

Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held in Rousay Community School on Saturday, 23 June 2018 at 10:15

Present:

Mr A Firth, Ms C Cox, Mrs Z Flaws, Mr R Friel, Mrs C Maguire, Mr J Garson and Mr R Tipper.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs E Soames.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated by Councillors S Clackson and K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 10th February 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs C Cox and seconded by Mr R Friel.

3. 2018 Kirkyard and War Memorial Maintenance - Tender

Members were advised of the tenders submitted to undertake the above-mentioned work, and it was:

Resolved to note that Soames Excavations had been awarded the tender.

4. Matters Arising

A. Vermin Eradication Scheme

Following advertisement around the islands, a number of residents had shown interest in the scheme, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put forward to the applicants to purchase and then claim their 50% refund on submitting proof of purchase.

B. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets

Following advertisement around the Islands a number of residents had put their names forward for tickets, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would put forward the applicants' names to the Tingwall office for inter-island tickets.
2. That members agreed that the Clerk could continue the scheme up to the cost of £500.
3. To note that when the £500 limit was reached the Scheme be discussed again at the next meeting.

C. Scrap Car Scheme

Following advertisement in the Rousay Review, residents came forward to request their cars be scrapped under the scheme, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would forward the form with names and contact details to the haulier.

D. Notice Board

Members were advised of costs with regards to the notice boards and at how many sites they were to be located at, and it was:

Resolved to note that Mr J Garson was to finalise the quote based on the revised locations around the islands.

E. NHS Orkney – First Responders

Following consideration of an email from NHS Orkney advising members that recruitment was to take place soon, it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation and discuss at the next meeting.

F. Kirkyard Matting

Following recent burials, Members discussed the issue of access to gravesides and, it was resolved:

1. That Mrs C Maguire would take measurements from the gate to the graves for proposed matting in the Kirkyard.
2. To ask Orkney Islands Council if grave preparation could include laying out the matting.
3. To ask Orkney Islands Council if a plan of the graveyard could be provided.

G. Travel Grants

Members were shown an extract of the minutes of 11 February 2017 with regards to travel grants, and it was:

Resolved that members agreed with the rates previously set for travel grants.

H. Wifi at Rousay School

Following on from the last meeting, an update from Mrs Z Flaws advised that the wifi was now installed, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

I. Egilsay Bin Store

After hearing an update from Mrs C Cox advising members that it would be best if a permanent fixture could be created to contain the bins and that Orkney Islands Council should be approached asking if this would be permitted. Members agreed to secure a price for the works, and it was:

Resolved Mrs C Maguire would obtain a quote for the works.

J. Surface dressing on Rousay

It was noted there was no update for this, and it was:

Resolved to check the council website for any update.

K. Island of Orkney brochure

Members noted that some of the changes required had not been made available in time for the printing of the 2018 brochure, and it was:

Resolved to ensure that these items were included in the 2019 brochure including changing some of the photographs.

L. Ferry Services Consultative Forum Meeting

After hearing a report from Ms Cox advising members that she had not been at the Forum, due to weather and boat cancellations, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

M. Rousay Healthy Living Centre - Treadmill

Members were advised that the treadmill had not been repaired yet, and it was:

Resolved to include this item in the business letter.

N. Sailing Club

After a discussion regarding possible funding avenues for the proposed Sailing Club project, suggestions were made to approach Orkney Islands Council regarding the Community Development Fund and LEADER funding, and it was:

Resolved that a member of the Sailing Club should contact the relevant officers at Orkney Islands Council.

O. Ferry to Tingwall for Repairs

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising members that there were a number of challenges regarding the use of the boat when it goes for repairs such as the trips often happen at short notice; the expected duration of the repair is often unknown; the sailing does not exist in the booking system and sometimes only three crew are used to move the vessel therefore no passengers would be allowed. Members were also advised that it would be unwise on Orkney Ferries' part to take passengers across knowing that there could be a possibility of them being stranded at Tingwall as a result of the repair taking longer than expected, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

P. Tingwall Car Park

It was reported that a response was not available on the parking issues at Tingwall Pier. It was suggested that the parking issues could be included in the consultation for the Orkney Harbour Plan, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk include this in the business letter.

Q. Booking at Tingwall Office

Members noted that residents had said they had struggled to make bookings at the Tingwall Office, and with many finding the boats were full and, it was:

Resolved to forward residents' concerns to Orkney Islands Council.

