

# Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday, 26 September 2019 at 16:00

## Present:

Mr D Hourston, Mrs P Gee, Mr M Howe, Mrs H Howe, Mr C Mullins and Ms I Smith.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor M Thomson.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Two members of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies had been intimated on behalf of Mr N Cheeseman and Councillors R Crichton and J Stockan.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The Minute of the meeting held on 18 July 2019 was approved by members, being proposed by Ms I Smith and seconded by Mrs H Howe.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Community Asset Transfer – area of land**

Following consideration of a plan of the total area of land, including the play area and a verbal report advising that should they wish to continue with the purchase of the area of land they would require a valuation from a qualified valuer and submit their request in writing to Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would request a Valuer to provide individual prices for each of the two areas of land.

### **B. Putting Green**

Members discussed the ongoing maintenance of the putting green and that the gates had been installed, and it was resolved:

1. To note that Ms I Smith had been filling in the holes.
2. That enquiries would be made about weed killer and grass seed in Spring 2020.
3. That Flotta Community Council would cover the costs of ongoing maintenance.

### **C. Headstone Reinstatement and safety signs**

Members were advised that the safety signs for the kirkyards were in the process of being made. Members also discussed the timetable for reinstatement of headstones and that Flotta was not on the list. It was noted that headstones had not been laid down in Flotta however there was one stone that had been marked as dangerous, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. To request an update on headstones in Flotta Kirkyard.

### **D. Orkney Health and Care – Draft Strategy Plan**

Members were informed of the draft strategy plan for Community Led Support (CLS) with regards to changing the culture and practice of community health and social work delivery, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **E. Toilets, Flotta Pier**

Members discussed the issues at Flotta Pier, and it was resolved:

1. To note that the problems with the toilets had been resolved.
2. That Councillor Thomson would follow-up the car park issues with Orkney Harbours.

## **F. Scrap Cars**

Members discussed the scrap cars scheme on the island, and it was resolved:

1. That the M Howe would collate information and forward it to Orkney Islands Council regarding cars collected and cars yet to be collected.
2. That the Clerk would write to Repsol thanking them for their part in the disposal of the scrap cars.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Review of Electoral Arrangements**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland regarding a public consultation of its electoral arrangement proposals, it was:

Resolved to note that no changes were required to the Flotta ward boundaries or councillor numbers.

### **B. Cycling UK**

Following consideration of correspondence from Cycling UK regarding Disability Active Travel, it was resolved:

1. To note that the items raised in the correspondence were not community council matters.
2. That the Clerk would write to We are Cycling UK advising that their letter would be forwarded to Orkney Access Panel, as they would be best place to deal with their concerns.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 17 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £30,004.09.

### **B. Burnside Account**

After consideration of the Burnside statement as at 17 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,956.31.

## **C. Wind Power Fund**

After consideration of the Wind Power Fund statement as at 17 September 2019, it was resolved:

1. To note that the balance was £9,981.77.
2. That the Clerk should contact the developer querying when the next community benefit could be expected.

## **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 17 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit had been fully allocated, £662 remained available in the additional capping limit and £342 remained available in the island capping limit.

## **E. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 17 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining available for allocation was £5,980.51.

## **F. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 17 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining available for allocation was £3,161.00.

# **6. Financial Requests**

## **A. Flotta Community Association Summer Café**

Ms I Smith declared an interest and was not present during discussion of this item.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Flotta Community Association requesting financial assistance towards possible future losses of the summer café, it was resolved:

1. That Flotta Community Council could not commit to covering all losses but would cover any shortfall on wages only.
2. That application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

## **B. Road Materials**

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs L Simpson requesting a grant for the purchase of stone for the driveway of her property, it was resolved:

1. That a grant award of up to £500, payable on submission of receipts, be given towards the cost of purchasing stone for the driveway.
2. That application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £500.
3. That the applicant be advised that no further assistance would be available for driveway maintenance at the property during the next five financial years.

## **7. Publications**

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- Orkney Ferry Statistics – May, June and July 2019.
- Community Planning News – Summer 2019.
- VAO Newsletter – July and August 2019.
- VAO – Training and Funding.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – June 2019.
- Orkney Health Walks.
- Scottish Health Council.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

Resolved to note that any requests for Sunday sailings during the summer months should be discussed at a community council meeting and subsequently submitted to Orkney Ferries through Democratic Services.

### **B. Planning**

Resolved to note that there were no planning matters to report.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Island Emergency**

Members queried whether any progress had been made on the COMAH plan, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would ask the Safety and Contingencies Manager about the Evacuation Plan.
2. To hold a public meeting to inform residents of the Evacuation Plan.
3. To procure signs for the notice board and ferry terminal building.

## **B. Ditches and Offlets**

Following discussion about maintenance of ditches and offlets on the island, it was:

Resolved that members would take photographs of areas requiring maintenance and that Mrs P Gee would forward the information to the Clerk.

## **C. Bin Stickers**

Following discussion about bins, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would request stickers indicating that dog fouling waste could be placed in any bin and that irresponsible dog owners would be reported.

The two members of the public left the meeting after discussion of this item.

## **D. Christmas 2019**

Following consideration, it was resolved:

1. To give vouchers to the value of £15 to each OAP and child resident on Flotta.
2. That Mrs P Gee would display a notice informing residents of the decision.
3. That Mr D Hourston and Mrs H Howe would check applications.
4. That a Christmas tree should be ordered from W Shearer.
5. That application for the Christmas Tree should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

## **10. 13 and 14 Burnside**

Due to the sensitive nature of this item it was held in Committee.

Mrs H Howe and Mr M Howe declared an interest and were not present during discussion of this item.

After discussion regarding the planned refurbishment of 13 and 14 Burnside, it was:

Resolved to request the contractor for additional information and advice that work would be required to commence after 6 January 2020 and be completed before the Easter holidays 2020.

## **11. Dates of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of the date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Flotta Community Council would be held on Thursday 12 December 2019 and 13 February 2020, both commencing at 16:00.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 18:05.