

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mrs B Clubley, Mr A Marwick, Mr S Pyke and Mr N Sclater.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor K Leask.
- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor I Taylor.
- Ms H Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms C Waters, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no apologies for absence had been received.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Following a secret ballot, it was

Resolved that the following appointment be made:

Chair: Mr M Clouston.

Vice Chair: Mr N Sclater.

Planning Representative: Mrs B Clubley.

3. Adoption of Constitution

Following consideration of the Constitution for Orphir Community Council, it was:

Resolved to adopt the constitution for Orphir Community Council.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 14 April 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr N Sclater and seconded by Mr A Marwick.

5. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter - Smoogro Road

The Chair provided an update on the bus shelter advising that all parties were happy for the bus shelter to progress. An architect had been engaged to do the design and planning permission would be sought. Groundwork and construction quotes had been requested as previous quotes were for an alternate location, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the report and to include on the next agenda.
2. That Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for the cost of plans being prepared.
3. To note that quotes had been requested for groundworks.

B. Skail Brig Parapet

Mr N Sclater confirmed that this work had been completed, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. School Boundaries

Members were advised that a response had not yet been received regarding the proposed extension of Orphir Community School catchment area, and it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would chase response for the next meeting.

6. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

A. Refurbishment

The Chair provided an update on the plans for the refurbishment of the Saga Centre which included redesigning the internal space to make more multifunction, new lighting and i-pad displays with new videos. After discussion regarding the next steps for the project, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Saga Centre would close at the end of October with refurbishment taking place during the closed season.
2. That Democratic Services would source copies of any existing plans for the Saga Centre be made available to the architect.
2. That a request should be forward to Democratic Services asking that the door be adjusted to enable the lock to work properly.
3. That a request be forwarded to Democratic Services requesting information on the possibility of a “no overnight camping or parking” sign being provided.

B. Custodian

After discussion about funding the cost of the custodian, it was:

Resolved that payment should be made to the custodian for the

7. Correspondence

A. OIC Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Directorate

A letter from the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure had been forwarded previously to members and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence and the different remits of the Heads of Service.

B. Scottish Parliament Call for Views

Following consideration of an email regarding a call for views from the Local Government Housing and Planning Committee on provision of Allotments, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. VAO Small Grants Scheme

Following consideration of an email regarding the VAO Small Grants Scheme, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Survey Participation Request

Following consideration of an email requesting participation in a survey on community perspectives on seaweed harvesting and cultivation, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved that members could complete the survey individually, if it was still available.

E. E-Bike Grant Fund

Following consideration of an email regarding the relaunch of the eBike Grant Fund, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. West Mainland Tourist Brochure

Following consideration of an email regarding the West Mainland Tourist Brochure (WMTB) moving online as part of the Orkney.com website, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. To note that the WMTB was now available via the Orphir Community News Facebook page.

G. Request for Assistance – Eve Thompson

Following consideration of an email requesting assistance with thesis research on Empowerment and Engagement in Scottish Island communities, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would contact Eve with regard to assisting in the survey.

H. St Magus Way – Orkneyinga Saga Centre Enquiry

Following consideration of an email requesting opening dates and time information of the Orkneyinga Saga Centre, which had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would respond with details, those being 08:00 to 18:00 seven days a week between 1 April and 31 October.

I. Crown Estate Scotland's Sustainable Communities Fund

Following consideration of an email from West of Orkney Windfarm regarding the Sustainable Communities Fund from Crown Estate Scotland, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Liam McArthur – R100 Rollout in Orkney

Following consideration of an email regarding the rollout of Superfast Broadband in Orkney from Liam McArthur, which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Road Speed Limits Enquiry

Following consideration of an email registering concerns regarding the possibility of extending the speed limits on the road before the 30mph limit in Orphir, which had been previously circulated to members, with the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, it was:

Resolved to ask OIC if consideration could be given to monitoring the area to obtain evidence as to the scale of the problem and feedback results via Democratic Services.

L. Dangerous Memorials

Following consideration of an email from Orkney Islands Council regarding dangerous gravestones at Orphir Kirkyard, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, would investigate what OIC planned to do with regard to tracing relatives of the owners of the gravestones and that Community Council members would do what they could to find relatives as well.
2. To seek clarity over what date the two-month review was to take place ie was it from date of assessment or date of the above email.

