

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Monday, 28 May 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mrs H Scott and Mrs S Wise.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr M Holbrook and Mr I Scott, and Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

2. Appointment of Office Bearers

Following discussion with the members, it was:

Resolved to defer the appointment of Office Bearers until the next meeting as several members could not be present at the meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 26 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Mrs H Scott, subject to the following amendment:

Item 9D should be amended to read - Resolved that Councillor Woodbridge agreed to follow up on the amended Core Paths Plan regarding safety improvements.

4. Matters Arising

A. Sheep Dyke

It was reported that the Awards for All form was still to be completed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Access Road to Kirkyard and Scottish Water Storage Tank

It was reported that the road material provided by Scottish Water had been spread on the road by Mr I Deyell, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Noticeboard at Airport

Members heard that Mr I Scott was aware of the required content for the noticeboard and had made a start on the map but would need time to complete it, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Community Resilience Planning

It was reported that Cloudnet was working on a plan with several interested people to supply broadband to the island, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Scrap Cars

It was reported that the removal of scrap vehicles to date had gone well and, following discussion, it was agreed that further applications for scrap car removal would be considered, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Clerk check with Orkney Aggregates regarding the contents of one vehicle.
3. That once all the vehicles that were agreed for removal under the present scrap car scheme, consideration would be given to inviting further applications.

F. Plastic Recycling

The Chair raised the issue of changes to SEPA regulations in January 2019 which could prohibit the burning of silage wrap. Councillor K Woodbridge advised the he was involved with the relevant committee, but a meeting was yet to be held, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs H Scott, as Community Development Manager for North Ronaldsay Trust, would follow up on the matter.

G. Air and Ferry Consultative Forum Meetings

It was reported that the next Air and Ferry Consultative Forum meetings were due to be held on 22 August 2018. Members discussed the charges being made for excess baggage which was proving to be a problem as it was the lifeline service to the island. Members agreed that the Transport representative would raise the issue at the forum meetings. Councillor Woodbridge advised that he would make enquiries into the possibility of compensation should a flight be cancelled due to technical reasons, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would write a letter to Loganair for clarification on the regulations regarding excess baggage charges.
2. To note that Councillor Woodbridge would update members at the next meeting regarding compensation when flights were cancelled due to technical failure.

H. Request for Aggregates

Following discussion of the applications received requesting aggregates members agreed to supply aggregates to all applicants, with the exception of one, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would order the necessary amount of aggregates from Orkney Aggregates.
2. That the Clerk would request that Orkney Aggregates write the names of the houses on the bags allocated to them.
3. That the Clerk would send a letter to the unsuccessful applicant explaining the reason for the decision not to approve the application.

I. Parking Charges

Following consideration of correspondence from HIAL advising that the community council's concerns had been noted and that between the end of April and 1 July

2018, HIAL would be consulting directly with passengers, which the Community Council's concerns would be fed into. The Clerk would be informed of the final decision following the end of the consultation. Members discussed that further action should be taken to highlight the annual cost for North Ronaldsay residents keeping a car at the airport, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would reply to HIAL to raise members concerns regarding the issue of parking costs for North Ronaldsay residents and to request the results of the consultation once it had been completed.

J. Abattoir

Members were advised that it would appear that there were plans to build a new fit-for-purpose abattoir within two years near the Orkney Auction Mart, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Orkney Ferries and Loganair Statistics

The Transport Representative requested the statistics be more user friendly, displayed in graph form showing the flight/ferry usage for each island and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would raise the issue at the next transport meeting.

L. Airport Benches

Members agreed that the newly purchased benches required to be installed at the Airport, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put up a notice inviting tenders for the installation of the benches at the airport.

M. Community Development Fund Funding – North Ronaldsay Trust

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been emailed, advising that the recent application to use Community Development Fund to assist North Ronaldsay Trust had been refused, members agreed that the Community Council would loan the Trust £4,000 from their General Fund, half of that loan is to be paid back within one year, the other half to be repaid the following year, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to the Trust asking them to agree to the terms of the loan and then instruct Democratic Services to process the payment of £4,000 to the Trust.

