

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls School on Friday, 20 September 2019 at 18:45

Present:

G Robertson, C Bates, A Clark, A Sinclair and R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor J Stockan.
- J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors R Crichton and M Thomson.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 24 May 2019 was approved, being proposed by R Thomson and seconded by A Clark.

3. Matters Arising

A. Island Link Officer (ILO)

After hearing a report from the ILO updating members that the drop-in sessions in Longhope, North Walls and Hoy were continuing with the ILO also visiting the Haey Hope and Craft club regularly. She also advised that a survey was being circulated to the community asking what they wanted out of the ILO role, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

B. Unsafe Headstones

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services providing members with an update on the replacement of headstones, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that the headstones had been reinstated.

C. Motorcycles on Ferry

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising members on new procedures for securing motorcycles on the ferry, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Road Repairs

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services providing members with an update on road repairs, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Overhanging Foliage

After hearing a report from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advising members that removal of overhanging foliage was the responsibility of the landowner, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should place an item in the local Blether asking landowners to remove overhanging foliage.

4. Correspondence

A. Marine Renewables

Following consideration of correspondence from MS Marine Renewables regarding an application for consent at Billia Croo, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Free Sanitary Products

Following consideration of correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney regarding Period Poverty, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Hoy Leisure Marine Infrastructure

Following consideration of correspondence from R Bulmer and hearing a report from Councillor J Stockan advising how it had been hoped that this project could be tagged to the Stromness Marina for funding purposes however the application had been unsuccessful, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and report.

D. SSE underground Cables

Following consideration of correspondence and verbal report from Councillor J Stockan advising members on the possibility of extending the underground cables from Rackwick to Whaness, it was:

Resolved to provide a letter of community support for consideration to be given to cables being placed underground and that a road condition survey should be undertaken both before works start and after the project was complete.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 3 September 2019 and discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. To note that the estimated balance for 2019/2020 was £16,477.74.
2. To note that this figure included the grant of £3,000 from SSEN for the phone.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 3 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,490.40 in the main capping limit, £662 in the additional capping limit and £539.82 in the island capping limit.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 3 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £4,935.04.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 3 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval of £3,658.47.

E. Annual Grants

Following consideration of the Annual Grants for 2019/2020, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Annual Accounts at March 2019

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding this year's Annual grant amounts, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Financial Request

A. Graemsay Community Association

Following consideration of an application from Graemsay Community Association requesting assistance towards the cost of the children's annual Christmas party, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be granted to Graemsay Community Association towards the cost of the children's annual Christmas Party.

B. Graemsay Community Association

Following consideration of an application from Graemsay Community Association requesting assistance towards the cost of the insurance for the community hall, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £380 toward the cost of the annual insurance for the hall and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £380.

C. Gable End Theatre

Following consideration of an application from the Gable End Theatre requesting assistance towards the cost of the insurance for the theatre, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £400.00 towards the cost of the annual insurance for the theatre and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £400.00.

D. Longhope Sailing Club

Following consideration of an application from the Longhope Sailing Club requesting assistance towards the cost of insurance for the Longhope Regatta, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £600.00 towards the cost of insurance for the regatta and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £600.00.

E. St John's Kirk SCIO

Following consideration of an application from St John's Kirk requesting assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £600.00 towards the cost of the insurance and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £600.00.

F. Island of Hoy Development Trust

Following consideration of an application from the Island of Hoy Development Trust requesting assistance towards annual insurance for the YM Community Hall, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £800.00 towards the cost of insurance and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £600.00.

G. Longhope Lifeboat Museum

Following consideration of an application from the Friends of the Hoy Kirk requesting assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £510.00 towards the cost of insurance and that a Community Council Grant application should be submitted on a project cost of £510.00.

H. Hoy Hounds

Following consideration of an application from the Hoy Hounds requesting assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £160.00 towards the cost of insurance and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £160.00.

I. Friends of the Hoy Kirk

Following consideration of an application from the Friends of the Hoy Kirk requesting assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £900.00 towards the cost of insurance and that a Community Council Grant application should be submitted on a project cost of £900.00.

J. North Walls Centre

Following consideration of an application from the North Walls Centre requesting assistance towards the cost of Lifeguard training, travel expenses and emergency telephone, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £686.00 towards the cost of training, travel costs and emergency telephone and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £686.00.

K. Haey Hope Club

Following consideration of an application from the Haey Hope Club requesting assistance towards the cost of a Christmas Party, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £321.00 towards the cost of the party and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £321.00.

L. Community Action Planning Group

Following consideration of an application from the Community Action Planning Group requesting assistance towards the cost of printing, administrative costs and room and hall hire, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £400.00 towards the cost of printing, administrative costs and room and hall hire and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £400.00.

M. Gable End Film Society

Following consideration of an application from the Gable End Film Society requesting assistance towards annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £350.00 towards the cost of annual insurance and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on a project cost of £350.00.

7. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publication was made available at this meeting.

- Orkney Ferries Statistical Reports.

8. Any Other Competent Business

A. Rackwick Water Supply

After consideration of correspondence from J Stockan requesting the Community Council members give consideration to managing the Rackwick Water Development Scheme, it was:

Resolved that the Community Council would manage the Scheme.

B. James Smith War Memorial

After consideration of correspondence from Brian Budge requesting that the name of James Smith, be added to the Walls War Memorial, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would chase quotes from James Dowell and John Corse.

C. Orkney Native Wildlife Trust

After consideration of correspondence from Chris Bell of Orkney Native Wildlife Trust requesting an opportunity to speak with the Community Council members about the project, it was:

Resolved that an invitation would be sent to Chris Bell inviting him to the next Community Council meeting.

D. Dog Poo Bins

After consideration of correspondence from Mr C Grist requesting the introduction of dog poo bins around the island, it was:

Resolved that the current system of using any domestic bins worked sufficiently.

E. Replacement flag for the Arctic Convoy Memorial

After consideration of a suggestion from members requesting a replacement flag for the Arctic Convoy Memorial, it was:

Resolved that R Thomson would obtain quotes for the cost of a replacement flag.

F. Hoy Centre Online Booking System

After consideration of correspondence from J Traynor requesting an update on the Hoy Centre online booking system, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would forward the details to the members.

G. Scapa Flow Visitors Centre

Councillor Stockan expressed delight at the start of the renovations at the Scapa Flow Visitors Centre and discussed with members the future plans, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

H. White Goods Disposal

Concern had been expressed by a member about the disposal of white goods and old loft insulation. R Thomson and C Bates asked if a skip could be based at Lyness for the disposal of white goods, and it was:

Resolved to note the concerns expressed.

J. Scuttling of the Fleet Memorial

Following consideration of concerns raised on the use of North Walls School playground as a parking facility during the Scuttling of the Fleet Memorial, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns expressed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Friday, 22nd November 2019.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:00.