

Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held via Teams on Tuesday, 28 September 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mr Angus Firth, Mrs Christina Cox, Mrs Zoe Flaws, Mr John Garson and Mr Richard Tipper.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Stephen Clackson.
- Councillor Heather Woodbridge.
- Mrs Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs Emma Soames, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Carole Maguire and Councillor Graham Sinclair.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

3. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the meeting held on 17 June 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mrs C Cox and seconded by Mr Richard Tipper

4. Matters Arising

A. Notice Boards

Members were advised that the signs still needed to be erected, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put an advert in the Review for someone to undertake the job of erecting the signs.

B. Kirkyard Matting

As Mrs Carole Maguire was not at the meeting an update was not available, and it was:

Resolved that an update would be received at the next meeting.

C. Memorial/Path at Rousay Kirkyard

Members discussed building a bench at the Brinian Kirkyard for residents to use to pay respects to those that were buried elsewhere or without a plot, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would place an advert in the Review for a stone mason to build a bench out of stone which the community council would purchase.

D. Scrap Car Scheme

Members discussed the scrap car scheme and that £255 was still available, however invoices could be backlogged, and it was:

Resolved to leave this on the agenda for the next meeting and discuss again.

5. Correspondence

A. Response to Winter Sailings – Orkney Ferries Manager

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the winter sailings for Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre. Members were pleased to see the introduction of Sunday sailings, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would include in the business letter the queries regarding the timetable changes such as the 9:05am Egilsay/Rousay run, and the Saturday first boat from Tingwall that was leaving 20 minutes earlier than normal.

2. That Mrs Christina Cox would email the Head of Marine Services, in her role as transport representative, with similar concerns.

B. Review of Electoral Arrangements

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the review of electoral arrangements, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Get Into Summer Timetable

Members discussed correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding activities for bairns during the summer holidays, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Response from the Screen Machine

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding visiting Rousay on their next tour, and it was;

Resolve to note the contents and to await their new timetable for next year.

E. OIC Community Development Fund Update

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding an update on the Community Development Fund, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

F. GC Gibson Charitable Trust

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding funding from the Gibson Charitable Trust, and it was:

Resolve to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Countryside Management Ranger – REWDT

Members discussed correspondence from Eleanor Barr, the new Countryside Management Ranger, copies of which had been previously circulated, which provided an introduction of her role on Rousay, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents and welcome Eleanor to Rousay.

H. James Leonard Memorial Stone

Members discussed correspondence from Alice Mainland, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding maintenance of the James Leonard memorial stone on Rousay, and it was:

Resolved to respond and ask Alice Mainland to seek out costings and put in a financial request for the next meeting.

I. Scottish Flood Forum - Resilience

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding OIC hosting a flood resilience community engagement event, with a visit from the Scottish Flood Forum, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the event had passed.

J. Rousay Gardeners Request

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding hiring someone to maintain the pier garden space, and it was:

Resolved to write back to the Rousay Gardeners suggesting that an advertisement for volunteers be put out to the community and that REWG Community Council would support financially with equipment, should it be required.

K. Orkney Native Wildlife Project – Biodiversity Plan

Members were advised that Chris Bell from Orkney Native Wildlife Project was arranging to have a meeting in November to allow for advertisement and this would be communicated in due course, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 23 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £27,625.40.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 23 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £2,801.18, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £676, and the Island capping limit balance remaining was £654.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 23 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 23 August 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

7. Financial Request - Rousay School Pond

Following further consideration of correspondence from Rousay School requesting financial assistance towards the cost of upgrading the school pond, it was:

Resolved:

A. To award £150 to the school for the equipment that was needed for the pond, subject to CCGS approval.

B. That the request for assistance towards employment was not granted.

8. Consultations

A. EMEC Electricity Act

Following consideration of the EMEC Electricity Act consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that the deadline for making comments was 9 October 2021.

B. OCWP Community Benefit Scheme

Following consideration of the consultation on the OCWP Community Benefit Scheme, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that the deadline for making comments was 13 August 2021.

C. SEPA Orkney Local Flood Risk

Following consideration of the SEPA Orkney Local Flood Risk consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that the deadline for making comments was 31 October 2021.

D. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of the Review of Gambling Policy by Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and the deadline for making comments of 27 August 2021.

E. Interisland Transport Study

Following consideration of the further consultation in relation to the Interisland Transport Study, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation and that it was now closed.

9. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

Currently there was no Planning representative, however the Chair advised there were a few applications but nothing to worry about relating to Rousay, Egilsay or Wyre, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Transport

The Transport Representative advised that the 15:30 bus to Tingwall was very tight meeting the boat, and it was:

Resolved to put a query in the business letter to see if any flexibility could be considered.

10. Publications

The following publications had been previously emailed to members, and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – June, July and August 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – June, July and August 2021.
- Letter from School Place – June, July and August 2021.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – April and May 2021.
- Orkney Area Police newsletter – July 2021.
- It's Good to Share – Update from Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Wabister Kirkyard Road

Members discussed that the road to the kirkyard was narrow with a deep ditch, and that the plan would be to fill this ditch and replace with aggregate. A quote had been

obtained however another was to be sought in order to put an application in to the Council Community Development Fund, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Democratic Services would send application forms to the Chair and assist where required.
2. That a request be sent to REWDT ahead of the next meeting to see if they would be willing to contribute towards the work.

B. Verges on Egilsay and Wyre

Members discussed that verges were not done on Egilsay and Wyre whilst Rousay had theirs completed, and it was:

Resolved to query in the business letter as to when the verges would be cut on Egilsay.

C. Gritting

Members discussed that currently there was no operative on Rousay since the previous employee had retired. With winter approaching, members were concerned that if the post was not filled, the roads would not be gritted, and it was:

Resolved to make enquiries about gritting via the business letter.

D. Tingwall Ferry Terminal

Mrs Zoe Flaws brought up that there was no sign advising visitors to reverse on to the boat and to be parked appropriately at Tingwall Ferry Terminal, and it was:

Resolved to ask via the business letter if a sign could be erected at Tingwall advising drivers of the need to reverse on to the ferry.

E. Rousay Sailing Club

Mrs Zoe Flaws explained that there was to be a meeting with Orkney Marinas, now that Rousay Sailing Club had been affiliated with them, with respect to the feasibility of creating a marina on Rousay, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would send information on the Seedcorn fund to Mrs Zoe Flaws and wait for an update.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 6 December at 19:30 via Teams.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:00.