

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in the Island Link Office and via Teams on Thursday, 1 September 2022 at 19:00

Present:

Mrs S Whiteman, Mr D Stout, Rev D Locke, L Martini-Brown (via Teams), Mr P Riley and Mr J Seaton.

In Attendance:

- Ms M McEwen, Board Chair, NHS Orkney (via Teams).
- Dr M Henry, Executive Medical Director, NHS Orkney (via Teams).
- Mr S Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care (via Teams).
- Councillor M Thomson (via Teams).
- Mr K MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. NHS Orkney Presentation

The Chair of NHS Orkney Board, the Executive Medical Director and the Chief Officer of Orkney Health and Care informed members that NHS Orkney had undertaken a detailed investigation into the inappropriate accessing of medical records affecting a number of Stronsay residents. All those affected had been contacted and processes had been followed to the satisfaction of the Information Commissioner's Office.

The three NHS dignitaries left the meeting at this point.

2. Welcome

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Community Council, and reiterated information previously forwarded to members on the Members' Code of Conduct and the Stronsay Community Council Constitution, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

3. Apologies

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

4. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs S Whiteman be appointed as Chair of Stronsay Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr D Stout be appointed as Vice Chair of Stronsay Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that the Island Link Officer be appointed as Planning Representative for Stronsay Community Council.

D. Transport Representative

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr P Riley be appointed as Transport Representative for Stronsay Community Council.

E. Stronsay Development Trust Co-opted Representative

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr J Seaton be appointed as the Stronsay Development Trust Co-opted Representative for Stronsay Community Council

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 18 April 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr J Seaton and seconded by Mr P Riley.

The minute of the Special Meeting held on 9 May 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Riley and seconded by Mr J Seaton

Before proceeding onto the next agenda item, L Martini-Brown asked if Members' Code of Conduct had been discussed and proposed that the Nolan Principles of public life be adopted by Stronsay Community Council, and it was:

Resolved that L Martini-Brown would produce a paper on the Nolan Principles which the Clerk would forward to members for discussion at the next Community Council meeting.

6. Matters Arising

A. Chemical Toilets

Members had previously been emailed a response from the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure that there were no plans, or budget to provide a specific outer isle provision for the safe disposal of chemical toilet waste, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Village Play Park

Members heard that a public consultation had taken place to choose play equipment from three options given to the Community Council, the results having been made public, and that a site visit with the Team Manager – Sport and Leisure, the previous Community Council Chair and Island Link Officer had taken place on 11 May 2022 and that there had been no response to questions raised at that meeting, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Clerk would request a response from the Team Manager – Sport and Leisure to questions raised at the site visit on 11 May 2022.

C. Scrap Vehicles

Members were given an update on the disposal of scrap vehicles, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the scheme would be reopened for the disposal of a further ten vehicles with preference being given to vehicle owners who had not applied previously.
3. That £300 would be transferred from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund to the Community Council Grant Scheme - Scrap Car category.

D. Bag the Bruck

Members heard that despite repeated requests, confirmation had not been received of this year's Bag the Bruck collection having taken place and that sponsorship had been withdrawn, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Road Flooding, Ditching and Road Resurfacing Work

Members heard that Roads did not have time to attend to drainage works in Stronsay, having prioritised Matpow Loch works, and that the issues raised by members were being looked at to see if these could be alleviated in the interim, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Damaged Sign

Members heard that the sign to St. Catherine's Bay had been found, repaired and re-erected, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

G. Sea Wall on the Path to St. Peter's Cemetery

Members heard that the sea wall on the path to St. Peter's Cemetery had been inspected over a year ago and again in September 2021 and estimates for repair had been received and that this was on a list of longer-term targets for capital funding by Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Rothiesholm Beach Car Park Road

Members heard that the Operations Manager (Roads and Environmental Services) had advised work to fill in the potholes in the Rothiesholm beach car park road would commence on 29 August 2022. This had been delayed and arrangements were in hand to have the work expedited, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

I. Stronsay Development Trust Beach Clean

Members had previously been forwarded photographs of items collected on the Stronsay Development Trust beach cleans, sponsored by Stronsay Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

J. Island Registrars

Members had previously been forwarded a response from the Senior Registrar that Registrars could resume registrations from 1 June 2022, but no assurance was given to island Registrar posts not being in jeopardy, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

K. Matters Arising from the Special Meeting

Members heard that laminated notices detailing the Fish Mart Dog Policy had been given to the Operator and that the policy would be reviewed after twelve months, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

L. Stronsay Community Emergency Plan

Members had previously been forwarded an amended copy of the Stronsay Community Emergency Plan and Stronsay Community Resilience Telephone Tree, and heard that these would be updated in May 2023, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. Copies of the Stronsay Community Emergency Plan and Stronsay Community Resilience Telephone Tree would be put on public display.
3. That a notice would be displayed providing the names and contact details of Community Council members who could be contacted in the event of a community emergency.

