

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School on Tuesday, 22 November 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mr N Sclater, Mrs B Clubley, Mr S Pyke.

In Attendance:

- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor I Taylor.
- Councillor K Leask.
- Mr T Hadley, Community Liaison Officer, Orkney Native Wildlife Project.
- Ms L Richardson, Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Ms C Waters, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Marwick.

2. Update from Orkney Native Wildlife Project

The Community Liaison Officer, Orkney Native Wildlife Project, provided members with an update on the Stoat Eradication Project at Orkney Native Wildlife, and advised that an information pack would be circulated by ONWP with further information, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the presentation.

The Community Liaison Officer left the meeting at this point.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 6 September 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr N Sclater and seconded by Mrs B Clubley.

4. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter - Smoogro Road

The Chair provided an update on the bus shelter and advised that they were still waiting for a design to be produced by the architect and to receive construction quotes. However, it was expected that the design would be completed before Christmas. After further discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would chase construction quotes and also investigate another contractor.

B. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

The Chair advised that he was still waiting for a design to be completed by the architect, although it was expected that this would be received before Christmas. After further discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That, once the design had been obtained, OIC would be contacted to fast-track any approval so that work could start and be completed on time for the centre to re-open in April.

2. That the Clerk would contact HES to confirm that work had commenced and to start the process to claim the remaining 10% of funds by March 2023.

C. Orphir Football Club

Information had been sought on how to get the Orphir Football pitch ready for the relaunch of Orphir Football Club. After discussion, it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services be asked to write to the Service Manager (Leisure and Culture) to ask that the pitch be added to the pitch maintenance schedule for next year. It was noted that this may require a change in contract for the pitch as it is currently maintained for school use.

D. Road Speed Limits

The Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services updated the council members on the monitoring of speeds through Orphir village. Discussion also took account of further communication being received from another concerned resident (see Item 5c). Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that data gathered during previous monitoring of speeds would be made available to the community council by the Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services.

E. School Boundaries

A response had still not yet been received from the Education department regarding the suggestion to extend the Orphir Community School catchment area, and it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would further chase a response from the Education department.

F. Dangerous Memorials

An update on the Dangerous Memorials at Orphir Kirkyard was requested by the OIC Elected Members. The Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services informed the meeting that remediation activity had not yet taken place and the community council would be informed before any such action was taken. Neither OIC or Community Council had, as yet been able to trace any relatives, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That both parties would continue to attempt to trace relatives.
2. That OIC would inform the Community Council before any remediation activity took place.

5. Correspondence

A. Orphir Badminton Club

An email thanking the community council for support of the Orphir Badminton Club had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland

An email with an update from NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. OIC - Road Works Update

An email from OIC regarding planned road works had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. OIC – Avian Flu

An email from OIC regarding a recent Avian Flu outbreak had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. OIC – Appointment of Chief Executive

An email from OIC regarding the appointment of the new Chief Executive had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. SSEN – Powering On Together

An email from SSEN regarding a stakeholder surgery on 24 November 2022 had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. NHS Scotland - SHARE

An email from NHS Scotland regarding the SHARE Health Research Register had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. SIF – Scottish Education

An email from the Scottish Islands Federation with details of a meeting as part of the National Discussion had been previously circulated to members and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

I. HITRANS - Windracers

An email regarding the HITRANS Windracer drones had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. SIF - Update

An email with an update from SIF and details of a short-term contract opportunity had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Orphir Traffic Speed

An email registering concerns regarding traffic not adhering to the 30 and 20 mph speed limits through Orphir had been previously circulated to members. This was discussed with the Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Democratic services would contact Flotta Terminal to remind employees of the speed limits in the village.
2. To ask, via Democratic Services, if Roads would request Traffic Police when next on Orkney to be present at peak traffic time in Orphir.
3. To ask, via Democratic Services, for the establishment of “Smiley Face/Sad Face” signs which had previously been successful at reminding drivers of speeds.
4. That data gathered during previous monitoring of speeds would be made available to the community council (as per Item 4e).

