

Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held via Teams on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr Angus Firth, Mr John Garson, Mrs Zoe Flaws and Mrs Carole Maguire.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Heather Woodbridge.
 - Councillor Stephen Clackson.
 - Mrs Maureen Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
 - Mrs Emma Soames, Clerk.
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- One member of the press.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Christina Cox and Mr Richard Tipper and Councillor Graham Sinclair.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Members agreed to defer this item and noted that there are elections happening in 2022.

3. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the meeting held on 6 December 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr Angus Firth and seconded by Mr John Garson.

4. Matters Arising

A. Notice Boards

Members were advised that the signs still needed to be erected, and that there had been interest in undertaking this role, including site visits. There were four boards to be erected at the school, the post office, the heritage centre and possibly Egilsay pier, and it was:

Resolved that Mr Angus Firth will forward the quote from the contractor to all members for consideration.

B. Kirkyard Matting

Mrs Carole Maguire advised that she had been in touch with a contact at OIC with regards to the matting, and it was:

Resolved to await further updates from OIC with regards to funding.

C. Memorial/Path at Rousay Kirkyard

Members were advised that interested parties had been forwarded to Mrs Zoe Flaws, however this has not moved forward yet, and it was:

Resolved to wait for an update at the next meeting.

D. Scrap Car Scheme

Members discussed the scrap car scheme and that £255 was still available, however invoices could be backlogged, and it was:

Resolved to leave this on the agenda for the next meeting and discuss again.

E. Lights at Rousay School

The Chair explained that he had learned, since becoming a keyholder for the school, that the muster station for use during a fire is somewhere where there are no external lights. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would add this to the business letter requesting lighting to be installed around the perimeter of the school.

5. Correspondence

A. Winter Service Plan

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Winter Service Plan. Members were unhappy that Wasbister Loch is a p3 and no priority, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents.
2. To request next year that Wasbister Loch is changed in its priority.

B. Attending Community Council Meetings

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding guidance around attending community council meetings, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Wasbister Road

Members discussed correspondence from OIC, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that £5,000 had been allocated by OIC for this repair, £2,000 from REWDT and the remaining from CC funds.
2. That the Clerk would send CC bank details for the REWDT payment to be made.

D. Orkney Ferries - Draft Winter Timetable

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the draft winter ferry timetable, and it was:

Resolved to note that there was still an error on the timetable, however the Transport Representative had brought this to their attention in December 2021.

E. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Orkney Inter Island Transport Study, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Eynhallow Cancellations

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the cancellations of the Eynhallow, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Free Childminding Courses

Members discussed correspondence from the Service Manager for Community Learning, Development and Employability, regarding the Free Childminding Courses, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Women's Aid

Members discussed correspondence from the manager of Women's Aid Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated, offering a presentation to CC members, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Letter of Thanks

Members discussed correspondence from Rousay School thanking the community council for funding towards Christmas presents, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Orkney Community Wind Farm Project

Members discussed correspondence from the Strategic Projects team regarding the Orkney Community Wind Farm project and any community benefit scheme, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. Youth Local Action Group

Members discussed correspondence from Leah Shearer, Orkney Youth Local Action Group, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding setting up a Youth Local Action Group in Orkney and explaining what the aims of these groups were, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

L. Bag the Bruck

Members discussed correspondence regarding Bag the Bruck 2022 from OIC, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk should apply for CCGS funding of £300, which would be split amongst all those that take part in the event as sponsorship.

M. Outline Business Case Phase 2

Members discussed correspondence from Stantec on behalf of Orkney Islands Council regarding the Orkney Inter-Island Transport Study Outline Business Case Phase 2, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and associated report.

N. Scotland's Census

Members discussed correspondence regarding Scotland's Census, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk would send to the Review to raise awareness of the training sessions available.

O. Isles Special Collection Rota

Members discussed the Isles Special Collection Rota, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To send to the Review to raise awareness of the dates.

P. Covid Community Learning Event

Members discussed correspondence regarding a Covid Community Learning event, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved that if anyone had an idea of who to nominate, to send a suggestion to the Clerk via email.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 1 February 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £26,663.68.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 21 February 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £2,108.60, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £676, and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £654.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 1 February 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 1 February 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

7. Financial Requests

A. Screen Machine - Visit to Rousay

Members considered a request from the Screen Machine for financial support towards a visit Rousay, and it was:

Resolved to offer a return ferry crossing for the lorry, which was £442.92, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme assistance being approved.

B. Orkney Pilgrimage

Members discussed the St Magnus Way, and that it was Egilsay, and it was:

Resolved to provide assistance of £100, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme assistance being approved.

8. Consultations

A. Telecommunications Cable Installation

Following consideration of the Marine Scotland consultation on the installation of a telecommunications cable, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

B. Verge Maintenance Plan 2022

Following consideration of the consultation on the Verge Maintenance Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

9. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

Currently there was no Planning representative, however the Chair advised that there were a few applications but nothing to worry about relating to Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Transport

The Transport Representative was not in attendance at this meeting.

10. Publications

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

- VAO Newsletter – December 21, January 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – December 21, January 2022.
- Letter from School Place – December 2021 and January 2022.
- Scottish Water – Newsletter – January 2022.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Late Night Boats

Mrs Carole Maguire mentioned about late-night boats not being made available at the moment, and it was:

Resolved to invite the Ferry Services Manager to the next meeting to discuss ferry matters.

B. Heritage Centre

The Chair informed everyone that Bryan Milner had been in touch regarding a notice board inside the centre that the group wanted to remove, and it was:

Resolved that Mr Angus Firth would email Mr Milner to find out what is needed to be done.

C. Plastic Recycling on Rousay

Members commented that plastic recycling was still not available on Rousay, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would ask in the business letter for information on why plastic recycling was not available.

D. Markers for the Districts

Mrs Zoe Flaws mentioned that a resident had said that some of the district markers were in the wrong place, and it was:

Resolved that if a map was found then these could be checked.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved to note that the date of the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be decided once members had checked their availability.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

With there being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:30