

Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held in the Hub, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, on Wednesday, 3 July 2019 at 19:00.

Present:

T Rendall, Mrs C A Hourie, Mrs L A Craigie, D L Flett, Mrs M Gordon, Mrs C E H Marcus, R F Leslie, S Metcalf and J R Mowat.

In Attendance:

- Councillor A G Cowie.
- Councillor D Dawson.
- Councillor W L Manson.
- Councillor J T Richards.
- Councillor J A R Scott.
- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.

- 1 member of the public.
- 1 member of the local press.

- S Johnston, Strategic Projects Director, Orkney Islands Council (for Item 4).
- Mrs M A Spence, Democratic Services Manager, Orkney Islands Council.
- Mrs K Groundwater, Press Officer, Orkney Islands Council (for Item 4).
- Ms M Ward, Service Manager, Women's Aid Orkney (for Item 3).

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1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the new members who had been appointed to the Community Council, following the public meeting.

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ms K Burns, C Gee and R A Lidderdale and Councillors B Foulkes, S B Heddle and G M Shearer.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters.

3. Women's Aid

Ms M Ward, Service Manager, gave a short presentation on the work of Women's Aid Orkney, including how it was formed, local staffing levels, funding and the notification and referrals process.

Ms M Ward and the member of the public left the meeting at this point.

4. Proposed Community Wind Farm Development

S Johnston and K Groundwater, Orkney Islands Council, gave a short presentation on the proposed community wind farm development, including how the three sites had been identified in light of the Hoy site being deemed not suitable for one large wind farm, the scale of the proposed turbines, the reason for progressing the development, namely to assist with local government funding in order to retain and/or enhance local services, and communication, consultation and engagement events undertaken to date.

5. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 was approved, being proposed by S Metcalf and seconded by Mrs C E Harcus.

6. Matters Arising

A. Shrub Bed at Scapa Junction

Mrs C Hourie advised that she was still awaiting a response from Robertson regarding potential funding for improving the shrub bed at the Scapa junction.

B. War Memorial

Following an update from the Chair on the Best Kept War Memorial Competition, it was:

Resolved to note that, following discussions with representatives from the Royal British Legion Kirkwall branch, it was decided not to enter the Best Kept War Memorial competition this year, as works to clean the stone and associated painting had not yet been undertaken.

C. Community Wind Farm Development

In light of the presentation given at Item 4 above, it was:

Resolved that no action be taken meantime in consideration of the proposed community wind farm development at Quanterness, St Ola.

D. Financial Assistance – Notes of Thanks

The Clerk had received notes of thanks from the undernoted groups and/or individuals in respect of financial assistance awarded by the community council, which had been emailed to all members:

- Kirkwall Squash and Racketball – Scottish Inter-Regional Competition, Edinburgh, 30/31 March 2019.
- Orphir Community School – P5-7 Outdoor Education trip to Hoy, May 2019.
- 1st Kirkwall Company Boys' Brigade – Annual Camp, Invergarry, 12-17 August 2019.
- Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Inverness Graded Meet, 20 April 2019.
- E Poke – Hockey Senior District Final, Glasgow, 5 May 2019.
- Papdale Primary School – P6 and P7 Activity Trips.
- Bag the Bruck – 1st Kirkwall Guides and Rotary Club.
- K Brown – Netball competition, Perth, 26-28 April 2019.
- Kirkwall Grammar School – Curriculum Support trip to Inverness, 29-31 May 2019.
- Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso Mini Meet, 4 May 2019.
- A Shearer – YDL Athletics, Inverness, 11 and 18-19 May, Shetland, 1-2 June 2019.
- Orkney Rowing Club – Ullapool Regatta, 24-26 May 2019.

