

Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 at 19:00

Present:

Mr N Cheeseman, Mrs P Gee, Mrs H Howe, Mr M Howe, Mr C Mullins and Ms I Smith.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillors J Stockan and M Thomson.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Resolved to delay the Election of Office Bearers until the next meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of Meeting held on 2 March 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Howe and seconded by Mr C Mullins.

4. Matters Arising

A. Community Asset Transfer – Area of Land

No update was available on any progress with the purchase of the area of land, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor R Crichton would look into this and pass on any feedback to members.

B. Toilets at Flotta Pier

As Councillor M Thomson was not present, it was:

Resolved to discuss this at a future meeting.

C. Island Emergency – COMAH Plan

It was reported that a representative from the Flotta Terminal was to attend a meeting to discuss the plan, however this had been put on hold due to the ongoing Covid situation, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this at a future meeting.

D. Ditches and Offlets

Photographs and information on the problem areas had been sent to Democratic Services, but no update was provided. It was advised that Roads Support were only dealing with Category 1 repairs at the present time, and it was:

Resolved to report the areas to Roads Support asking for information on when they would be attended to.

E. Repsol Sinopec – Play Park Equipment

It was reported that the weather and the ongoing pandemic had put a delay to plans to have the equipment installed, but that it would hopefully be attended to in due course, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Putting Green

Members advised that the work would need to be put back to 2021. It was agreed that volunteers could carry out the work and that a scarifier would be required, as well as some moss killer and grass seed, and it was:

Resolved to discuss again at the next meeting.

G. Pier Issues

Members reported that there were still safety concerns at the pier, and also now an issue with the grating at the top of the pier which had settled quite badly. There was also a concern regarding a gap in the railings/chain that youngsters could pass through, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor R Crichton would pass the concerns on to Marine Services.

5. Correspondence

A. John Rae Society - Consultation Event and Survey

Following consideration of correspondence from the John Rae Society, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a consultation event and survey, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Barrier Number 2 Survey

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a survey on solutions to wave-overtopping at the second Barrier, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

C. Covid-19 Island Resilience Communication

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and support available to communities, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Assistance from CC members

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, relating to any assistance that Community Council members could provide during the Covid-19 pandemic, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

E. HIAL ATMS Petition

Consideration was given to correspondence from Benbecula Community Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, relating to a petition to halt HIAL's Air Traffic Management Strategy Project to conduct an independent assessment of the decisions and decision-making process of the ATMS project, and it was:

Resolved to note the petition information.

F. Community Resilience Fund

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, providing details of the Community Resilience Fund which OIC had set up to assist vulnerable people during the Coronavirus pandemic, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Annual Grant 2020/2021

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the annual grant amount received for financial year 2020/2021, and it was:

Resolved to note that Flotta Community Council had been allocated an annual grant sum of £3,784.11 for financial year 2020/2021.

H. Memorial Safety and Memorial Remediation Work

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC's Strategic Policy and Projects Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information on work ongoing in the county's cemeteries.

I. Community Wind Farm Project – Hoy – Consultation Update

Members considered correspondence from ITP Energised, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing information on the community wind farm project for Hoy. Councillor Crichton provided the web address for the Scottish Government site where more detail was available, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

J. Year End Accounts

A copy of the Year End Accounts for 2019/2020 had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Orkney Foodbank – Thank You

Resolved to note that a letter of thanks had been received from Orkney Foodbank for recent financial assistance provided through the Wind Power Fund.

L. LEADER Evaluation

Following consideration of correspondence from the LEADER Assistant Project Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the survey.

M. Update on Isles Recycling Facilities

Members considered correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, in relation to Isles Recycling Facilities, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

N. Virtual Island Summit

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Islands Federation, copies of which had been previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the summit had taken place in September.

O. CLAN Support and Wellbeing Centre

Resolved to note that the centre had now reopened for face-to-face visits.

P. Liam McArthur MSP – Virtual Visit to Flotta

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur MSP, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding virtual meetings and surgeries, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

Q. Waste and Recycling Services

Following consideration of a briefing note which had been supplied by the Strategic Policy and Projects Manager in relation to Waste and Recycling Services during the pandemic, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that services were beginning to come back online.