N. NRCC Follow-Ups – Flights and Airfields

Members discussed correspondence from Councillor Woodbridge regarding the drop-in flights and airfields. He advised that he was unable to get the Monday morning drop in flight changed to a 7:30 flight so it would remain an 08:00 flight. It

was also reported that members of the public had put in a request to use that drop-in flight to Eday despite the contractual obligation to drop in for S1 and S2 pupils only, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that Councillor Woodbridge would follow up on whether members of the public were using the drop-in flight.

5. Correspondence

A. North of Scotland Resilient Communities Fund

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Resilient Communities Fund, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Message from Scottish Water

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a survey of Scottish Water, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided,

C. Orkney Transmission Infrastructure Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Lesley Dow, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a series of public consultations regarding the transmission and infrastructure proposals for Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided

D. Humza Yousaf Visit

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been emailed to members, regarding the visit to Orkney of the Minister for Transport and the Islands, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Air and Ferry Service Consultative Forum Meetings

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services on behalf of the Transportation Planner, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting a representative of the Community Council to the Air and Ferry Service Consultative Forum meetings on 22 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the Transport Representative would attend the meeting on behalf of North Ronaldsay Community Council.

F. Calor Rural Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Calor Rural Communities Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated/emailed, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Aspiring Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding possible funding from Aspiring Communities Fund which could fit the Empowering Communities Project, it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would submit an application on behalf of North Ronaldsay Community Council for an Island Link Officer.

H. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing details of the Annual Grant amounts being awarded for the 2018/2019 financial year, it was:

Resolved to note the annual grant for North Ronaldsay Community Council was £3,715.94.

I. Community Conversation Meetings

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, providing details of the five community engagement events across Orkney, it was:

Resolved that should anyone have suggestions on how the council can save money, they should contact the Chair.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £17,709.34 as at 28 May 2018.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS)

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,415.02, as at 28 May 2018.

C. Community Development Fund (CDF)

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,000 remained available for allocation as at 28 May 2018.

D. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,280 as at 28 May 2018.

7. Financial Requests

A. Year of Young People Event

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney's Year of Young People Ambassadors, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of putting on a youth concert, it was:

Resolved to donate £25 from the General Fund.

B. Memorial Hall Grass Cutting

Following consideration of a request from North Ronaldsay Heritage Trust, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of cutting the grass at the Memorial Hall, it was:

Resolved to pay the Heritage Trust £240, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

C. THAW Orkney

Following consideration of a request from THAW Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards year two of the project, it was:

Resolved that no funding would be provided on this occasion.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing further to report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative

Members heard that a new Community Development Manager had been appointed and that they held another coffee morning which had been attended by representatives from Cloudnet and THAW. It was also reported that the Trust were going to be holding a fundraiser event in June. The representative updated the members on the current balance within the turbine fund, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write a letter to the Trust requesting the full share of the Community Council's money be paid from the Trading Company into an account controlled by the Community Council.

9. Consultations

A. Kirkwall Urban Design Framework

Following consideration of the consultation document regarding the Kirkwall Urban Design Framework, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

B. Orkney Harbour Masterplan

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, advising of the consultation on the Orkney Harbour Masterplan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the document and that any comments should be forwarded to the consultants.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO – Newsletter May 2018 and Services Survey.
- VAO – OADP training needs analysis and update.
- Loganair – Statistics – March 2018.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – February and March 2018.
- Climate Change Newsletter.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Ad-hoc flights

A member suggested that a request should be put in for two ad-hoc flights for County Show weekend on 11 and 12 August, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would submit an application for two ad-hoc flights once the dates had been confirmed.

B. Request for Costings

The Chair requested that the Clerk write a letter to Orkney Ferries to ask for an estimate of the total cost of shipping perishable goods to the island, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would ask Orkney Ferries for the information.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion of future meeting dates, it was resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Thursday, 26 July 2018 at 19:30 instead of Monday, 30 July.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting concluded at 22:10.