

Minute of the Meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council held in St Andrews School and via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 2 November 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs L McAdie, Mr B Bruce, Mr L Flett, Mr I Rendall and Ms L Anderson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director Environmental, Property and IT Services.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.
- Mr K Moar, Orkney Drugs Dog.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr D Alexander and Mrs G Barnby and Councillor A Drever.

2. Orkney Drugs Dog Presentation

Following a presentation from the Orkney Drugs Dog Handler, at which members were informed of the work undertaken by the Orkney Drugs Dog Charity, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided by the Orkney Drugs Dog Handler.

The Chair thanked the Orkney Drugs Dog Handler for the presentation, and he left the meeting at this point.

3. Interim Executive Director Environmental, Property and IT Services

After hearing a report from the Interim Executive Director Environmental, Property and IT Services, advising members of her remit and that she was interested to listen to Community Councils' issues, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the content of the report.

B. That members raised the following road issues for consideration:

- Sunken area of road between the St. Andrews Community Centre and the Kirkyard.
- Potholes on Manse Road, Deerness.
- Flooding at first bend at Dingieshowe, Deerness.
- Areas of bad flooding on Halley Road, Deerness.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 31 August 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr L Flett and seconded by Mrs L McAdie, subject to the following amendment:

Paragraph 9(c), line 3 "agreed to award a grant of £112.93" should read;

"agreed to award a grant of £1,129.93".

5. Matters Arising

A. East Mainland Tourist Brochure

After hearing a report advising members that responses to the questionnaire had not been received from all members therefore a majority conclusion had not been reached, members discussed the progression of the revamp and reprint of the EMTB and whether any copies of the brochure were available at present, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That consideration of revamping the brochure should be left meantime and could be discussed again after the Community Council elections next year.
2. That consideration should be given to a possible print of the present brochure, if Holm and South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Councils agreed and, if so, a price would be sourced for the cost.
3. That if no other Community Council wished to contribute, St Andrews and Deerness Community Council may consider printing the current version of the brochure for Spring 2022.
4. That Democratic Services would contact the Chair to inform her what the other two Community Council's decide.

B. Christmas Lights for Toab and Deerness

Members were advised of recent work being undertaken by Orkney Islands Council on purchasing Christmas lighting, and it was:

Resolved that consideration of Christmas lights could be discussed again after the Community Council elections next year.

C. Closed off Track in Tankerness

After hearing a report from Councillor S Sankey and following discussion regarding a closed off track in Tankerness, it was:

Resolved that no further action was required.

E. Brough of Deerness Landslide

After hearing a report that work in this area was being arranged and hoped would take place in Spring 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that a further update would be provided by Orkney Islands Council in due course.

F. Right of Way

Following discussion regarding a closed gate on a possible right of way, it was:

Resolved to note that the situation had been rectified.

G. Refund of Grants

After hearing a report from the Interim Clerk advising members that all the relevant grants had been used or refunded, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

6. Correspondence

Items (A) to (F) below had previously been circulated to members by email and no comments had been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that no further action was required.

A. HITRANS Funding – Rural Spaces

B. Guidance Note – Attendance at Community Council Meetings

C. Connecting Scotland – Round 3, Phase 2

D. Scottish Land Commission – Orkney Virtual Public Meeting 29 September

E. Scottish Flood Forum Visit – September 2021

F. OIC - Resurfacing and Patching Works 2021/2022

G East Mainland Agricultural Society

Mr L Flett and Councillor N Craigie declared an interest in this item and were not present during discussion.

Following consideration of correspondence from the East Mainland Agricultural Society requesting a letter of support for their proposed project to build a shed at the East Mainland Show Park, it was:

Resolved to provide a letter of support.

H. ORSAS

Following consideration of correspondence from ORSAS inviting communities to raise awareness of their 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, and providing a poster, it was:

Resolved that posters should be put up locally once the final versions had been received.

I. Winter Service Policy and Plan

Following consideration of the final Winter Service Policy and Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the Winter Service Policy and Plan.

J. The Orcadian – Broadening Coverage

Following consideration of correspondence from The Orcadian advising of their wish to broaden their coverage of Community Councils, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

K. Thank You Letters

Following consideration of thank you letters from Louise Anderson, Senga Tait, Sam Rendall and Francesca Barnby for financial assistance received from the Community Council, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

7. Consultation Documents

Items (A) to (E) below had previously been circulated to members and either no comments had been received, or any comments had been passed on to the relevant body, and it was:

Resolved that no further action was required.

A. Scottish Parliament – Electoral Boundaries Regulations

B. NHS Orkney - Clinical Strategy

C. OIC (30mph Speed Limit) and Village Signs

D. National Care Service Consultation – Orkney Digital Engagement Session

E. Scottish Parliament - Short Term Lets Regulations

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 18 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £12,781.89.

B. Ayrenergy Ltd Fund

Following consideration of the Ayrenergy Ltd Fund Statement as at 18 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,551.14.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2021/2022 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 18 October 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval in the main capping limit was £861.79, and the balance in the additional capping limit was £676.

9. Financial Requests

A. Remembrance Day Wreaths

This item had previously been agreed by email and, it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed to fund the cost of the Remembrance Day wreath for East Mainland Church, and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club towards the cost of a parent and son attending the North District Age Group Championships, it was:

Resolved to award £30 towards the travel costs.

C. Junior Conservatoire of Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr Stephenson requesting financial assistance towards travel costs for his daughter attending the Junior Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow, it was:

Resolved to award £30 per trip up to a maximum of £180.

D. Highland Floor and Vault Competition

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms J Scott requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter attending the Highland Floor and Vault Competition in Inverness, and it was:

Resolved to award £30 towards the travel costs.

E. Education Grant Awards

The following grants were previously circulated and agreed by email.

1. L Anderson

Resolved to award a grant of £26.68

2. K McKinney – Education Grant

Resolved to award a grant of £450.

3. S Rendall – Education Grant

Resolved to award a grant of £450.

4. A Lennie – Education Grant

Resolved to award a grant of £450.

5. S Tait – Education Grant

Resolved to award a grant of £450.

6. F Barnby – Education Grant

Resolved to award a grant of £450.

7. M Stevenson – Education Grant

Resolved to award a grant of £450.

F. St Andrews Senior Citizens

Following consideration of correspondence from St Andrews Senior Citizens requesting assistance towards the cost of the Christmas dinner, it was:

Resolved to grant £7.50 per head, for St Andrews residents only, and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance.

10. Publications

The following publications had been made available for members to view and were noted:

- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – September 2021.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland – CE Orkney Team – September 2021.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command Newsletter – October 2021.

11. Any Other Competent Business

Resolved to note that members had no items to raise.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council would be held on 1 February 2022, online or in St Andrews Primary School, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:40.