

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir School and via Teams on Thursday, 14 April 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mr A Dixon, Mr A Dundas, Mr A Marwick, Mr D Marwick and Mr N Sclater.

In Attendance:

- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mr R MacKay, Head of Planning and Community Protection, OIC.
- Ms C Waters, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 10 March 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Dundas and seconded by Mr N Sclater.

3. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter – Smoogro Road

The Chair confirmed that plans had been drafted and would be sent to Democratic Services. Following further discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Chair would provide plans to Democratic Services to pass on to the Planning, Transport and Roads Departments of the Council.
2. That the Chair would be invited to a subsequent meeting with the Council and all interested parties to discuss and agree the plans.
3. That the Chair would contact the Men's Shed with regard to timescales and cost.

B. Kirkyard Grass Cutting

Two tenders had been received for the grass cutting and the tender had been awarded to Kenny Foulis. The clerk confirmed that a signed acceptance form had been received from the contractor, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. School Boundaries

The Community Council Liaison Officer confirmed that a letter regarding extension of the school boundary to incorporate new housing developments thereby easing pressure on Kirkwall schools, and increase headcount at Orphir school, had been sent to the Education department. No response had as yet been received, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council Liaison Officer would chase the department for a response.

D. Bridge Repairs

The Community Council Liaison Officer confirmed that the requirement for bridge repairs had once again been raised with the relevant Council section and, as yet, no response had been received, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council Liaison Officer would chase the department for a response.

4. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

A. Lease Agreement

It was advised that the lease had now been signed by the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk, and it was:

Resolved that a copy should be scanned and sent to Democratic Services and a copy be retained by the Clerk on file.

B. Upgrade of Video and Audio Equipment

It was reported that funding of £4,320 had been secured from HES for the project to upgrade the video and the audio equipment. It was also agreed that the centre would be closed in September, rather than the usual date of October, to allow the building work to commence. Work on the video, however, would start now and continue through the summer.

It was discussed that a Building Warrant would be required before the building work could commence, but as yet, no architects had been available to undertake this work.

A security system was to be installed, of security cameras backing up to a physical hard disk.

Members also heard that a request had been passed to the Lyness Museum for return of the Longship, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Community Council Liaison Officer and the Chair would continue to contact architects to provide the required plan for a Building Warrant.
2. That the Community Council Liaison Officer would chase the Lyness Museum with regards to the return of the Longship.

5. Correspondence

A. Scottish Flood Forum Visit

An email had been circulated previously to members regarding information about the Scottish Flood Forum, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. iPads Available

An email had been circulated previously to members with regard to iPads being available for distribution in the community, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Planning Aid Scotland

An email had been circulated previously to members with information regarding services available from Planning Aid Scotland, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Notes of Thanks

Correspondence had been circulated previously to members with notes of thanks from the Orphir Badminton Club and Orkney Pilgrimage for financial assistance provided, and it was:

Resolved to note the thank you notes.

6. Consultation - Winter Service Plan

An email had been circulated previously to members regarding a consultation on OIC's Winter Service Plan and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and provide comments before the next community council meeting.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance and Saga Centre 2021/2022

Following consideration of the financial statements as at 25 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balances of £19,707.24 in the general account and £36,956.80 in the Saga Centre account.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 25 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,875.46.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 25 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £13,755.42.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 25 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.00.

8. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Pentland Pentaqua

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards the cost of three competitors attending the Pentland Pentaqua Meet in Wick on 20 March, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £75 from the general fund.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – North District Championships

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards the cost of two competitors attending the North District Championships in Aberdeen on the weekend of 26/27 March, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £100 from the general fund.

C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Scottish National Age Group Championships

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards the cost of two competitors attending the Scottish National Age Group Championships from 13 to 17 April, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £100 from the general fund.

D. Orphir Community School – Bag the Bruck

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Community School for financial assistance towards their annual Bag the Bruck clean, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £300, subject to CCGS approval.

9. Publications

The following publications, which had been previously emailed to members, were noted:

- VAO – Newsletter – March 2022.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – March 2022.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – April 2022.
- Liam McArthur MSP – Correspondence – 15, 16 and 30 March and Holyrood Highlights on 18 March, 25 March and 1 April.
- Generations Working Together.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command – Newsletter – April 2022.

10. Any Other Competent Business

The Chair extended thanks to the OIC Councillors for their input and support over the course of their term, and it was:

Resolved to note the thanks to OIC Councillors.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Orphir Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 23 August 2022, in person or via Teams, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:00.