

# **Minute of the Meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council held in St Andrews Primary School and via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 19:30**

## **Present:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

- Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director (Environmental, Property and IT Services).
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.
- Mrs J Lennie, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

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

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Alexander and seconded by Mr L Flett.

## **3. Kirkyard Tenders**

Following consideration of tenders submitted for the 2022 grass cutting contracts, it was:

Resolved to award the contracts to the lowest tenderers.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Brough of Deerness Landslide**

Members were advised that an update had not been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **B. Verge Maintenance - Ragwort**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council advising that it was aimed to remove or spray ragwort in the verges by the end of June annually and that if there were any areas that required to be attended to, it should be reported to Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that any ragwort affected areas should be reported to Orkney Islands Council.

### **C. 30mph Speed Limits - Toab and Deerness**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the siting of 30mph speed limit signs in Toab and Deerness, it was:

Resolved to note that the 30 mph signs would be erected in Toab and Deerness by the beginning of April 2022.

### **D. Memorial Path and Gloup Path, Deerness**

Members were advised that an update had not been received regarding progress of works at the Memorial path and Gloup path, Deerness, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. SSEN – Resilient Communities Fund**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the SSEN Resilient Communities Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the closing date for applications was 29 April 2022.

### **B. Climate Action Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding Climate Action Funding, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **C. Orkney Marine Planning Update**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Spring 2022 edition of the Orkney Marine Planning update, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **D. Offshore Wind Power Ltd**

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Windfarm regarding the West of Orkney Windfarm update. Mrs G Barnby asked if this development might lower energy bills in Orkney and the Democratic Services Manager advised that if an Orkney Community benefit fund could be further progressed from local energy services, there was potential for benefit to the Orkney community, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **E. London Hearts - Defibrillators**

Following consideration of correspondence from London Hearts inviting applications for a £300 grant to purchase a defibrillator, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **F. Thank You Letter**

Following consideration of a thank you letter received from Deerness Community Association for financial assistance provided, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **G. Scottish Flood Forum Visit**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Flood Forum inviting members to attend the Scottish Flood Forum Visit in April, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Consultation Document - Disability Forum**

Following consideration of correspondence from Disability Equality Scotland advising of a disability consultation event to be held at The Pickaquoy Centre on 30 March 2022, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that members had no responses to the consultation.

B. That members could attend the disability event at the Pickaquoy Centre on 30 March 2022, should they wish to.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 15 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £11,889.26.

### **B. Ayrenergy Ltd Fund**

Following consideration of the Ayrenergy Ltd Fund Statement as at 15 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £7,824.46.

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

Following consideration of the 2021/2022 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 15 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £440.29 from the main capping limit and £301 from the additional capping limit.

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Orkney Folk Festival 2022**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Folk Festival 2022 requesting financial assistance towards their running costs and staging the Deerness event, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award a grant of £175 to Orkney Folk Festival towards their running costs and the Deerness event.

2. That Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the total project cost of £175.

## **B. St Andrews Primary School**

Following consideration of correspondence received from St Andrews Primary School requesting financial assistance towards the cost of twelve pupils attending the Primary Seven Class trip to Hoy Outdoor Centre, it was:

Resolved to award a general fund donation of £240 to St Andrews Primary School towards the Primary Seven class trip to Hoy.

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

## **C. Bag the Bruck 2022**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising that the 2022 Bag the Bruck Scheme would take place from 16 to 24 April 2022, it was:

Resolved:

1. To submit an application for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance on a project cost of £300.
2. That the Bag the Bruck Scheme should be advertised locally.

## **D. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Pentland Pentaqua**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting assistance towards travel costs for one local resident participating in the Pentland Pentaqua Meet in Wick, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £30 towards travel costs.

## **9. Publications**

The following publication had been made available for members to view and was noted:

- Scottish Rural Action - March 2022 News.

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

### **A. Passing Place at Top of Brae of Fea, Tankerness**

Mr D Alexander advised members that the passing place at the top of the Brae of Fea, Tankerness, was in need of remedial work due to the verge being pushed into the ditch, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would report this to Democratic Services.

## **B. Flooding Issue on Road, Nearby Kirkwall Airport**

Mrs G Barnby reported a flooding issue on the main Kirkwall to Deerness Road near Kirkwall Airport. Members advised that sandbags had been placed at the area and that, should it be a flooding issue, it should be reported to Scottish Water, and it was:

Resolved that individuals could report flooding issues directly to Scottish Water.

## **C. Subsidence on Churchyard Road**

Mrs G Barnby advised members that work to improve the subsidence on the Churchyard Road, below St Andrews Kirkyard, had not progressed. Mr D Alexander advised that it was shown in the OIC Road Programme as work to be done in April 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **D. Flooding Water - Heatherlea, Toab**

Mrs G Barnby reported that flooding water was running down the side of the Holm Road at Heatherlea, Toab, which was affecting the road surface, and it was:

Resolved to report the concerns to Orkney Islands Council.

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

Members were advised that if they wished to convene a further meeting it would require to be held prior to 22 April 2022 but that decision could still be taken via email, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the content of the report.

B. To await the conclusion of elections before setting a date for the next meeting.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:03.