

# Minute of the Meeting of Papa Westray Community Council held in the St Ann's Community Room, Papa Westray on Tuesday, 20 August 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

I Cursiter, A Hourston, B Hourston, I Hourston, F McNab, N Rendall and S Thompson.

## In Attendance:

- G Sinclair, Councillor.
- J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- P Baker, Incoming Island Link Officer.
- J Foley, Community Development Officer.
- 4 members of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors S Clackson and K Woodbridge.

## **2. Minute of the meeting held 4 June 2019**

The minute of the meeting held on 4 June 2019 was approved, being proposed by N Rendall and seconded by F McNab.

## **3. Matters arising**

### **A. Papay community-led care**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising members on the present home care situation for Papa Westray and hearing a verbal report by L Sharp informing members that job advertisement which has been previously advertised by Orkney Health and Care did not mention a post in Papa Westray, which contradicted the correspondence received.

She also advised that no job applications had yet been received as result of the advertisement placed in the local Papa Westray shop, and it was:

Resolved to forward members concerns, in writing, to Orkney Islands Council expressing the need for home carers for Papa Westray and requesting the present advert for Home Carers should include Papa Westray.

### **B. Community Resilience – Satellite Phone**

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney advising members that they were unable to provide funding for airtime for the satellite phone and hearing a report from the Link Officer regarding phone costs, it was:

Resolved that the Link Officer should pursue the purchase of a satellite phone.

### **C. Weighbridge update**

The Chair confirmed that the weighbridge had been looked at and parts had been ordered, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **D. Recycling Skips**

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advised members that the bins had been ordered and delivery was expected in October and that additional bags would be provided for the time being. The current bags were due to be collected and taken back into Kirkwall. Members were also advised that the new bins would be able to be wheeled and it had a capacity of 1100 litre, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **E. Defibrillators**

The ILO confirmed that the pads had been replaced with new ones and monthly checks of the defibrillator had commenced, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **F. Water Scheme**

The Chair advised members that the delivery of 20 control boxes, 6 units and 100 3-amp fuses had been received and that each house currently connected to the water supply required the original 13-amp fuse to be changed to a new 3-amp fuse. A recommendation from N Rendall, that the water attendant should be asked to change all fuses to ensure correct installation. The Water Attendant was in attendance at the meeting and accepted the work verbally. The ILO would advertise in September's Papay Matters the fuse change requirements and procedure.

The Chair reported that the water attendant position had been offered to D Elves, which he had accepted. The ILO was asked to see if there was a current job specification and also that the current pay rate was correct.

Following further correspondence from R. Tulloch regarding additional work that could be undertaken on the water scheme system, it was resolved:

1. To note that the fuses had been received.
2. That the Water Attendant had agreed to replace the water supply 13-amp fuses in every property with a 3-amp fuse.
3. That the ILO would advertise the fuse changes in the Papay Matters.
4. To note that D Elves had been offered the Water Attendant post which he had accepted.
5. That the Chair should respond to R Tulloch requesting prices and whether the works recommended are compulsory.
6. To check if the current lids to the tank could be resealed.
7. The Chair and the Water Attendant had inspected the wells for repair and upgrade works and that members agreed that the works should be carried out by the Water Attendant.
8. To note that the previous water samples obtained by the Sampling Officer could not be used as they had not been delivered in time by the transport provided.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Inter-Isles Air and Ferries Consultative Forum Meetings**

Following consideration of correspondence advising members that the next meeting was due to be held on 21 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that N Rendall would be attending.

## **B. Letter of thanks**

Resolved to note that no letters of thanks had been received.

## **5. Consultation Document - Orkney Learning Disability Strategy**

Following consideration of the Orkney Learning Disability Strategy document, it was:

Resolved that members agreed the document could have been written and worded for a better understanding and currently it could be inaccessible to understand for people with learning disabilities.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 6 August 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance remaining was £6,332.27.

### **B. Papa Westray Community Council Water Scheme**

After consideration of the Papa Westray Water Scheme statement as at 6 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £44,655.49.

### **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 6 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £177.00 in the main capping limit, £165.80 in the additional capping limit and £111.63 in the island capping limit.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 6 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note there was no balance remaining for approval.

### **E. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 6 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,012.54.

## **7. Financial requests**

### **A. Papay Community Association – Seed Corn Application**

L. Sharp advised members that there had been a change of plan and that curtains would not be purchased but panels had been as they would better suit the need, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

Resolved to note that there was no information to provide.

### **B. Planning**

Resolved to note that there was no information to provide.

### **C. Community Development Officer's Report**

The Community Development Officer provided members with a verbal update, reporting that Papay Development Trust were progressing various projects and currently looking at the long-term sustainability of these. She reported that the Ranger position was very close to covering the costs required and others were substituted by other means, like housing. Currently looking at options for the market garden with regards to extra growing space to achieve more produce.

Bewan has had a slight set back and the works survey had commenced and would soon be put out to tender to try and achieve occupancy ready come 2020.

The Development Trust raised concerns regarding the screening application of a new fish farm off the coast of Papa Westray.

### **D. Papa Westray Water Scheme Administrator's Report**

Resolved to note that there was no information to provide.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- VAO Newsletter – June 2019.
- Loganair Statistics – May 2019.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – May and June 2019.
- Holyrood Highlights – Various.
- Letter from School Place – June 2019.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – June 2019.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. The Kirkyard Road**

It was noted that weeds were starting to grow through the road leading to the old Kirk, and it was:

Resolved that S Cursiter would be asked to carry out a weed kill spray along the road.

### **B. Concrete in the Kirkyard**

A Hourston confirmed that the concrete has been removed from the Kirkyard and that it required earth to fill up the hole, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **C. A Hourston's concerns minuted**

A Hourston requested that his feeling of dissatisfaction be minuted regarding the lack of feedback and decision taken for the proposed new ferry service. He was deeply saddened by the small number of responses received for such an important change to Papay.

The Chair assured members that the community council numbers for the for and against had been put forward and that members of the public had the option of completing an on-line survey, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **D. Proposed Fish Farm**

The Chair advised that there had been some letters of concern regarding the proposed fished farm from locals, Development Trust and RSPB.

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advised members that as this was not a full planning application and it was only at the screening and scoping stage, there was not an option for members of the public, companies or organisations to note comments and concerns at this time, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO and the Chair request, should a full planning application be submitted, that the community council become consultees, which must be submitted within 7 days of the planning application being submitted.
2. The Chair agreed that there would be no further action regarding the proposed fish farm due to the current circumstances and to hold any public meeting at a screening and scoping stage as it would not be of any benefit.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the meeting of Papa Westray Community Council would be held on 5 November 2019 in St Ann's Community Room, Papa Westray commencing at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:20.