

Minute of the Meeting of Birsay Community Council held in Birsay Community Centre and via Teams on Thursday, 3 February 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Delday, Ms K Coghill, Mr M Leitch and Mrs V Sinclair.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Mrs H Green, Interim Executive Director Environmental, Property and IT Services
- Mrs J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.
- Mr K Moar, Orkney Drug Dog Handler.
- Mr T Hadley, Orkney Native Wildlife Project.
- Mr E Flett, The Orcadian.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr D Scarth, Mr A Spence and Mr S Spence and Councillor H Johnston.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 25 November 2021 was approved, being proposed by Ms K Coghill and seconded by Mr R Delday.

3. Orkney Drugs Dogs

After hearing a report and presentation from Mr K Moar, Orkney Drugs Dog Handler, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the presentation.
2. That a donation of £500 should be made to the Orkney Drugs Dog Charity which should be made from the Birsay Energy Wind Fund Account.

Mr K Moar left the meeting at this point.

4. Orkney Native Wildlife Project Presentation

Members received a presentation from Orkney Native Wildlife Project Officer providing an update regarding the progress of the stoat eradication project, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the presentation.

Mr T Hadley left the meeting at this point.

5. Interim Executive Director Environmental, Property and IT Services

After hearing a report from the Interim Executive Director Environmental, Property and IT Services, advising members of her remit and that she was interested to listen to Community Councils' issues, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

6. Matters Arising

A. Foreshore from Ministry Huts to Zanzibar

Councillor D Tullock declared an interest in this item.

Members heard an update from the Interim Clerk advising that Transportation Services had asked the bus operator to serve this route using the smaller optare buses if possible. However, there were times that the route was intertwined with school services and therefore a larger bus may have been deployed at certain times

and the buses were currently turning at the Brough for the time being. Following permission from the landowner, the Engineering Team have been asked to draft a specification which would allow quotes to be invited for the work, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the report.
2. To ask that the Community Council be advised of the specification once it had been prepared.

B. Slip at Buckquoy

The Chair advised members that he had been unable to contact the relevant people, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. Water Fountain

Members were provided with an update from the Interim Clerk advising that a response had not been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

D. Road Safety and Speed Limits

Members discussed the lack of a pavement at Marwick Brae and hoped that it would be addressed within the Dounby Village Plan, and it was:

Resolved to request an update on this item and ask if it would be included in the Dounby Village Plan.

E. Memorial Bench

Members heard an update from Ms K Coghill advising that the bench had arrived and was ready to be placed on site, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that Ms K Coghill and Mr R Delday would arrange for the siting of the bench.

F. Facebook Page

Members were advised that no further progress had been made, and it was:

Resolved to note that no further progress had been made regarding setting up a Facebook page.

G. Phone Box in Dounby

Members received an update from the Interim Clerk advising that BT had removed the phone box door and that Harray and Sandwick Community Council were looking at having the phone box removed, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

7. Correspondence

A. Briefing Note – Route Based Forecasting

Members considered correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council advising on the winter service route based forecasting and, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. A North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub (Intro) and Information on Online Event

Following consideration of correspondence advising on the North Highland Climate Hub and how they could assist communities, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Plan for Dounby

Following consideration of correspondence from the Planning Manager with regard to the work that they commenced, before the pandemic, looking at a Plan for Dounby and that it was hoped to re-commence the Dounby Plan works soon. A meeting was planned on 17 February including Sustrans (National Walking and Cycling organisation that work with communities and authorities) and HiTrans (our statutory transport authority), and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and report.

D. Free Childminding Course

Following consideration of correspondence from Community Learning, Development and Employability providing members with information on free childminding courses, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. Women's Aid Orkney

Following consideration of a correspondence from Women's Aid Orkney advising members that they were developing a programme of talks for the communities, it was:

Resolved to invite them to a future meeting.

F. Correspondence from Strategic Projects Team, OIC

Following consideration of correspondence from the Strategic Projects team at Orkney Islands Council regarding the community benefit scheme for Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

G. Orkney Youth Local Action Group

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Youth Local Action Group regarding the aim of setting up a Youth Local Action Group, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Fund Statement

Following consideration of the General Fund statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £5,872.44 as at dated 18 January 2022.

B. Birsay Energy Fund

Following consideration of the Birsay Energy Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £20,182.09 as at dated 18 January 2022.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the balance remaining available for approval in the main capping limit was £1,758.31 and the balance in the additional capping limit was £676.00 as at dated 18 January 2022.

2. That CCGS 12002 for the newsletter should be cancelled meantime and that hopefully it may be a project that the West Mainland Link Office could do.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation was £8,183.37 as at dated 18 January 2022.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval was £21.46 as at dated 18 January 2022.

9. Financial Request

A. Orkney Pilgrimage

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Pilgrimage requesting financial assistance towards various costs involved with the upkeep of the path, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £500 should be awarded and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost of £500.

10. Consultation Documents

A. Fourth National Framework

Following consideration of correspondence Fourth National Framework, having previously been emailed by Democratic Services, advising on the National Planning Framework, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the deadline for comments had passed.

B. Highland Wind Limited – Scoping “Addendum”

Following consideration of correspondence received from Highland Wind Limited, previously emailed to Members from Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the deadline for comment had passed.

C. Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council on the Verge Maintenance Plan, which was previously circulated to Members via email, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the deadline for comments was 4 March 2022.

The Interim Executive Director Environmental, Property and IT Services left the meeting at this point.

11. Publications

The following publications had been received and made available to members via email:

- VAO Newsletter – November 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – November and December 2021 and January 2022.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland Community Engagement Orkney Team.
- Police Scotland Orkney Area Newsletter – January 2022.

- Scottish Water Protect Your Pipes – Autumn 2021.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Marwick Beach

Members raised concerns regarding the lack of waste bins at Marwick Beach along with the mound of rubbish collected from the beach and left on the foreshore, and it was:

Resolved to write Orkney Islands Council requesting the possibility of providing bins at the entrances at Marwick Beach and the collection of the rubbish.

13. Kirkyard Grass Cutting

After consideration of tenders, it was:

Resolved to award the grass cutting contract to M Brass.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Following a discussion regarding a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 7 April 2022 at 19:30.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21.05.