

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in Eday Community School on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr T McCabe, Mrs S Thompson, Mr H Thomson and Mr C Dixon.

In Attendance:

- Miss L Merry, Clerk.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services (by telephone).

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr M Scott and Councillors G Sinclair, S Clackson and K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 3 July 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Thompson and seconded by Mr T McCabe.

3. Matters Arising

A. Eday War Memorial

Members received an update from the Chair regarding the Eday War Memorial. Mr K Redwood had undertaken the actions necessary to have three additional names added. It was proposed that there will be acknowledgement of these at a future Kirk service and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. NHS Accommodation

The Chair was awaiting an update from NHS as to the timing of the refurbishment of the house adjacent to the Eday Surgery, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would provide an update as and when information has been obtained.

C. Water Supply at Eday Pier

Members heard that there had been limited progress since the last meeting in July, following a letter submitted through Democratic Services. Members were unsatisfied that progress is not being made and that this issue has now not been resolved for more than three years, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would write another letter to be sent through Democratic Services requesting a detailed response outlining what the issues are and why progress is not being made.

4. Correspondence

A. Eday Bus Service

Members heard that the Eday Partnership held a transport meeting on 3 September 2019 to discuss what transport services were desirable for the community. An outcome of this meeting was that there will be a trial community transport service: a Dial-A-Bus service outwith school hours. It was also concluded that continuation of the Thursday bus service was difficult as it clashed with transporting children home following After-School Club, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would provide information on this proposal to Democratic Services, as well as request that any community grant monies available be disseminated prior to April 2020 when the new school bus contract commences.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement dated 20 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £11,388.63.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 20 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was overallocated by £1,760.19, the additional capping limit balance was £662 and the OIC island capping limit was fully allocated.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 20 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained available for allocation.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 20 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £7,258.51 remaining available for allocation.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

There were no applications for financial assistance.

7. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport

Members heard that Mr H Thomson recently attended the Air and Ferry Transport Forum on behalf of the Transport Representative. Mr Thomson reported that there were discussions regarding a Monday morning link between Sanday and Eday though no outcome was identified. Mr Thomson also requested that an evening link between Eday and Kirkwall on Tuesdays be introduced. Again, no outcome was agreed at the meeting. Members heard that a new ferry is being discussed for sharing between North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Planning

Resolved to note that there was no information to report.

8. Consultations

Resolved to note that there were no consultation documents to consider.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Community Planning News.
- Orkney Ferries Ltd – Statistics – June and July 2019.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Cancelled Ferry

Members discussed that on Wednesday 4 September 2019 the poor weather resulted in the Eday/Stromsøy afternoon sailing being cancelled. At the same time sailings to Sanday and Westray ran, albeit brought forward, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would write a letter to Democratic Services to be sent on to Orkney Ferries and copied to Brian Archibald. This letter will propose that either the Eday/Stromsøy service could have been brought forward, or that the Sanday service could have called at Eday en route.

B. Water on the Road

Members discussed the roads where the ditches were blocked, and due to the wet weather there were patches of road that would become dangerous if the water continued to run, and it was:

Resolved Mr T McCabe would take photos of the affected areas and send them to the Clerk to be sent on to Democratic Services.

C. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme

Members heard that the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme have been out to discuss enhancements to the Heritage Trail and some of their other projects, including interpretation boards at various points of the Island and Natural Heritage.

Members also heard about a Maritime History project due to commence shortly which will consider the maritime history around each of the North Isles, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 20 November 2019 at the Heritage Centre, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:55.