M. Stronsay Medical Practice

Members heard that there had been no response to correspondence sent to the Head of Primary Care Services, with copies to the Interim Chief Executive, and the Clinical Nurse Manager (Community), and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would write to the Chair of NHS Orkney Board with copies to the Executive Medical Director and the Chief Officer of Orkney Health and Care.

7. Transport Forum Report

Members were given feedback from Mr P Riley's attendance at the recent Ferry and Air Transport Forums, and it was:

Resolved that a letter outlining members' concern over the need for new ferries would be sent to Chair of the Board of Orkney Ferries Limited.

8. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that a quote had been received for improvements to the Fish Mart's heating system and that following a meeting with the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities and the Senior Maintenance Surveyor, this had been forwarded to them, and that the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities was addressing previously made requests to deal with outstanding maintenance issues and a plan of action to improve the quality and reliability of the building's heating system was being put together. Following an inspection by an Environmental Health Officer a new microwave and chopping boards had been ordered and supplied and at the request of the Operator a replacement remote controller for the hostel's television and a new washing machine had been purchased. Members also heard that consultation had taken place and agreed on renewing the Fish Mart's broadband contract and that a request by the Operator to use the Island Link Office had been declined, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that an invoice from the electricity supplier covering the period 7 April 2022 to 13 July 2022 had been received, and that the slaughterhouse had not been used during this period, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

10. Correspondence

A. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2 June 2022

Former Members had previously been forwarded information on arrangements made by the Lord Lieutenant and Orkney Islands Council to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Podiatrist Travel Fund

Former Members had previously been asked to consider a request for financial assistance towards the travel costs of a visiting podiatrist and that no further information had been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Final Verge Maintenance Plan 2022

Former Members had previously been forwarded a copy of the 2022 Verge Maintenance Plan from the Roads Support Officer, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. Screen Machine - Potential Visit in Autumn 2022

Former Members had previously been consulted over funding a possible return visit from the Screen Machine to Stronsay this coming Autumn, and that the visit had since been withdrawn, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. OHAL 'Come and Meet our Committee Members' Event'

Former Members had previously been forwarded an invitation from Orkney Housing Association Limited to meet the team, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Survey Request

Former Members had previously been forwarded a letter from a student carrying out research for a Masters degree, which the Clerk had displayed locally, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

G. Complaint to Stronsay Community Council

Former Members had been forwarded correspondence from a resident that was subsequently addressed by the Community Council Liaison Officer, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Ferry Services – Island Community Update June 2022

Former Members, and residents, had previously been provided with the Ferry Services Island Community Update June 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

I. Grass Cutting

Former Members had previously been notified of the grass cutting contractor's temporary unavailability to cut grass by the specified dates, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Buddy System – Healthy Living Centre

Former Members had previously been informed of arrangements made by the Senior Duty Officer for reinstating the buddy system at the Healthy Living Centre, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

K. Letter of Thanks

Members had previously been forwarded a letter of thanks from The Chairperson, Stronsay Community Association for the financial help and support for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

L. Community Ownership Fund – Round 2 Launched

Former members had previously been provided with information on the Community Ownership Fund – Round 2 Launch, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

M. Proposed Change to Inter Island Air Services Timetable

Former members, and the public, had previously been consulted on the proposed change to Inter Island Air Services timetable, to which there were no objections, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

N. Orkney Scam Action Group

Members had previously been provided with information on a visit to Stronsay by representatives from the Orkney Scam Action Group, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

O. Community Council Elections

Former members, and the public, had previously been provided with information on the Community Council elections, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

P. eBike Grant Fund

Former members had previously been provided with information on the relaunch of the eBike Grant Fund, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

Q. Voluntary Action Orkney Small Grant Scheme

Former members had previously been provided with information on the Voluntary Action Orkney Small Grants Award Scheme, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

R. Scottish Government Committee Meeting

Former members had previously been provided with a written report from Mr P Riley on a Scottish government Net Zero, Energy and Transport committee meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

S. A Yachtman's Feedback on Visiting Whitehall Harbour, Stronsay

Members had previously been provided with a copy of an email letter addressed to the previous Chair and Vice Chair on a yachtman's feedback on visiting Whitehall harbour, Stronsay, and it was:

Resolved to carry this item over to the next agenda.

