

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 25 August 2021 at 19:00

Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mrs S Whiteman, Mr C Fraser, Mr J Seaton and Mr D Stout.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs M Koster, Local Engagement Worker, Warmworks Scotland.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. Presentation by the Local Engagement Manager, Warmworks, Scotland

Following a presentation from the Local Engagement Manager, Warmworks Scotland, at which members were informed of Warmworks area-based scheme in Orkney, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information provided by the Local Engagement Manager, Warmworks Scotland.

B. That assistance had been given in identifying a possible venue for a public presentation on the support, advice and availability on energy efficiency available from Warmworks Scotland.

The Chair thanked the Local Engagement Manager for the presentation.

The Local Engagement Manager left the meeting at this point.

2. Village Play Park

Members heard that a request had been made for this item to be placed at the start of the agenda to allow a representative from OIC Sport and Leisure to attend, but that unfortunately the officer was now unable to attend, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That a further meeting would be arranged to allow a representative from OIC Sport and Leisure to discuss with members previously raised issues regarding the Village Play Park.

3. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr D Stout and Mr S Weaver.

4. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 28 April 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr J Seaton.

5. Matters Arising

A. Bay Kirkyard

Members heard that a newly appointed Burial Grounds Officer was now in post and that it was hoped an update would be provided shortly on members' request for the ground to be levelled in the Bay Kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

B. Stronsay Plastic Recycling Trial – Final Report

Members heard that the Waste Section had produced a summary report on the Stronsay Plastic Recycling Trial and that this had been made public, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Orkney Ferries – Sunday Sailings and On-Line Bookings

Members heard that the queries raised by members over Sunday sailings and the implementation of the online booking system had been addressed by the Ferry Services Manager, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. Vat O' Kirbuster Bench

Members heard that the bench had been positioned at the Vat O' Kirbuster, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

6. Ferry Fares

Members heard that Orkney Islands Council had been allocated additional funding from the Scottish Government to fully cover the costs of operating internal ferry services during this financial year and, as a consequence, a new fairer ferry fares structure had been implemented, and that communities would be consulted on future fare structures, before February 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

7. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that Community Council volunteers had undertaken a general external clean-up of the slaughterhouse and surrounding ground, and that the quarterly hydro bill for the period 9 February to 12 May 2021 had been paid, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

8. Fish Mart Report

Members heard that the Works and Inspection Manager had given a detailed response to issues raised on improvements to the Fish Mart's heat loss from the Café's vaulted ceiling and that the Building Inspector would be issuing instructions to get the other repair works done. Uncertainty remained over the internal redecoration, an Electrical Installation Certificate for the public coin operated shower had been issued and electrical testing of all the fixed appliances had taken place as well as a legionella risk assessment and disinfection of the ventilation system. Members also heard they had previously been consulted and agreed on repairs to the Café's deep

fat fryer and a replacement element and spare for the immersion heater. The Operator had provided details of dates between 20 September 2021 and 2 February 2022 when the Fish Mart Café would be closed, which was discussed in detail, a request for shelving in the freezer room on which to store salt for a water softener that was to be fitted, an air vent had been fitted in the freezer room and members heard a decision had not been given on who was responsible for cleaning the kitchen's cooker hoods. The six-monthly payment for cleaning and maintaining the public toilets had been made and the Operator had made arrangements for the Community Council to receive monthly direct debit payments for hydro use. Discussions had taken place with an Energy Efficiency Heat Advisor on the Fish Mart's heating, and advice and support requested on fitting low carbon or renewable technologies. An expression of interest in possible funding had been submitted and acknowledged and reports would now be written and presented to members, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. That, if the Community Council was to be charged for the cleaning of the Café's cooker hoods, the work would be undertaken by the Chair, at no cost to the Community Council.

C. That the Chair would meet with the Operator and discuss alternative opening arrangements for the Café to be open on dates between 13 December and Christmas.

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

Members were given a verbal summary of the Stronsay Development Trust's recent activities and projects, and consideration was given to a request for a letter of support, from the Community Council, for the Development Trust's funding application for community ownership of the Stronsay Hotel, and to providing financial support for the haulage of waste from a beach clean, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That members agreed a letter of support should be written endorsing Stronsay Development Trust's funding application for community ownership of the Stronsay Hotel.

C. That members agreed to finance the haulage of waste, up to £300 and subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, for a beach clean to be organised by Stronsay Development Trust.

D. That the Community Council Co-opted Stronsay Development Trust Representative would confirm details of the beach clean up before Community Council Grant Scheme funding was applied for.

10. Transport Representative's Report

In the absence of the Transport Representative, members heard that the Air and Ferry Transport Forums had been held earlier in the day and that the Transport Representative had emailed members to confirm the minute from the previous Air Transport Forum, and the next timetable, had been approved, and that more information would follow on the Ferry Transport Forum, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

11. Consultation Documents

A. Scheme for Orkney Community Council 2021

Members heard that they had previously been consulted on the amended Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021 and a response had been forwarded before the 16 July 2021 deadline, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the amended Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021 was acceptable to Stronsay Community Council.

B. Winter Service Delivery

Members had previously been consulted on the Winter Service Delivery for 2021/2022, and the Winter Service Policy 2021 to 2026, and it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comment to make.

C. GO-HI Rural MaaS Project

Members had previously been consulted on the GO-HI Rural MaaS Project – Background Survey, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make.

D. Local Place Plan Regulations

Members had previously been consulted on the Consultation – Local Place Plan Regulations, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make.

