

Minute of the Meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council held in the Firth Community Centre on Thursday, 2 September 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs W Dunnet, Mr R Hourston, Mr M Lynch, Mr V Muir and Mrs A Stevenson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr N MacLeod and Councillors R King and D Tullock.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 24 June 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr R Hourston and seconded by Mr V Muir.

3. Matters Arising

A. Securing Wreath and Firth Park Donation box

Members heard that more research had been carried out regarding the wreath holding bracket and donation box, and it was:

Resolved to note that the wreath holding bracket should be installed in time for Remembrance Sunday and that Mr M Lynch would report back at the next meeting regarding the donation box.

B. Christmas Decorations and Storage

Members discussed the choice of decorations and storage thereof, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would inform Democratic Services of the members choice and that storage would again be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Heddle Road Layout

Members discussed the response from Roads Support Manager, which was that there were no plans at this time to widen Heddle Road. The priority was currently set for vehicles heading in a south westerly direction, towards the quarry. In this circumstance, it was advised, this is the correct traffic management layout. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

D. Security Cameras within Schools

Members discussed the response from Democratic Services, which was that CCTV would not routinely be considered, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

E. Pavement Widening

Members heard and discussed the response from Democratic Services regarding road widening and also heard reports from Councillors H Johnston and O Tierney regarding the various measures for slowing traffic, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

F. New Orkney Flag

Members discussed the new flag, and it was commented that it was slightly on the small side, and it was:

Resolved to purchase a larger sized flag when it is required to be renewed.

G. Remembrance Day Wreaths

Members discussed the purchase of wreaths for Remembrance Day in November, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would inform Democratic Services to ensure there is a purchase of two wreaths, one for each memorial.

4. Correspondence

A. Healthcare Improvement Scotland - It's Good to Share

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the guidance at July 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Briefing note - Waste Services

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the current status with waste collection and amenity sites, it was:

Resolved that Councillor O Tierney would approach the relevant department to discuss the current lack of waste disposal at Cursiter recycling centre.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 16 August 2021, and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance remaining for approval was £15,923.24.

B. Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund

After consideration of the Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund statement as at 16 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance remaining for approval was £5,000.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 16 August 2021, and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,291.75.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 16 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for allocation was £3,615.63.

6. Financial Requests

A. Stenness Community School – Outdoor Education Experience

Members considered a request from Stenness Community School, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards pupils taking part in Outdoor Education sessions, and it was:

Resolved that, on this one occasion, a general fund donation of £30 per pupil be granted, totalling £180.

B. M and R Linklater - Athletic Trips

Following consideration of a request from Mrs I Linklater, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards two trips for Max and one trip for Rafi, to take part in athletics competitions on the Scottish Mainland, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation be granted for the three trips at £25 per trip, totalling £75.

C. Bonfire and Fireworks - Pickaquoy

Following consideration of a request for funding for the Kirkwall bonfire and fireworks display, from the Clerk to Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be granted to Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

7. Consultation Documents

A. Review of Gambling Policy July 2021

Following consideration of an Orkney Island Council consultation document, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Gambling Policy, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. SEPA - Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan

Following consideration of a SEPA consultation document copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking public consultation, it was:

Resolved to note that members had until 31 October 2021 to respond to the consultation.

8. Publications

The following publications had been circulated previously, and were noted by members:

- VAO - Newsletter – July and August 2021.
- Police Scotland Orkney Area Newsletter - July 2021.
- VAO - Training and Funding Update - July and August 2021.
- Community Development Fund – Update.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Christmas Tree Lighting

To allow the Clerk to complete the Event Management Plan, members discussed a date for the tree lighting, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would complete and return form showing the date to be Friday, 3 December 2021.

B. Road Signs

Members discussed the poor state and the maintenance of many road signs around the county, and it was:

Resolved that Councillors H Johnston and O Tierney would approach the relevant departments and report back to next meeting.

C. Waste Bins at Car Park

Members enquired regarding the possibility of more/bigger waste bins being supplied for the car park area on the shore at Finstown. They heard that this was not possible at the current time, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

10. Dates of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council would be held on Thursday, 18 November 2021 at Stenness Community School (aided by Microsoft Teams depending on tier rules), commencing at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:55.