T. Visit Stronsay – Committee Meeting Minute

Members had previously been provided with a copy of the Visit Stronsay committee meeting minute held on 1 June 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

U. Notice of Memorial Inspections - Stronsay

Members and the public had previously been provided with information from the Burial Grounds Officer of Orkney Islands Council's intention to carry out safety inspection and testing at St. Peters, St. Nicholas, and Lady cemeteries, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

V. Winter Timetable – Inter Island Air Service

Members and the public had previously been provided with information from the Transportation Manager on the winter timetable – inter island air service, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

W. Emergency Services Show

Members had previously been forwarded an invitation to attend The Emergency Services Show to be held in Birmingham on 21 – 21 September 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

X. Proposal of Application Notice

Members had previously been forwarded a Proposal of Application Notice – Proposed Wind Farm Development land west of Eday Ferry Terminal, and it was:

Resolved to note the information

Y. Isles Special Collection Rota to March 2023

Members and the public had previously been given details of the Isles Special Collection rota for October 2022 – March 2023, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

Z. Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Directorate Letter

Members had previously been forwarded a letter from the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure regarding officer attendance at future Community Council meetings, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

AA. Third Aircraft

Members had previously been forwarded a presentation by Eyland Skyn for a third aircraft to be added to the internal air services, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

11. Financial Statements

A. Income and Expenditure Account – Year Ended 31 March 2022

After considering the Certified Accounts for Stronsay Community Council for the year ending 31 March 2022, it was:

Resolved that copies of the Certified Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 would be displayed in public places in accordance with the Scheme for Community Councils.

B. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 23 August 2022, and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £14,291.13.

C. Fish Mart Account

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 23 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,451.41.

D. Slaughterhouse Account

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 23 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,323.15.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2022/2023 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 23 August 2022, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit of £1,857.97.
2. That the balance remaining in application number 19211 had not been spent in full and should be cancelled.

F. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 23 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £8,723.40.

12. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Stronsay Community Association – Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Former members had previously been consulted over a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and it was:

Resolved to note that former members had agreed award financial assistance of £500 to Stronsay Community Association, for which Community Council Grant Scheme approval had been given and claimed.

B. Stronsay Community Association – Stronsay Massive Weekend

Former members had previously been consulted over a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance to help fund the Stronsay Massive Weekend, and it was:

Resolved to note that former members had agreed to award financial assistance of £789.20 to Stronsay Community Association, for which Community Council Grant Scheme approval had been given but had yet to be claimed.

C. Stronsay Resident – Travel Grant Request

Members were asked to consider a request from a Stronsay resident for financial assistance for twenty-four return flights for two children to attend athletics, dance and/or athletics in Kirkwall on specified dates in August, September and October 2022, and it was:

Resolved to award a Stronsay resident £62.25 towards the cost of twenty-four return air flights, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

D. Stronsay Development Trust – Stronsay Climate Festival Weekend

L Martini-Brown declared an interest in this item and took no part in discussion thereof.

Members were asked to consider a request from Stronsay Development Trust for financial assistance for the Stronsay Climate Festival Weekend, and it was:

Resolved to award Stronsay Development Trust financial assistance of £500 towards the Stronsay Climate Festival Weekend, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, with 31 October 2022 being the deadline for claiming the grant.

13. Any Other Competent Business

A. Community Council Assistance

Members were asked to consider the help and support Stronsay Community Council could offer during the forecasted poor economic climate, and it was:

Resolved to carry this item over to the next agenda.

B. Stronsay Fish Mart

Members heard that there was a high cost involved in running the Fish Mart and that officers at Orkney Islands Council were focusing on support for the Fish Mart, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Letter of Thanks

Members considered a request to send letters of thanks to three former members of Stronsay Community Council, and it was:

Resolved that letters of thanks should be sent to three former members of Stronsay Community Council.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 17 October 2022 commencing at 19:00 in the Stronsay Community Centre and that the remaining meeting during 2022 would be held on Monday, 5 December 2022 commencing at 19:00 in the Stronsay Community Centre.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:28.