

Minute of the Meeting of Westray Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 8 November 2021 at 19:00

Present:

Mr A Scott, Mrs E Drever, Mrs J Tulloch and Mr C Kirkness.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Ms J Hellewell, Incoming Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mr A Baird, Mr D Hutchison and Mr D Seatter and Councillor G Sinclair.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 8 March 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mrs E Drever and seconded by Mrs J Tulloch.

3. Matters Arising

A. Village Path

After hearing a report from the Interim Clerk advising members that the ILO had drafted a letter to the residents and had been looking at funding avenues, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

B. Christmas Lights for Lamp Posts

Members were advised that the cost for switching off the lights had been £120 and that a request should be forwarded to the contractor asking if the lights could be switched on again as near as possible to 4 December, and it was:

Resolved to ask the local contractor if the lights could be turned on for 4 December.

C. Flooding at Millburn

Following consideration of correspondence from SEPA advising on what action could be taken on how to record the flooding for future reference, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that Mr A Scott would look for relevant information and photos regarding flooding at Millburn for submission to SEPA.

D. Play Park Fence

Members were advised that a quote for the work has been received however the cost was out with the limit of the relevant budget, and it was:

Resolved to advise that the Community Council would cover the estimated cost of £600 for the repair of the fence, as it was a health and safety issue, and that Community Council Grant Scheme would be applied for on the cost.

E. Special Collections

After hearing a report from the Interim Clerk advising that the last time the Community Council had arranged a special collection it had been advertised with anyone interested contacting Democratic Services, and it was:

Resolved to arrange a special collection as per previously.

4. Correspondence

A. 2019 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

The 2019 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements had previously been emailed, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that members had made no comments.

B. Rollout of Scottish Islands Passport App

Correspondence regarding the Rollout of Scottish Islands Passport App had previously been emailed, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that members had made no comments.

C. Get Into Summer

Correspondence regarding the Get Into Summer had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Funds for Private Roads

Following consideration of correspondence from Westray Development Trust advising members that the Trust did not provide funding towards road improvements. Members noted that previously the Trust had provided funding to the Community Council which they had match funded and subsequently arranged a road scheme, and it was:

Resolved to advise the Trust of the previous funding and ascertain why they could no longer provide assistance towards road improvements.

E. Community Development Fund Update

Following consideration of correspondence advising members of the Community Development Fund, it was

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Small Grants

Following consideration of correspondence advising members of grants available from HITRANS, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

G. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) Update

Following consideration of correspondence from HES advising members on the progress and plans for the future of the Links of Noltland, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

H. Scottish Flood Forum Visit

Following consideration of correspondence, which had been previously emailed, regarding the Scottish Flood Forum visit to Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

I. Orkney Drugs Dog

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Drugs Dog Charity advising on their Community Council Engagement visits, it was:

Resolved to invite them to attend the next meeting.

J. Orkney Islands Council – Patching Works

Following consideration of correspondence advising of Orkney Islands Council's patching works programme, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

K. Stronsay Community Council – Ferry Timetable

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising of a request from Stronsay to amend the ferry timetable for the Massive Weekend due to be held on 20/21 August 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

L. Winter Services Plan and Policy

Following consideration of the Winter Services Plan and Policy, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

M. The Orcadian – Broadening our Coverage

Following consideration of correspondence from The Orcadian advising that they would like to broaden their coverage of island events and news, it was:

Resolved to advise The Orcadian that they should subscribe to the local newsletter "Auk Talk" where they would have access to local news and events.

N. North Isles Waste Management Initiative

Following consideration of correspondence from Stronsay Waste Matters providing an update on the project, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

O. Burial Grounds - Headstones

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that remediation work would be happening in Lady Kirk Cemetery in November, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance Statement

Following consideration of the General Finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £34,968.63 as at 1 November 2021.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 1 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £1,423.89, £676.00 remained in the additional capping limit, and £654.00 remained in the island capping limit.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that £5,000 remained available for allocation as at 1 November 2021.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 1 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the funds had been fully allocated and the £420 remained to be claimed.

6. Financial Request - Westray Auk Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Westray Auk Club requesting assistance towards the cost of their annual Christmas lunch, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £270 and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost of £270.

7. Consultation Documents

Items (A) to (J) were previously circulated by email and that no comments had been received from members, and it was:

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

- A. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study – OBC Phase 2**
- B. EIA Application – Faray Turbines**
- C. Review of Gambling Policy**
- D. SEPA – Orkney Local Flood Risk Management**
- E. Orkney Community Wind Farm – Community Benefit**
- F. Kirkwall Airport Surface Access**
- G. EMEC Billia Croo Section 36**
- H. Review of Inter Island Fare Structure**
- I. Scottish Land Commission – Orkney Virtual Public Meeting**
- J. NHS Orkney Clinical Strategy**
- K. Local Transport Strategy**

Following consideration of the Local Transport Strategy questionnaire, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and members wished that there was a stop to all the questionnaires regarding transport and that some action was taken on replacing the ferries.

L. Orkney Islands Council – Introduction of Memorial Permit

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that consideration was being given to the introduction of a permit for the erection and repair of memorials, it was:

Resolved that this appeared to be an unnecessary cost for bereaved families with little or no benefit as most families use reputable local companies to supply and erect Headstones.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Transport

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. Kalisgarth

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

9. Publications

Resolved to note the following publications which had been previously circulated:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – April, May and June 2021.
- Loganair Statistics – May, June, July, August, September and October 2021.
- VAO Newsletter – June, July, August, September and October 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding – July, August, September and October 2021.
- VAO “Worrying about Money” Leaflet.
- S Clackson’s Letter from School Place – June, July, August, September and October 2021.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland – Newsletter – July and September 2021.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Newsletter – July and October 2021.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – Autumn 2021.
- ORSAS – 16 Days of Activism.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Tree Lighting – 4 December 2021

After hearing a report from the Chair advising on arrangements for the tree lighting, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the tree lighting would be on 4 December at 19:00.
2. To note that the Salvation Army were unable to attend.
3. To note that Kalisgarth would not be open to the public.
4. That Iain MacDonald was arranging a group to sing.
5. To note that the tree had been ordered from W Shearer.
6. That the Clerk should order mincemeat pies from the Bakehouse.
7. That the Chair would check the lights to ensure we had the correct adaptors.
8. That Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for eligible expenditure for the event.

B. Remembrance Day

Following consideration of the Remembrance Day services, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the wreath had been received.
2. That Mr C Kirkness would lay a wreath on behalf of the Community Council.

C. Facebook

Following consideration of setting up a Westray Community Council Facebook page, it was:

Resolved that Mrs J Tulloch would setup a Facebook page, with a link to the Westray page, and that all members would be setup with admin facilities.

D. Road Flooding

Members raised concerns regarding the flooding on roads, and it was:

Resolved to advise Orkney Islands Council that there was a need for road offlets to be dug out and that ditch cleaning was required.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Westray Community Council should be arranged for 7 February 2022.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:46.