8. Consultations

A. EMEC – Consultation on Request for Scoping Opinion

Members had been previously forwarded a consultation request from EMEC regarding the Falls of Warness Tidal Test Site, and it was:

Resolved that no comments were to be forwarded at this time.

B. West of Orkney Windfarm – Community Engagement Plan

Members had been previously forwarded consultation information regarding the West of Orkney Windfarm, and it was:

Resolved that no comments would be forwarded at this time.

C. West of Orkney Windfarm – Orkney Community Panel

Members had been previously forwarded an email regarding information of the Orkney Community Panel for the West of Orkney Windfarm, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council wished to receive minutes and information about future meetings.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance and Saga Centre

Following consideration of the financial statements as at 26 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balances of £22,156.83 in the General account and £40,149.17 in the Saga Centre account.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 26 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,378.40.

Resolved to pay architect fees for both the Bus Shelter and Saga Centre from the Grant Scheme.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 26 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £13,755.42.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 26 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.00

10. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Orphir Football Club

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Football Club for financial support to reinstate Orphir FC, it was:

Resolved to send a letter of support.

B. OASC – Thurso Mini Meet

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards attendance at the Thurso Mini Meet, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £40 from the General Fund.

C. OASC – Swimming Event Iceland

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards attendance at the Swimming Event Iceland, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 from the General Fund.

D. OASC – Midsummer Meet

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards attendance at the Midsummer Meet, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 from the General Fund.

E. OASC – North District Pentaqua

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards attendance at the North District Pentaqua, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 from the General Fund.

F. OASC – Scottish National Open Championships

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for financial assistance towards attendance at the Scottish National Open Championships, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 from the General Fund.

G. Orphir Community School – Outdoor Activities

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Community School regarding financial assistance towards Outdoor Activities, it was:

Resolved:

1. To check with the School that the grant off £300 already set aside on 25/07/2021 was not going to be claimed..
2. That if the £300 was yet to be claimed a further grant of £225 would be awarded and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance.

H. Orphir Community School – Gardening Group

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Community School regarding financial assistance towards a Gardening Group, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £312.24 should be awarded toward the cost of equipment and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for.

I. Bonfire and Fireworks at Picky

Following consideration of a request from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council for donations towards the cost of Bonfire and Fireworks at the Picky, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £100 should be awarded toward the cost of fireworks and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for.

J. OASC – Thank You

Following consideration of correspondence from rkney Amateur Swimming Club thanking members for the financial assistance, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

11. Publications

The following publications, which had been previously emailed to members, were noted:

- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter – August 2022.
- VAO Newsletter – August 2022.
- SRA Newsletter – August 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – July 2022.
- Liam McArthur – Summer Highlights 2022.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Communications

Mrs B Clubley raised the question as to how we let the community know the positive things that the community council does. The councillors discussed using the Orphir Community news Facebook page, and it was:

Resolved that Community Councillors would investigate what other community councils used and also that the Chair would discuss this with Orphir Community Association.

B. Christmas Lights

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer raised the question of the new Christmas Lights which were expected to arrive soon. OIC would no longer store or install the lights so ownership and responsibility would be passed to the Community Council. After discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Community Council would discuss with Orphir Community Association over storage and installation of the lights and feedback to OIC as to where the new lights were to be delivered.
2. That clarification was required from OIC as to whether the lights need to be installed by a Council approved installer.
3. To note that it had been confirmed that any costs could be covered by the Community Council Grant Scheme.
4. To note that the Community Council confirmed that they did not wish to retain the old Christmas Lights.

C. Wreath for War Memorial

Mr N Sclater raised the question of the wreath for the War Memorial for Remembrance Day, and it was:

Resolved that a wreath for the war memorial would be ordered and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for.

D. Saga Centre Donation Box

The Chair requested that the Donation Box at the Saga Centre be emptied, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would obtain the key from Democratic Services and that the donations would be handed to Orkney Islands Council to be paid into the Saga Centre account.

E. Payment for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Mr N Sclater advised that the Community Association had not yet received the donation for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should investigate with Democratic Services and that the amount would be paid from the General Fund.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Orphir Community Council would be held on Tuesdays 22 November 2022 and 21 February 2023, commencing at 19:30 at Orphir School and via Teams.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:07.