

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in St Margaret's Hope Community School on Wednesday, 13 June 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Smith, Mr S Groundwater, Mr A Rosie, Mr D Ward, Mr D Woodcock and Ms J Woodhead.

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor A Drever.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs K Greaves, Head of Executive Support.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mr B Archibald, Head of Marine Services, Engineering and Transportation.
- Mr P Bevan, Engineering Services Manager.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no apologies had been received.

2. Election of Chairperson

As a result of a secret ballot which was held for the election of the Chairperson, it was:

Resolved that Mr R Smith be appointed Chairperson of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council.

3. Election of Office Bearers

Following consideration of the election of office bearers, it was:

Resolved that Mr D Ward be appointed Vice Chair of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council and that Ms J Woodhead be appointed Planning Representative.

4. Churchill Barriers

The Engineering Services Manager gave a presentation on the Churchill Barriers and the various proposals which had been considered to solve the problem of waves overtopping the barriers. It was noted that, as yet, no affordable solution to this problem had been found, but any costed proposal which the Community Council wished to submit would be welcome.

The matter of who has responsibility for taking the decision to close the barriers in adverse weather was discussed. Members heard that, although other parties could be involved in any discussion, only the police had the authority to close the road. It was suggested that a representative from the police could be invited to a future meeting to discuss barrier closures and possible involvement of the Community Council in the decision-making process. Following the presentation and discussion, it was:

Resolved to request a breakdown of the costs of the various proposals detailed in the presentation.

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 28 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Ward and seconded by Mr D Woodcock.

6. Matters Arising

A. Propeller in Cromarty Square

Members heard that the information plaque for the propeller in Cromarty Square had been received, and it was:

Resolved to inspect the plinth and make a decision on where to affix the plaque.

B. Smiddy Museum

Members heard that a new open sign had been made and donated to the Smiddy, and that the custodian thought there may be a loose slate as the roof had been leaking slightly. Members also heard that the custodian had suggested that some postcards featuring pictures of the Smiddy be printed to sell at the museum. It was noted that if any old pictures of the Smiddy were to be used, permission would have to be obtained from the owner of any copyright, and it was resolved:

1. That the Chair would inspect the Smiddy roof.
2. That the Clerk would obtain prices for the printing of postcards.

C. Burray Community Association - Defibrillator

Members heard that the grant towards the cost of fitting the community defibrillator at Burray Hall was no longer required as it had now been fitted at the school, and it was:

Resolved that the CCGS application be cancelled.

7. Correspondence

A. Sports Day

Members received correspondence requesting insurance cover for the annual sports day and fancy dress parade and it was resolved:

1. To ask Democratic Services to organise insurance cover.
2. To advise the sports club committee of the outcome and that the usual terms would apply.

B. Information Board – Sands of Wright

Members received correspondence informing them that the information board at the Sands of Wright was in a poor state of repair, and it was:

Resolved to obtain prices for the repair or replacement of the board.

C. Annual Grants

Members received correspondence advising that the annual grant for South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council had been set at £4,259.55 and that the CCGS capping limit for 2018-2019 remained at £3,332 for the main capping limit and £662 for the additional capping limit, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

D. Smart Meter Installation

Members received correspondence advising that a planning application was to be submitted for a communications installation for a smart meter network to be situated at Waston, Burray, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

E. Floodline

Members received correspondence advising that SEPA were planning to host an event at the Cromarty Hall in September to publicise the Floodline Service, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance and Smiddy Statement

Following consideration of the General Finance and Smiddy statements, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £12,220.68 in the General Fund and £1,968.01 in the Smiddy Fund as at 18 May 2018.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme Statement

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS) statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,017.00 as at 18 May 2018.

C. Seed Corn Statement

Following consideration of the Seed Corn statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of the Seed Corn fund remaining for approval was £155.83.

9. Financial Requests

A. Year of Young People

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney's Year of Young People Ambassadors requesting financial support for costs of staging a youth concert in the Orkney Theatre, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £30 towards the costs of the event.

B. THAW Wellbeing Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from THAW, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting a contribution to the Wellbeing Orkney project, it was:

Resolved to write and inform the group that the community council could not contribute any funds at this time.

C. Young Enterprise Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from Young Enterprise Scotland, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial support towards the costs of travel to the Young Enterprise Finals in Glasgow for a KGS pupil from Burray it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £30 towards the cost of the trip.

10. Publications

The following publications were available to members:

- VAO Gift Aid Briefing.
- VAO News.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- Growing up in Orkney – Conference Report.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Kirkyard Grass Cutting

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was discussed in private.

Members considered the tenders received for the Kirkyard grass cutting, and it was:

Resolved to forward the tenders to Democratic Services.

B. Bus Stop

Members discussed the possibility of removing or replacing the bus stop on Blanster Brae, and it was:

Resolved to give the matter further consideration at a future meeting.

C. East Mainland Leaflet

Members received a request from the Chair of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council for the Community Council to approach all businesses within the South Ronaldsay and Burray area and ask if they would be interested in advertising in the East Mainland Brochure and for two representatives to attend meetings with members of the other community councils in the East Mainland to discuss the printing of more brochures. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would contact local businesses and ask if they would be interested in placing an advertisement.
2. That Mr D Woodcock and Ms J Woodhead would be the South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council representatives.

D. Burray War Memorial

Members heard that Mr Montgomery had obtained prices for adding a name missing from Burray war memorial and, it was:

Resolved to discuss this further at a future meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, in the Hope Community School at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:45.