

Minute of the Meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council held in St Andrews School and via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 31 August 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs L McAdie, Mr D Alexander, Mrs G Barnby and Mr L Flett.

In Attendance:

- Councillor A Drever.
- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs K Groundwater, Project Officer (Communications and Engagement), Strategic Projects.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.

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1. Orkney Community Wind Fund Project Presentation

After receiving a presentation advising on the Orkney Community Wind Fund project and the possible mechanisms for distributing any community benefit, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the presentation.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs L Anderson, Mr B Bruce and Mr I Rendall.

3. Election of Office Bearers

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved:

- A. That Mrs L McAdie was elected at Chair.
- B. That Mr D Alexander was elected as Vice Chair.
- C. That Mr D Alexander was elected as Planning Representative.
- D. That Mr D Alexander was elected as St Andrews Kirkyard Representative.
- E. That Mr B Bruce, subject to agreement, was elected as Deerness Kirkyard Representative.
- F. That Mrs L McAdie was elected as East Mainland Tourist Brochure Representative.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 23 February 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Alexander and seconded by Mr L Flett.

5. Matters Arising

A. East Mainland Tourist Brochure

After being advised that a questionnaire had been sent out by Democratic Services asking for all the East Mainland community council members' opinion on the future of the brochure, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report, that responses were still awaited, and to defer consideration to the next meeting.

B. Grass Cutting Tenders for St Andrews and Hall of Tankerness

Following an update, members heard that Mr M Brass had been awarded and had accepted the tender, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update.

C. Christmas Lights for Toab and Deerness

Members were advised of the requirements for progressing possible Christmas lighting in Toab and Deerness, and it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to next meeting.

D. Closed off Track in Tankerness

After hearing a report from Councillor S Sankey, and following discussion regarding a closed off track in Tankerness, it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor S Sankey was dealing with this item.

E. Brough of Deerness Landslide

Following discussion regarding the recent landslide at the Brough of Deerness, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the discussion.
2. To note that Councillor S Sankey had been in contact with the relevant officers in Orkney Islands Council.
3. That the Community Council, if approached, could consider providing funding towards the repairs.

F. Continuous Damage – Roadside Verges

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising members that as the roads were narrow in the area it did pose a difficulty for larger vehicles and that the only option would be to change the bus route to prevent damage, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

G. Wet/Flooded Areas on Walkway, Tankerness

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council advising that draining this area would have minimal success as the ground was just above the water table, therefore constantly flooding, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

H. Flooding - Offlets and Ditches

Members considered correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council advising that all roads were inspected at least once a year as set out in the Plan and that where flooding was identified it would be recorded and attended to, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

I. Refund of Grants Awarded

Members heard from the Democratic Services Manager that correspondence had been issued advising there may be grants that had not been used due to Covid regulations therefore recipients may wish to refund the grant, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would make enquiries regarding the information.

6. Correspondence

As items (A) to (S) had previously been circulated by email and no comments had been received from members, it was:

Resolved to note the contents and that no further action was required.

A. Orkney Native Wildlife Project

B. Deerness Post Office Branch

C. HITRANS – E-cargo Bikes

D. Annual Grants 2021/22

E. Adoption of Planning Guidance

F. Briefing Note – Community Renewal Fund

G. Orkney Regional Marine Plan

H. VAO – Small Grants Scheme

I. Agri-Environment Climate Scheme – Improving Public Access

J. Tesco Community Grant Scheme

K. Mark Smith – Open Street Map for Orkney

L. Surface Dressing Programme 2021

M. Rollout of Scottish Islands Passport App

N. 5G Connectivity – Workshop 3 – Mobile Networks

O. Connecting Scotland – Phase 3

P. Island Communities Fund

Q. 2019 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

R. “Get into Summer”

S. Thank You Letters

T. Orkney Native Wildlife Project

Members received correspondence from the Orkney Native Wildlife project advising of the appointment of a new Community Liaison Officer, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

U. S4GI – to receive correspondence

Members received correspondence from Digital Scotland advising on the Scottish 4G Infill programme, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

V. SEPA – Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan

Members discussed correspondence received from SEPA advising of the Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that members could respond individually.