E. Traffic Issues at Watersfield

Following consideration of correspondence from the Community Council Liaison Officer advising of action to be taken following submission of a petition from residents within the Watersfield housing development, copies of which had been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note the advice from the Roads Support Manager, Orkney Islands Council, that the Watersfield development could not be looked at in isolation, therefore a series of traffic counts, both speed and volume, at a number of locations around Orkney, was being undertaken, with a view to formulating a policy on 20mph limits.

2. That, as the advice provided above was contrary to information provided previously, the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council seeking clarity, in light of further information provided by Councillor D Dawson who advised that a meeting would be held with residents in mid-August and a proposal that the bollards at the top end be removed for a period of three months, to be monitored to see the effect on traffic numbers and speed, when the community council had supported retention of the bollards at that location.

F. Headstones

Following an update from Councillor W L Manson on progress with the re-erection of headstones in various kirkyards, including training of Council employees and local contractors and an assurance that there was capacity to quickly remedy the number of headstones laid flat and to test the remaining headstones, it was:

Resolved to note the current position.

G. Bridle Path at Inganess

Following an update from the Chair in respect of the damaged walkway on the bridle path to Inganess, it was:

Resolved to note that, although the job had been logged on Orkney Islands Council system and an inspection undertaken, works had not yet been progressed.

H. Scotland's Tree of the Year

Following an update from the Chair in respect of the replica award, it was:

Resolved to note that the replica award had now been received and the Chair was making arrangements for it to be displayed, initially within the Orkney Museum.

7. Correspondence

A. Self-Build Loan Fund

Following consideration of correspondence received from The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the Self-Build Loan Fund had been expanded to include applications from existing home owners.

B. Orkney Schools Concert Band

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Schools Concert Band thanking the community council for financial assistance provided towards participation in the national finals held in Perth in March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

8. Community Council Accounts

Following consideration of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the final certified accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 18 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 18 June 2019 of £10,109.08.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 18 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,420.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 18 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,688.42.

10. Financial Requests

A. Young Enterprise Scotland – Orkney Area Board

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Area Board of Young Enterprise Scotland requesting financial assistance towards the cost of three residents participating in the Scotland finals held in Edinburgh on 5 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded to each of the three residents, subject to confirmation of participation.

B. Orkney Amateur Weightlifting Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Weightlifting Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one resident participating in the Scottish Junior Championships in June 2019 and the British Junior Championships in October 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded in respect of each competition, subject to confirmation of participation.

C. Orkney Gymnastics Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Gymnastics Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 11 residents participating in a Scottish Gymnastics competition held in Perth on 15 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 be awarded, subject to confirmation of participation by the 11 residents.

D. Orkney Gymnastics Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Gymnastics Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 17 residents participating in the Garioch Glitterball competition in Inverurie on 30 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, although policy was a grant of £350, a grant of £100 be awarded, taking the total assistance awarded to Orkney Gymnastics Club to £400 for the current financial year, subject to confirmation of participation by the 17 residents.

E. Athletics Competition

Following consideration of correspondence received from A Shearer requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter participating in the YDL3 Athletics competition in Aberdeen on 23 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded, subject to confirmation of participation.

F. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of seven swimmers participating in the Midsummer Meet in Lerwick on 15 and 16 June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, although policy was a grant of £30 each, totalling £210, a grant of £130 be awarded, taking the total assistance awarded to Orkney Amateur Swimming Club to £400 for the current financial year, subject to confirmation of participation by the seven residents.

G. Orkney Island Games Association

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Island Games Association requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 24 residents participating in the Island Games in Gibraltar from 6 to 13 July 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded in respect of the six eligible residents, subject to confirmation of participation.

H. Highland Badminton

Following consideration of correspondence received from E Ballantine requesting financial assistance towards the cost of his sons participating Highland Badminton development squad training, including regional and national competitions, from August 2019 to June 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £10 be awarded in respect of each training event attended by each of the two residents, up to a maximum of £220, together with a grant of £10 in respect of each regional or national competition attended, capped at a total grant of £400, subject to confirmation of participation.

