

Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, Holm, on Monday, 26 June 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Alan Scott, Martin Lee, Erland Drever, Christine Muir, Bill Robertson and Richard Shearer.

In Attendance:

- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Raymie S Peace.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Lorna Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services, Orkney Islands Council (via Microsoft Teams).
- John Richards, White Ribbon Orkney.
- Matthew Webb, White Ribbon Orkney.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.
- Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (via Microsoft Teams).

Chair:

- Alan Scott in the Chair.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no apologies for absence had been received.

2. White Ribbon Orkney

Following a presentation from representatives regarding White Ribbon, the UK's leading charity engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the presentation.

Erland Drever joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

The White Ribbon Orkney representatives left the meeting at this point.

3. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the Meeting held on 10 May 2023 was approved, being proposed by Bill Robertson and seconded by Erland Drever.

4. Matters Arising

A. Various Roads Matters

Following consideration of correspondence from S Harcus and Orkney Islands Council regarding various roads matters, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Head of Neighbourhood Services should provide further information regarding the legal requirements for white centre lining on classified roads.
2. That the Head of Neighbourhood Services should confirm whether the annual removal of stones from the Graemeshall road had been undertaken, given concerns of smaller stones falling on to the road from the verge.
3. To note the recent resurfacing works carried out on Number 1 Barrier which had resulted in an improved surface, particularly for motorcycles, noting that a larger project was currently being progressed through the Council's capital project appraisal process.
4. That the ward members should email the Corporate Director for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services, Orkney Islands Council, requesting that the widening of the B9052 (from the war memorial down to the corner at the brig) be added to the programme of road improvements.

B. Gate in Old Kirkyard

As Robbie Thomson was not present, no update was available in respect of undertaking repair works to the gate in the old part of St Nicholas kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved to carry over this item to the next meeting.

C. Proposal for Living Christmas Tree

The Chair advised that Ewan Mackenzie would provide details of a suitable type of tree in due course and that the trustees of the Loch of Ayre Walkway had no objection to the Community Council's proposal, and it was:

Resolved to note the current position.

D. Holm Graffiti

As Robbie Thomson was not present, there was no update on painting over the graffiti near the pier, and it was:

Resolved to carry over this item to the next meeting.

E. Holm Play Park

The Chair confirmed that Holm Community Association owned the land on which the play park was situated and had advised the Association that funding was available for upgrading equipment, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

F. West of Orkney Windfarm – Pre-Application Consultation Events

Following consideration of correspondence from the West of Orkney Windfarm regarding pre-application consultation events to be held in Orkney in May 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Martin Lee had met with the developers and representatives from Orkney Harbours, following which he had written direct to Orkney Harbours on various matters, including plugging ships into an onshore electricity supply, so that engines/generators did not require to run 24/7.

G. Street Lighting Columns – Connections for Christmas Lights

The Clerk had not received a response from Orkney Islands Council regarding the request to reinstall the necessary connections for Christmas lights on the street lighting columns which had been replaced following damage, and it was:

Resolved that Lorna Richardson should seek a response to the request.

H. Holm Rockworks Community Pitch

Following consideration of the Minute of a Meeting held on 29 May 2023 regarding the Holm Rockworks community pitch, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that it had subsequently been confirmed that the Holm Rockworks site was owned by Holm Community Association.

I. 4G Coverage in St Mary's

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur MSP regarding 4G coverage in St Mary's, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. Rigs in Scapa Flow

The Clerk had not received a response to the initial query regarding noise from rigs anchored in Scapa Flow, and it was:

Resolved that Martin Lee should draft a letter setting out the Community Council's concerns, which the Clerk would then submit to Orkney Islands Council for consideration.

5. Correspondence

A. SSEN Resilient Communities Fund 2023

Following consideration of correspondence regarding SSEN's Resilient Communities Fund 2023, for which applications required to be submitted by 31 July 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 9 June 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 9 June 2023 of £14,404.10.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2022/23 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 9 June 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that, as at 9 June 2023, projects to the value of £2,900.97 had been approved, of which £2,521.61 had been claimed.
2. To note the balance remaining for approval within the main capping limit of £1,925.42.
3. To note the balance remaining for approval within the additional capping limit of £743.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 9 June 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £nil.

D. Seedcorn Fund

Following consideration of the Seedcorn Fund Statement as at 9 June 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

Lorna Richardson left the meeting at this point.

7. Financial Requests

A. Gymnastics

Following consideration of applications from T Drever requesting financial assistance towards her daughters' participation in two gymnastic competitions, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 should be awarded towards participation in each of the following competitions:

- Scottish Floor and Vault Competition, Perth, 9-11 June 2023.
- Glitterball Competition, 24 June 2023.

B. Application Form

Following representations from Martin Lee, it was:

Resolved that the Community Council's policy on financial assistance be included on the application form, which should be used for all future applications, noting that emails would not be considered.

8. Consultations

A. Second Review of Scottish Parliamentary Boundaries

Following consideration of correspondence from Boundaries Scotland regarding the second review of Scottish parliamentary boundaries, for which responses were required by 17 June 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence, particularly that the Orkney constituency was protected in legislation.

B. Permitted Development Rights Review – Phase 3

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Government regarding phase 3 of the planning review relating to permitted development rights, for which responses were due by 23 August 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Speed Limit Extensions in Finstown

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the proposed extension of speed limits in Finstown, including the variable 20 mph speed limit and the existing 30 mph limits, for which responses were required by 7 July 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to make no comment.

D. Review of Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a review of the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board's Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy, for which responses were due by 25 August 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. Draft Procurement Strategy

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding its proposed procurement strategy for 2023 to 2028, for which responses were required by 31 July 2023, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

9. Meetings Attended by Members - Holm Community Association

Holm Community Association had met on 17 May 2023 to plan for the Gala Day to be held on 22 July 2023, and had subsequently requested financial assistance towards costs, including food, bunting and bouncy castle hire, and it was:

Resolved that a sum £800 be awarded, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

10. Publications

The following publications had been sent to the Clerk and were forwarded to members via email:

- VAO – Training and Funding Updates – May and June 2023.
- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter – June 2023.
- VAO Newsletter – May 2023.

- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command – Community Council Newsletter Issue 2.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. War Memorial

The Clerk advised that, when planting up the tubs at the war memorial, The Yard, Tankerness House Gardens, had commented on the current state of the area surrounding the war memorial, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should request The Yard to provide a quote for a general tidy up at the war memorial.

B. Bin at St Nicholas

Erland Drever referred to the bin at St Nicholas and queried whether it was regularly checked and emptied, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council seeking clarification.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council should be held on Wednesday, 30 August 2023 in the Holm Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:20.