022.

## **B. Stronsay Development Trust – Co-opted Representative’s Report**

Members were given an update on the Stronsay Development Trust’s activities and projects, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **10. Correspondence**

### **A. Travel Concern and Request for Loganair Reroute**

Members had previously been forwarded two requests for a rerouting of the inter island air service between Stronsay and Sanday on specified days, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Chair would talk to the school’s Head Teacher about a request to reroute the Stronsay to Sanday inter island air service on specified days.
2. That the Community Council Transport Representative would raise the request for a rerouting of the inter island flights between Stronsay and Sanday on specified days at the next Air Service Consultative Forum meeting.
3. That the resident who had requested a rerouting of the Stronsay to Sanday flight on specified days would be notified of the action to be taken.

### **B. Book of Condolence for Queen Elizabeth 11**

Members had previously been forwarded details of arrangements for the distribution of books of condolence to the isles communities for respects to be paid to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11, and it was:

Resolved to note that members had agreed and identified the location for a book of condolence for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 in which residents could pay their respects and that this had since been closed and returned to Orkney Islands Council.

### **C. Proclamation Ceremony**

Members had previously been forwarded details of a ceremony to proclaim King Charles 111. These had also been made known locally, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **D. Outdoor Access, Walking and Cycling**

Members had previously been forwarded information and a request from the Service Manager (Development and Marine Planning) for projects that could benefit from funding available for outdoor access, walking and cycling, and it was:

Resolved that a request would be made for consideration to be given to improving the existing footpath to the Vat of Kirbuster.

### **E. Draft Air and Ferry Timetables – Summer 2023**

Members had previously been forwarded the summer transport timetables for 2023, which had also been displayed locally, and it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would share comments made on the summer transport timetables 2023 at the next meetings of the Air and Ferry Consultative Forum.

### **F. Stronsay Massive Weekend 2023 – Additional Ferry Sailings Request**

Members had previously been forwarded a request to alter the ferry timetable to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2023, and it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would request a change to the ferry timetable to accommodate the Stronsay Massive weekend 2023 at the next Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting.

### **G. Briefing Note – Orkney Inter Island Transport Study**

Members had previously been forwarded a briefing note with the completed Outline Business Case for the Outer North Isles from the Transportation Manager, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **H. Thank You Letter**

Members had previously been forwarded a letter of thanks from Stronsay Community Association for the financial help given to the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **I. Memorial Inspections**

Members had previously been forwarded details of Orkney Islands Council 2022 inspection programme for memorials in Orkney's kirkyards and the inspection results for Stronsay's four Kirkyards, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **J. Road Works Update**

Members and the public had previously been given details of road works update for week commencing 17 October 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **K. Repeat Prescription Service**

Members and the public had previously been given information from the NHS Orkney Network of Care Manager on the repeat prescription service operating during the forthcoming postal strikes, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **11. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 4 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £15,265.82.

### **B. Fish Mart Account**

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 4 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,751.41.

### **C. Slaughterhouse Account**

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 4 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,323.15.

### **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2022/2023 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 4 October 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit of £1,317.03.

### **E. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 4 October, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £8,723.40.

## **12. Requests for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Financial Policy**

Consideration was given to a previously agreed policy on awarding financial assistance for travel and other events and projects, and it was:

Resolved that Stronsay Community Council's policy on awarding financial assistance for travel and other events and projects would be made public.

## **B. Stronsay Resident – Travel Grant Request**

Members had previously been provided with details of a request from a resident for financial assistance for return air flights between Stronsay and Kirkwall, and it was:

Resolved that the resident would be awarded 50% of the requested amount for return air flights between Stronsay and Kirkwall.

## **C. Stronsay Community Association - Fireworks**

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance to purchase fireworks for the annual fireworks and bonfire display, and it was:

Resolved to award £700 to Stronsay Community Association for fireworks, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, to be claimed by 30 November 2022.

## **D. Stronsay Community Association – Christmas Tree**

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance to purchase a Christmas tree for use at the annual tree lighting ceremony, and it was:

Resolved to award Stronsay Community Association a maximum of £200 to purchase a Christmas tree for the annual tree lighting ceremony, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, to be claimed by 31 December 2022.

## **13. Publications**

The Island Wellbeing Survey Findings Report had previously been circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed with the concerns raised in the Island Wellbeing Survey Findings Report and would welcome suggestions on what could be done to improve identified issues.

## **14. Any Other Competent Business - Receipts for Funding Award**

Members heard that receipts had been received for the Stronsay Climate Festival Weekend, and it was:

Resolved that the £500 previously awarded to Stronsay Development Trust for the Stronsay Climate Festival Weekend should be paid.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 5 December 2022 at 19:00.

## **16. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:30.