L. Small Boat Owners

An email requesting consideration of provision for some safe mooring for small boats at Houton had been previously circulated to members. This was discussed by the community council, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact Mr G Flett for further information on the proposal and costs for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

6. Consultations

A. West of Orkney Windfarm – PAC Notice

Members had been previously forwarded an email regarding notice of a Pre-Application Consultation from West of Orkney Windfarm, and it was:

Resolved that no comments were to be forwarded at this time.

B. SIF – Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulations for Social Care Support

Members had been previously forwarded consultation information for an upcoming event in Orkney, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. SIF – Events and Consultations

Members had been previously forwarded an email regarding information for upcoming events and consultations, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. OIC – Verge Maintenance Plan 2023

Members had been previously forwarded an email regarding OICs plan for verge maintenance in 2023, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would respond to OIC confirming that no issues had been raised by Orphir CC.

E. EMEC – Application for Vary Section 36 Consent

Members had been previously forwarded an email from EMEC regarding an application for a variation to Section 36 of the Electricity Act to extend the operational life of the Fall of Warness Tidal Test Site to 10 years, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would respond with support of Orphir CC for this proposal.

F. BCS - 2023 Review

Members had been previously forwarded an email regarding planned boundary changes by Boundary Commission for Scotland, and it was:

Resolved that no comments were to be forwarded at this time.

G. West of Orkney Windfarm – Proposal of Application Notice

Members had been previously forwarded an email regarding application notices and public exhibitions by West of Orkney Windfarm, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. NZET Meeting Invite

Members had been previously forwarded an email with an invitation to meeting with the Convenor of the NZET Committee on 28th November 2022 and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance and Saga Centre

Following consideration of the financial statements as at 10 November 2022, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the balances of £22,351.87 in the General account and £38,018.60 in the Saga Centre account.
2. That the Clerk would chase Democratic Services regarding payment to the Community Association with regard to the Jubilee event.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 10 November 2022 it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2318.40.

Resolved to that the clerk would chase Democratic Services to the payment to Orphir School for outdoor activities.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 10 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £13,755.42.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 10 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.00

8. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. OASC – North District Open Meet

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for attendance at the North District Open Meet for three competitors, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £150 from the General Fund.

B. OASC – North District Age Group Meet

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for attendance at the North District Age Group Meet for one competitor, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 from the General Fund.

C. Orphir Community School – Halloween Party

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Community School regarding Financial Assistance towards the Halloween Party, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £100 from the General Fund.

D. Orphir Community School – Outdoor Activities (2022)

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Community School regarding Financial Assistance towards Outdoor Activities in 2022, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £225, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

E. Orphir Community Association – Christmas Tree

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Community Association regarding financial assistance towards the Orphir Christmas Tree, it was:

Resolved to award the full amount of £185 plus VAT (£222).

9. Publications

The following publications, which had been previously emailed to members, were noted:

- SRA September Newsletter (29/9/2022).
- SRA October Newsletter (27/10/2022).
- Liam McArthur Holyrood Highlights (30/09/2022 – 11/11/2022).
- VAO October Newsletter (31/10/2022).
- VAO Training and Funding Update (21/10/2022).
- NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland (12/11/2022).
- Scottish Water Autumn Newsletter (13/11/2022).

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Ditch Clearing

Mr N Sclater recently observed what appeared to be ditch clearing activity near Skail which, from the time taken and personnel involved, did not appear to be an effective use of resources. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services would investigate what activity was taking place as ditch clearing activity was only just scheduled to begin.

B. Dog Poo Bin

Mrs B Clubley raised the issue regarding the Dog Poo Bin near the Kirk which is overflowing and frequently ends up in that state as it is not being emptied regularly. The Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services responded that these bins should be emptied by operatives on their weekly rounds, but that there would now be a move away from dog poo bins to a larger bin for general waste into which bagged dog poo can be placed. After discussion, it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would contact the Waste and Recycling Officer to request a larger bin as above for Orphir.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Orphir Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2023, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:52.