7. Consultation Documents

As items (A) to (F) had previously been circulated and no comments had been received, it was:

Resolved that no further action was required.

A. Scottish Government – Easing of Covid-19 Restrictions on Islands

B. The Orkney Partnership – Survey

C. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021

D. Winter Service Delivery (Policy and Plan)

E. Accounts Commission – Reporting on your Local Council

F. GO-HI Rural MaaS Project

G. Review of Gambling Policy

Members discussed the Review of Gambling Policy consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the document and that members had no comments to forward.

H. Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind for Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas Decarbonisation (INTOG)

Members discussed Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind for Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas Decarbonisation (INTOG) consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

8. Financial Statements

A. Annual Accounts 2020/2021

After consideration of the Annual Accounts for 2020/2021, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the accounts.

B. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 16 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £12,822.49.

C. Ayrenergy Ltd Fund

Following consideration of the Ayrenergy Ltd Fund Statement as at 16 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,551.14.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 16 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval in the main capping limit was £900.19, and the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £676.

9. Financial Requests

A. Orkneycommunities.co.uk

This item had previously been agreed by email and, it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed to pay the membership of £45 and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost.

B. Insurance Costs 2021-2022

This item had previously been agreed by email and, it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed to pay the insurance cost of £86 and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost.

C. St Andrews Parish Football - Goalposts

This item had previously been agreed by email and, it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed to award a grant of £112.93 and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance had been awarded towards the cost.

D. SAPS – Outdoor Toys

This item had previously been agreed by email and, it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed to award a grant of £242.50 and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance had been awarded towards the cost.

E. Grass Cutting - Deerness Hall and Play Park

Members discussed correspondence from Deerness Community Association requesting assistance towards the cost of the grass cutting at the Deerness Hall, and it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £700 towards the cost and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance.

F. Travel Grants

1. Review of Travel Grants

Members discussed the present travel grant policy, and it was:

Resolved that the policy should remain the same as agreed in 2020.

2. Hockey Trip - Shetland – Travel Grant

Following consideration of correspondence from a Tankerness resident requesting assistance towards travel costs to attend a sports event in Shetland, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £30.

3. Weightlifting – Glasgow – Travel Grant

Following consideration of correspondence from a Tankerness resident requesting assistance towards travel costs to attend training in Glasgow, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £30 towards each trip up to a maximum of £180, subject to evidence of expenditure.

G. Education Grants

1. Review of Education Grants

Members discussed the present Education Grant policy and, it was:

Resolved:

A. That the policy should remain the same as agreed in 2020.

B. That a limit of £3,000 should be set for provision of Education Grants in 2021.

C. To post an advert in local shop and school, Orkney Communities website, Kirkwall Grammar School and Orkney College.

D. That the deadline for applications should be 30 September 2021.

E. To note that applications already received from F Barnby, A Lennie, K McKinney, S Rendall and S Tait would be held over until the deadline for applications.

F. That, following the deadline, all applications would be emailed to members for a decision.

H. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council – Bonfire

Following consideration of correspondence from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council requesting financial assistance towards the annual bonfire night at Pickaquoy, it was:

Resolved to grant an award of £100 towards the bonfire costs and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance.

10. Publications

The following publications had been made available for members to view and were noted:

- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter.
- Fair Start Scotland – Newsletter.
- Royal British Legion – VE Day.
- Orkney Blide Trust/Scottish Government – Time to Talk Counselling.
- OIC – Community Development Fund.
- VAO - Newsletter – August 2021.

11. Any Other Competent Business - Road Condition

After hearing a report advising that an area of road had now sunk at the Kirkyard, in past the Tankerness Hall, Councillor N Craigie advised that the repair work was on the list to be undertaken, and it was:

Resolved to note that the work was on the list to be undertaken.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2021, online or in St Andrews Primary School, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:25.