I. Highland Dancing and Athletics

Following consideration of correspondence received from T Russell requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughters participating in eight Highland dancing competitions from June to November 2019, and her son participating in athletics competitions at two Highland Games competitions in July and August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £10 be awarded in respect of each Highland dancing competition attended by each of the two residents, together with a grant of £10 in respect the two athletics competitions, subject to confirmation of participation.

J. Doors Open Day

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Co-ordinator requesting financial assistance towards the cost of producing a leaflet for the Doors Open Day event, Scotland's largest free cultural festival, taking place on 21 and 22 September 2019 at various venues in Kirkwall, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £80 be given towards the cost of producing a leaflet for the Doors Open Day event, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

11. Bonfire and Fireworks Display at Pickaquoy

The Clerk had received initial correspondence from the Rotary Club regarding the bonfire and fireworks display to be held at Pickaquoy in November 2019, and it was resolved:

A. That the event, to be held on a date to be confirmed, provisionally 2 November 2019, should be run by Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, who would make appropriate arrangements to promote the event, including an advert in the local press, with any associated costs being subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

B. That the event be used as a fund raising event for the Rotary Club.

C. That the Clerk should represent the Community Council on the Rotary Club Bonfire Committee.

D. That the Clerk should liaise with the Rotary Club regarding the Event Management Plan, together with a risk assessment.

E. That a minimum grant of £1,500 be awarded towards the purchase of fireworks, at a maximum cost of £2,000, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

F. That the Clerk should write to those Community Councils who had responded favourably in 2018, to determine whether they wished to provide a donation towards the event in 2019.

12. Consultations

A. Orkney Partnership Board – National Islands Plan

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council relating to the consultation on the National Islands Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that individual members should send any comments to the Chair, no later than 6 July 2019, following which the Chair should submit a response, on behalf of the Community Council, which should be circulated to all members for information.

B. Winter Service Plan

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council relating to the consultation on the Winter Service Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting that, on days with severe frost, consideration be given to prioritising pavement grit spreading in the Eunson Kloss area.

C. Orkney Health and Care – Draft Strategic Plan

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council relating to the consultation on Orkney Health and Care's draft Strategic Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, as the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care, was due to attend the next meeting on 19 August, the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting an extension to the deadline for submission of comments to the consultation on the draft Strategic Plan.

D. Draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council relating to the consultation on the draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that individual members should send any comments to the Chair, no later than 22 July 2019, following which the Chair should submit a response, on behalf of the Community Council, which should be circulated to all members for information.

13. Publications

The undernoted publications had been sent to the Clerk and were issued by email to all members:

- Scottish Water Newsletter – June 2019.
- SSEN – Incentive on Connections Engagement (ICE) Submission Summary Report.

14. Meetings Attended by Members

A. Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Healthcare Improvement Scotland had organised an event on Collaborative Commissioning for Community Led Support in Orkney held in the Kirkwall Town Hall on 11 and 13 June 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council had not been represented at the event.

15. Any Other Competent Business

A. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers

The Clerk had received correspondence from the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers inviting members of the Community Council to attend the Passing Out Parade on 8 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers advising that the Chair, Vice Chair and J Mowat would attend the Passing Out Parade.

B. University of Glasgow Research Project

The Clerk had received correspondence from the College of Social Sciences at the University of Glasgow inviting the Community Council to participate in a focus group on the historic environment of Kirkwall, to be held in the St Magnus Centre on 11 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should advise the College of Social Sciences at the University of Glasgow that C Gee, Mrs M Gordon and J R Mowat would attend the focus group event.

C. Whisky Barrels on Broad Street

Councillor J A R Scott advised that the whisky barrels placed on the newly paved area at the junction of Broad Street and Albert Street were a temporary measure to deter car parking and that the benches, which were the last part of the improvement works, had been ordered, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council be held on Monday, 19 August 2019 in the Garden Room, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, commencing at 19:00.

17. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.