R. Pricing of Adult and Explorer Tickets

Mrs C Cox remarked that the cost of an Explorer Ticket is £42 for 10 days unlimited access for tourists however this was not something Orkney Ferries would offer for residents, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs C Cox would bring this item up at the next Transport Forum meeting in August and to report back at the next meeting.

S. Access within the kirkyards

Mrs Z Flaws advised members that it was very difficult for those with mobility problem to access the graves in Brinian Kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs C Maguire would make enquiries as to the cost of a path and Mrs Z Flaws would assist with gaining a plan for the kirkyard.

5. Correspondence

A. Isles Officer – Orkney Command

Following consideration of correspondence from the Isles Officer for Orkney Area Command, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. NHS Orkney – Mock up Room Drop in Sessions

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney advising of the Mock Up Room Drop in Sessions, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Eynhallow Repairs

Resolved to note that this item was discuss at Item 4.O above.

D. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries Outreach

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Sustainable Fisheries advising of their wish to engage with local communities, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and those wanting to get in touch could do so.

E. Orkney Islands Council – Isles Operations

Resolved to note that the letter had not been included in the agenda and that the Clerk would email this to members for consideration.

F. Orkney Islands Council – Scottish Transport Awards

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the Scottish Transport Awards 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided

G. North of Scotland Resilient Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the SSE community resilience fund, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that deadline for applications had since passed.

H. Liam McArthur – Tesco Deliveries

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur regarding apparent inconsistencies in delivery services, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided, and those wanting to get in touch could do so directly.

I. Letter of Thanks – 1st Rousay Rainbows and Brownies

Following consideration of correspondence from 1st Rousay Rainbows and Brownies thanking members for the funding provided, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided

J. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that the annual grant for 2018/2019 was £4830.79, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided

K. Ferry Services – Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forum

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that Mrs C Cox would attend the forum due to be held on 22 of August 2018.

L. Support request from Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust

Following consideration of correspondence from Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Development Trust (REWDT) asking if the Community Council would support their case for the provision of Tai Chi sessions to be held in Rousay, it was:

Resolved that a letter of support for the Tai Chi sessions would be sent to Orkney Islands Council.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 12 June 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £23,114.81

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 12 June 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balances remaining for approval of £2,738.69, £627.56 and £642.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 12 June 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,500.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 12th June 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £9,035.

7. Financial Requests

A. Egilsay Community Association – Late Boat

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance from Egilsay Community Association, copies of which had been previously circulated, towards the cost of the hire of the boat to allow residents to attend a summer Dance on Egilsay, it was:

Resolved to award funding of two thirds of the hire cost and that application should be made to the Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost.

B. Oil for the bench at Saviskaill

Following consideration of correspondence received from E Firth, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting the community council to fund the cost of oil for the bench, it was:

Resolved to fund the cost of the oil for the bench situated at Saviskaill.

C. NHS Orkney Fundraising Group

Following consideration of correspondence received from the NHS Orkney Fundraising Group, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards their fundraising for additional items, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £200.

D. Bag the Bruck

Members were advised that there were three applications for Bag the Bruck funding, and it was:

Resolved to award each group £100 from the Community Council Grant Scheme grant for Bag the Bruck.

E. Craft Hub CIC Rousay – Creative Orkney Trail

Mrs C Cox declared an interest in this item and left the meeting.

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from the Craft Hub CIC Rousay requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the 2019 brochure, it was:

Resolved that £350 be awarded and that application should be made for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance on the total cost of £350.

8. Consultations

A. Scottish Water – Shaping the Future

Following consideration of the Shaping the Future document from Scottish Water, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the document.

B. Orkney Islands Council – Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework

Following consideration of the Draft Urban Design Framework consultation document, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the document.

C. Orkney Islands Council – Amended Core Paths Plan

Following consideration of the Amended Core Paths Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the document.

9. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

After hearing an update from Mr R Friel that there had been two planning applications for Rousay, it was:

Resolved that this would be monitored with other applications along with any concerns from residents.

B. Transport

After hearing a report from Ms C Cox, it was:

Resolved that an update would be provided at the next meeting after the Transport Forum meeting due to be held on 22 August 2018.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – January, February and March 2018.

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should email any publications not already seen by members.

11. Any Other Competent Business - Sunday Boats

Consideration was once again given to the possibility of a Sunday boat service during the winter and members were advised that Sunday services for the isles, which do not currently have them, form part of the “ask” of the Scottish Government funding for future years, and it was:

Resolved that a letter should be sent to the Transport Minister supporting Orkney Islands Council’s request for funding.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on 22 September 2018, in Rousay Community School.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12:30.