

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in the Stronsay Community Centre and via Teams on Monday 30 January 2023 at 19:00

Present:

Mrs S Whiteman, Mr D Stout, Mr S Hourston, Rev D Locke, L Martini-Brown (via Teams), Mr P Riley and Mr J Seaton (via Teams).

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson (via Teams).
- Councillor M Thomson (via Teams).
- Mr K MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities (via Teams).
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor H Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 5 December 2022 was approved, being proposed by Rev D Locke and seconded by Mr S Hourston.

3. Matters Arising

A. Village Play Park

Members heard that the Sport and Leisure Service Manager had forwarded the current Play Area Strategy for Orkney, guidance notes and an application form for the Play Park Equipment Renewal Fund, and it was:

Resolved that this item would be carried over to the next meeting.

B. Scrap Vehicles

Members heard that four vehicles were still waiting to be removed, all having expired the two months given for owners to arrange disposal, and it was:

Resolved that the owners would be notified that they had until the 17 February 2023 to arrange removal of the vehicles under the Scrap Car Scheme after which time any remaining would be removed from the scheme.

C. Nolan Principles Adoption Proposal

Members heard that on reflection there was no need for further discussion on the Nolan Principles adoption, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Haulage of Aggregates

Members considered applications received for financial assistance towards the haulage of aggregates for use in improving roadways leading to an occupied residence, and it was:

Resolved that the successful applicants would be notified of the grants to be awarded for the haulage of aggregates and how to claim these.

E. Response to Shapinsay Community Council Letter to Isles Community Councils

Members heard that three responses had been received from residents giving details of their experiences of specific problems when using Orkney Ferries, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That a letter would be sent to Shapinsay Community Council in support of their original letter, giving details of Stronsay residents' experience of using Orkney Ferries.

F. Grass Cutting Tenders

After opening and considering sealed tenders received for grass cutting, each receiving one tender, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award the grass cutting contracts, as advertised, to two interested parties.
2. That the Island Link Officer would write to both tenderers advising them accordingly.
3. That the Island Link Officer would complete the necessary paperwork to apply for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for the relevant grass cutting contracts.

G. Ferry Cancellations

Members heard that no further information was available on ferry cancellations, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. New Telecom Tower

Members heard that enquiries were on going into the new telecom tower, and it was:

Resolved to carry this item over to the next meeting.

4. Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that an invoice from the electricity supplier covering the period 7 October 2022 to 6 January 2023 had been received, as well as a letter advising the slaughterhouse was not eligible for the Energy Bill Relief Scheme, that details of the Non-Domestic – Revaluation 2023 had also been received, and that the chopping boards had been power washed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Fish Mart Report

Members heard that the two wall mounted ashtrays had been approved, purchased and fitted, and that the Operators' Agreement had been signed and was in place for a further twelve months. It was also reported that Orkney Islands Council Cleaning Specification and Audit Inspection Guidelines had been received and forwarded to members and the Operators, the television licence had been renewed and, following a consultation process, members had agreed to ask an outside contractor to clean the hostel carpets, which had received Community Council Grant Scheme funding. Consideration was given to the building's fire evacuation plan which members were told was their and the Operators responsibility to agree, the completion of previously

identified remedial work, a request for public toilet signs for the Fish Mart and pier toilets, and of changes to the broadband and telephone account, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities would enquire and forward information from Health and Safety Law on a fire evacuation plan.

C. That the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities would raise the issue of outstanding work still to be completed with a work colleague.

D. That a request would be made for Orkney Islands Council to install public toilet signs at the Fish Mart and Pier waiting room.

6. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Members heard that the Transport Representative had attended the Air Service Consultative Forum meeting on 17 January 2023 where the need for a third aircraft and the trial of an electric powered aircraft were mentioned. On the same day, at the Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting, the aging ferry fleet and the need for replacement ferries was discussed and a request was made for local support for new ferries, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That the Transport Representative would follow up the possibility of raising the profile of Orkney's need for new ferries with a television producer.

B. Stronsay Development Trust – Co-opted Representative's Report

The Stronsay Development Trust Co-opted Representative provided members with a verbal update on on-going projects the Trust is currently involved in which gave rise to questions from members, and it was:

Resolved that The Stronsay Development Trust Co-opted Representative would enquire into questions raised by members and report back in due course.

C. Planning Representative

Members had previously been notified of a planning application by Stronsay Development Trust, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

7. Consultation Documents

A. Orkney Ferries Booking System

Consideration was given to the consultation on Orkney Ferries' Booking System, which had previously been circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved that members' comments on the Orkney Ferries Booking System would be submitted as Stronsay Community Council's response.

B. Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board – Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Overprovision Assessment

Consideration was given to Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board – Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Overprovision Assessment, a copy of which had previously been circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board – Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Overprovision Assessment.

8. Correspondence

A. Orkney Health and Care Response Letter from Community Council Chairs

Consideration was given to correspondence previously circulated to members from the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care, and to information on the proposed move to NHS24 for the isles, still being considered and awaiting a decision, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

B. Orkney Ferries – Draft Winter Timetable

Consideration was given to previously circulated correspondence on the Orkney Ferries draft winter 2023-24 timetables, copies of which had also been displayed locally for public comment, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That members' comments on the Kirkwall morning departure times and no Saturday afternoon sailing during the refit timetable would be submitted as Stronsay Community Council's response.

C. Island Well Being Report Response

Members heard that consideration and a response had been given to previously circulated information on the Well-Being Report, and it was:

Resolved that members would wait until the next phase of the planning is reported rather than invite the Island Well Being Co-ordinator to a Community Council meeting.

D. St. Catherine's Bay Core Path

Consideration was given to the issue of an uneven core path leading to St Catherine's Bay, which had been raised by a resident, and it was:

Resolved that the Vice Chair would enquire into ownership of the core path leading to St Catherine's Bay and that advice would be sought on remedial works needed to improve the core path:

E. Surface Water

Members heard that a resident had reported concern over poor drainage of surface water at a property adjoining the B9060 and that this had been passed to the Roads Team and a case reference number issued by Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. SCOTO – Community Tourism Roadshow

Consideration was given to previously circulated correspondence from the Team Manager for Sustainable Tourism of a tourism roadshow event being held on 10 March 2023, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

G. Memorials Update Reminder

Consideration was given to previously circulated information from the Burial Grounds Officer giving a final call for arranging repairs to dangerous memorials, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 17 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £11,641.87.

B. Fish Mart Account

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 17 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £11,135.88.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 17 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,303.15.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2022/2023 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 17 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit of £496.39.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 17 January 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £8,723.40.

10. Publications

The following publication had been forwarded to members and was noted:

- Orkney Harbours – Offshore Wind Newsletters for December 2022.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Platinum Jubilee Presentation Packs

Members heard that there was an excess of two platinum jubilee presentation packs waiting to be disposed of, and it was:

Resolved that this would be carried over for discussion at the next meeting.

B. Christmas Light Decorations

Consideration was given to a request for the Community Council to install Christmas light decorations on the Village lampposts, and it was:

Resolved that the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities would enquire and confirm arrangements for the Community Council to install Christmas light decorations.

C. Coronation

Consideration was given to a request being made on behalf of the Stronsay Community Association for information on the forthcoming coronation and any specific arrangements to fund local events celebrating the coronation, and it was:

Resolved that enquiries would be made regarding community participation in the coronation and possible funding for this.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 20 March 2023 commencing at 19:00 in the Stronsay Community Centre.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:55.