R. FCC Biosecurity Proposal

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Native Wildlife Project, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a proposal for partnership in a biosecurity plan for Flotta, it was:

Resolved to invite the Biosecurity Officer, ONWP, to the next meeting.

S. Conversation with the People of Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Health and Care Project Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a series of events aimed at capturing peoples' experience of health services during the pandemic, it was:

Resolved to note that the events had taken place on 4 November.

T. Awards for Community-led Built Environment Projects

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Civic Trust, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the My Place Awards 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

U. Ferry Service Consultative Forum Meeting – February 2021

Following consideration of correspondence and a draft agenda for the Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting to be held in February 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that any issues could be forwarded to the Transport Representative to take to the meeting.

V. Insurance Renewal Documents

Following consideration of the Insurance renewal documents for financial year 2020/2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the detail of the policy.

W. Roads Repairs and Reporting of Roads Issues

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that any further roads issues should be forwarded to the Interim Clerk by 10 December 2020.

6. Kirkyard Grass Cutting Tender 2021

It was noted that the grass cutting contracts for 2020 had been awarded to a local contractor who had done an excellent job. Members discussed the 2021 contracts and agreed that they should be advertised early this year to allow time for applicants to consider, and it was:

Resolved to advertise the Flotta grass cutting tenders with a deadline of the day before the next CC meeting.

7. Consultations

The following consultations, which had all been circulated via email since the last meeting, were noted as the deadlines had all since passed:

- OIC Housing in the Countryside.
- Winter Service Plan.
- Verge Maintenance Plan – Response.
- Draft Dementia Strategy.
- Scottish Government Survey of Third Sector Partners.

- HIAL ATMS: Impact Assessment.
- CC Survey – Planning Advice Scotland.
- Local Housing Strategy.
- Island Communities Impact Assessment.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 10 November 2020, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £52,824.94

B. Burnside Account

After consideration of the Burnside statement as at 10 November 2020, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £6,502.08.

C. Wind Power Fund

After consideration of the Wind Power Fund statement as at 10 November 2020, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £7,101.77.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 10 November 2020, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £1,121.60, £669 and £648 remaining in the main, additional and island capping limits respectively.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 10 November 2020, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £5,980.51 remained available for allocation.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 10 November 2020, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £3,161 remained available for allocation.

9. Financial Request - VAO Membership Renewal

Resolved to note that it had previously been agreed to renew membership of Voluntary Action Orkney at a cost of £15.

10. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications had been circulated to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – January, June, July and August 2020.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – March, April, June, July, August, September and October 2020.
- VAO – Newsletter – February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November 2020.
- “To Absent Friends” – Annual Festival.
- Scottish Water – Newsletter – September 2020.

11. Reports from Representatives – Transport and Planning

Resolved to note that there were no issues to report from either representative.

12. 13 and 14 Burnside

Members advised that the work had still not been completed and voiced some frustrations regarding the speed and quality of the work that had been done. The Interim Clerk advised that she had spoken to the contractor, who had suggested that the work could be completed by the end of the year, however members were not convinced that this would be possible, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation and discuss again at the next meeting.

13. Any Other Competent Business

A. Wind Power Fund

Members noted that a donation had been provided to the Orkney Foodbank out of the amount usually provided to the Wind Power Fund, and queried what had happened with the remainder of the amount, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would make enquiries and report back to members at the next meeting.

B. Christmas Gifts

Discussion was had as to whether the Community Council should provide gifts again this year to the children and those aged over 60, and it was:

Resolved that children aged 16 years and under would be gifted a £15 Christmas voucher by the Community Council, as would Flotta residents aged 60 and over who had lived on the island for at least six months of the year, on confirmation of their eligibility.

C. Flotta School

Members queried what had happened to the correspondence that had been sent to the Community Council from a local family wishing for consideration to be given to

the reopening of the Flotta School. The Interim Clerk advised that the letter had been forwarded to the Chief Executive and Head of Education, Leisure and Housing to consider, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor R Crichton would enquire as to what was happening in terms of the request made in the letter.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Flotta Community Council would take place on Thursday, 11 February 2021 at 19:30, either online or in Flotta Community Centre.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:18.