E. Community Benefit – Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project

Members had previously been consulted on the Community Benefit element of the OIC Community Wind Farm Project and had been provided with an update on the consultation from the Project Officer (Communications and Engagement), Strategic Projects and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That members were of the opinion the geographical spread of the fund should be biased towards the more vulnerable and fragile areas of Orkney, with emphasis being on all of the Outer North Isles.
3. That the administration of the fund should be passed directly to Community Councils.
4. That a request would be made for details on how the SSE Spurness Community Fund, Sanday, is administered by Sanday Community Council.

F. Kirkwall Airport Surface Access

Members had previously been consulted on possible improvements to the Kirkwall Airport Surface Access, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make.

G. SEPA – Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan

Members had previously been consulted on the Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make.

12. Correspondence

A. OIC – Adoption of Planning Guidance

Members had previously been forwarded notification of three Planning documents approved by Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Improving Public Access

Members had previously been forwarded information on the Improving Public Access in the Agri-Environment Climate Scheme, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Pier Mooring Charges

Members had previously been consulted over concerns from pier users to an increase in pier mooring charges and that, after having had these brought to officers' attention, the issues had been resolved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. Surface Dressing Programme

Members and residents had previously been notified of the planned surface dressing details of the 2021 programme on Stronsay, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Ferry Fares – Letter of Complaint

Members had previously been forwarded a copy of letter of complaint from the Chair of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council regarding the lack of consultation on the changes to the ferry fare structure, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. BBC Political TV Show Comes to Orkney and Shetland

Members had previously been forwarded an invitation to take part in a BBC Political Show coming to Orkney and Shetland, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Visit of Prospective GPs

Members had previously been consulted over an invitation for members to meet prospective GPs, and a request for a financial contribution to meet the costs for the day, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That members had agreed to a financial contribution of £50, which had received Community Council Grant Scheme Fund approval.

H. Visit by Roads Inspector

Members had previously been notified of a planned visit by the Roads Inspector and a request for any road issues to be brought to his attention, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Roads Inspector had visited the island recently.

I. Connecting Scotland – Phase 3

Members had previously been forwarded information on funding from the Connecting Scotland Programme which aimed to get 60,000 digitally excluded households online by the end of 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study

Members had previously been forwarded information on the Orkney Inter Island Transport Study – Business Case – Phase 2, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Get Into Summer

Members had previously been forwarded information on “Get Into Summer”, part of a national campaign to further develop and enhance the range of activities on offer locally this summer, and it was:

Resolved to note the information on activities available.

L. St. Catherine’s Bay

Members had previously been consulted and agreed to a request for the removal of the picnic bench from St. Catherine’s Bay and its subsequent relocation to the Community Centre, and it was:

Resolved to note the information on the relocation of the bench.

M. Island Link Officer Post

Members had previously been informed that the Island Link Officer post had been made permanent, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

13. Financial Statements

A. Income and Expenditure Account - Year Ended 31 March 2021

After considering the Certified Accounts for Stronsay Community Council for the year ending 31 March 2021, it was

Resolved that copies of the Certified Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 would be displayed in public places in accordance with the Scheme for Community Councils.

B. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 10 August 2021, and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,920.11.

C. Fish Mart Account

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 10 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,924.06.

D. Slaughterhouse Account

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 10 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,275.15.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 10 August 2021, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit of £2,281.95.
2. That members would consider how available funds could be utilised.

F. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 10 August 2021, it was:

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

G. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 10 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance had been fully utilised.

H. Transfer of Funds

Members had previously been consulted over the transfer of funds from the Community Council General Fund to the Stronsay Community Council Cheque Book Account, and that an additional transfer of funds was required to meet future direct debit payments, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That £1,000 had been transferred from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund to the Stronsay Community Council Cheque Book Account.
3. That a further £1,000 would be transferred from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund to the Stronsay Community Council Cheque Book Account.

14. Request for Financial Assistance - Mrs M Dennison

Following consideration of a request from Mrs M Dennison for financial assistance for sixteen return air flights for her daughter's attendance at athletic, gymnastic and netball training sessions in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved to award Mrs M Dennison £25 towards the cost of sixteen return air flights, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

15. Publications

The following publications had been forwarded to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics for March and April 2021.
- Air Passenger figures for April, May and June 2021.
- Police Scotland Orkney Area Newsletter.
- Community Development Fund Update.

16. Any Other Competent Business

A. Holland Kirkyard

Members heard that the Holland Kirkyard was rather overgrown and in need of attention and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would request a quote to cut the overgrown grass at Holland Kirkyard.
3. That the grass would be cut subject to the quote and Community Council Grant Fund approval.

B. New Kirkyard Parking Area

Members had previously been forwarded a communication from the Roads and Environmental Services Manager apologising for the delay in the spraying of weeds in the new Kirkyard parking area, and that a mainland Operative would carry out the work and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That Orkney Islands Council would be asked why there was no Relief Roads Operative employed on Stronsay.

C. Chemical Toilets

Members heard that there were no facilities on Stronsay to dispose of waste from chemical toilets and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That SEPA and Scottish Water would be contacted for advice on the safe disposal of chemical waste.

D. Ferry Departure Times During Breakdowns

Members heard that the morning sailing from Kirkwall was being rescheduled to a later departure time whenever a combined Eday, Sanday and Stronsay sailing was required and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That a request would be made for an explanation on the later morning departure time from Kirkwall whenever there was a combined Eday, Sanday and Stronsay sailing.

17. 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 Wednesday, 13 October 2021 commencing at 19:00.

18. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:03.