

# Minute of the Meeting of Westray Community Council held in the Community Classroom, Westray Junior High School on Monday, 4 November 2019 at 19:00

## Present:

Mrs E Drever, Mr A Baird, Mr C Kirkness and Mr A Scott.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Miss J Holland, Mr D Hutchison, Mr D Seatter and Councillors Sinclair and Woodbridge.

## **2. Minutes of General Meeting held on 9 September 2019**

The minute of the meeting of Westray Community Council held on 9 September 2019 was approved, being proposed Mr A Scott and seconded by Mr C Kirkness.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Honours Nominations**

Following discussion of nominations, it was:

Resolved to note that no nominations had been received and that the form had been passed to Mr S Hagan.

### **B. Village Path**

Following discussion regarding the village path where members were advised that contact had not been made with the Papay Island Link Officer, the Interim Clerk advised that she would contact him regarding the matter. Members were also advised that the project had been advertised in the Auk Talk and that no correspondence had been received as a result, and it was resolved:

1. That the Interim Clerk would contact the Papay Island Link Officer, on members behalf.
2. To note that no contact had been received following the advert in the Auk Talk.

### **C. Lastigar Car Parking**

Following an update by the Interim Clerk advising members that Housing Services had confirmed that Orkney Island Council was unable to fund the cost of providing the car park, and that should any tenant wish to do work within the confines of their house/garden, a qualified contactor, on the approved contractors list, would be required to undertake the work. However, Orkney Islands Council was looking at the proposal no serious progression had been made at this point, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the response and await further details.

### **D. Community Archaeology Westray**

Members were advised that ongoing communications were being had with Historic Environment Scotland about the Westray dig and that progress was being made, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **E. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 2019**

After hearing a report from the Chair advising members that the event was being organised by the Community Council, the Friends of Kalisgarth had agreed to make arrangements on their behalf. The Friends of Kalisgarth could also raise funds if they wished. It was also noted that the Salvation Army had agreed to attend the event again, and it was resolved:

1. To note that the Churches and School had been contacted regarding taking part.
2. To note that the event was to be held on 30 November.
3. To note that the Community Council would organise the event.
4. To note that Friends of Kalisgarth would make the necessary arrangements at Kalisgarth.
5. To note that the Salvation Army had agreed to play at the event.
6. To ask the Salvation Army to play prior to the lighting ceremony and again afterwards.
7. That the Clerk submit a funding application to the Westray Development Trust for the travel and accommodation cost for the Salvation Army.
8. That the Community Council would fund the cost of the event and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the travel cost should the application to the Trust be unsuccessful.

## **F. Christmas Lights for Lampposts**

Following discussion regarding the street lighting, members noted the present situation and agreed that lights would not be available for Christmas 2019. Members asked where the lights in the Back Road, Kirkwall, had been purchased, and it was:

Resolved to ascertain where the lights in the Back Road had been purchased and the cost.

## **G. Chapel of Rest - Insurance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising members that the insurance had been increased and the Flexmort Cover Cool System had been added with no additional premium, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **H. Skype Facilities**

Following consideration of correspondence advising members that the Learning Centre room had broadband that could be booked for public use, and that there was internet access in the Community Room at the School, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **I. Orkney Ferries**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services advising members that Orkney Ferries Ltd was in discussions with their ticket supplier to look at a complete revamp, which would be subject to funding, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **J. Clerk Vacancy**

Following discussion regarding the latest advertising of the Clerk vacancy, it was:

Resolved to note that no applications had been received.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Headstone Reinstatement Works**

Following consideration of correspondence advising members of the headstone reinstatement works timetable, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. North Islands Landscape Partnership**

Following consideration of the North Isles Landscape Partnership' s public meeting regarding the seas around the North Isles, it was:

Resolved to note that the event had been held and that no members present had attended the meeting.

### **C. Patient Public Reference Group (PPRG)**

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney advising of the PPRG meeting, it was:

Resolved to note that J Holland had been unable to attend the meeting.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance Statement**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as of 25 October 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £16,357,22.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS)**

Following consideration of the CCGS statement as at 25 October 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note that the main capping limit was over allocated by £3,325.33; £662.00 remained within the additional limit; and £642.00 remained within the island limit.
2. That the following grants should be cancelled: 201704, 201807, 201816 and 201906.
3. That the Clerk should contact groups asking that they claim the following grants: 201815, 201811, 201902, 201905, 201907 and 201918.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund as at 25 October 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was resolved:

- To note a total remaining available for allocation of £5,000.
- That consideration should be given to submitting an application for CDF funding for the Christmas Tree and street festive lighting, which were presently funded through Community Council Grant Scheme.

## **6. Financial Requests**

Resolved to note that no financial requests had been received.

## **7. Consultations**

### **A. Winter Maintenance Plan Consultation**

Following consideration of the responses to the Winter Maintenance Plan consultation document, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Verge Maintenance Plan Consultation**

Following consideration of the responses to the Verge Maintenance Plan consultation document, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **8. Publications**

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – August and September 2019.
- Loganair Year to Date Stats.
- Loganair – June, July, August and September Stats.
- Scottish Health Council Newsletter.
- VAO Newsletter – September 2019.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – September and October 2019.
- OHAC – Orkney Strategic Plan 2019/20.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – October 2019.
- S Clackson – Letter from School Place – October 2019.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

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

Resolved that the next meeting of the Westray Community Council would be held on Monday, 20 January 2020.

## **10. Conclusion of Meeting**

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