

Minute of the Meeting of Birsay Community Council held in Birsay Community Centre and via Teams on Thursday, 26 August 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Delday, Ms K Coghill, Mr D Scarth and Mr S Spence.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Mr J Green, Senior Policy Planner, Orkney Islands Council.
- Mr T Hadley, Community Liaison Officer, Orkney Native Wildlife Project.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr M Hay and Mr A Spence and Councillor H Johnston.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 27 May 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr S Spence and seconded by Ms K Coghill.

3. Matters Arising

A. Foreshore from Ministry Huts to Zanzibar

The Chair advised members that he had spoken to landowners and was awaiting further information regarding the foreshore. Members also discussed correspondence from the Transport Section regarding the buses turning in this area, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that members did not have a problem with the buses turning in this area.

B. Slip at Buckquoy

Members advised the Senior Policy Planner on the present condition of the slip along with the aspirations for the improvement of the slip and its possible uses by the community. The Senior Policy Planner provided information on relevant requirements that would have to be addressed in the first instance, and it was:

Resolved that members would consider the information provided and discuss at a future meeting.

C. Recognition Plaque at the Old Manse

Following an update from the Interim Clerk where members heard that an invitation had been received to the unveiling of the plaque, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chairman had agreed to attend.

D. Benches and Picnic Table

Members received an update from the Chair advising that the benches had been purchased and received, and it was:

Resolved that one bench should be sited at the Fishermen's Huts and one at the car park.

E. Water Fountain

Members were advised by the Interim Clerk that a response had not been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

F. HITRANS – eCargo Bikes

Following consideration of the additional information requested, which had been received via email, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Road Safety and Speed Limits

Members considered correspondence received regarding road safety and speed limits, and discussed traffic problems regarding the St Magnus Way walk when vehicles meet at the Castlehill area, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that Councillor D Tullock was addressing the traffic problems.

H. Surface Dressing Programme

Members received an update from Councillor D Tullock advising that some of the work had been done and that the surface dressing in the area was on the programme, and it was:

Resolved to note the update from Councillor D Tullock.

I. Twatt Post Box

Members were advised that the post box had been replaced but that it was not operational yet, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that the Clerk would ask when it would be operational.

J. Memorial Bench

Members were advised by Ms K Coghill that an email had been sent to members showing the areas preferred for the location of the bench. It was suggested that the community council bench at the Whalebone could be moved and replaced with the new bench, and it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting.

K. Facebook Page

Members had a discussion to consider setting up a community council page on Facebook, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would find out additional information regarding administration of the page.

4. Correspondence

A. 2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements

Members considered correspondence received from Scottish Boundaries Commissions' Secretariat regarding the 2019 review of electoral arrangements, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Car Park at the Palace, Birsay – SSE Wayleave Request

Members received an update from the Chair advising that SSE required to place a hydro cable through the car park and that a wayleave had been signed in this connection, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the reports.

C. Orkney Native Wildlife Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Native Wildlife Project, and after hearing a report from the Community Liaison Officer, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and the report.

D. Development Plan

Members considered correspondence received from the LEADER Assistant Project Officer asking if there was a development plan for Birsay, and it was:

Resolved to advise the LEADER Assistant Project Officer that there was not a development plan for Birsay.

5. Financial Statements

A. Annual Accounts at 31 March 2021

Following consideration of the Annual Accounts at 31 March 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the accounts.

B. Financial Statements

1. General Fund Statement

Following consideration of the General Fund statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £6,120.42 as at 10 August 2021.

2. Birsay Energy Fund

Following consideration of the Birsay Energy Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £17,610.42 as at 10 August 2021.

3. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme as at 10 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval in the main capping limit was £1,883.35, and the balance in the additional capping limit was £676.

4. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation was £8,183.37 as at 10 August 2021.

5. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval was £21.64 as at 10 August 2021.

6. Financial Requests

A. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council

Following consideration of a request from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council for financial assistance towards the cost of the annual bonfire, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £100 towards the cost and that an application should be submitted to the Community Council Grant Scheme.

B. Christmas Lights

The Chair advised members that he had met with members of the Harray and Sandwick Community Council regarding the Christmas lighting and arrangements. He also advised that prices were awaited regarding the replacement of lights, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

7. Consultation Documents

A. Local Place Plan Regulations

Following consideration of correspondence regarding Local Place Plan Regulations, having previously been emailed by Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved to note that no comments had been received and the deadline had now passed.

B. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of correspondence received regarding the review of the Gambling Policy, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to forward.

C. SEPA – Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan

Following consideration of the consultation from SEPA on the Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to forward.

D. Orkney Community Wind Project (OCWP) Community Benefit Scheme

Following consideration of the OCWP Community Benefit Scheme document, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, it was:

Resolved that any comments could be forwarded to the Clerk for onward submission.

8. Publications

The following publications had been received and made available to members via email:

- VAO Newsletter – May, June and July 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – June and July 2021.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland Community Engagement Orkney Team
- Police Scotland Orkney Area Newsletter - July 2021.
- Community Development Fund – Update leaflet

9. Any Other Competent Business

Resolved to note that there were no items raised.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following a discussion regarding a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:04.