

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in the Community Room, Hope School on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mr A Rosie, Mr D Woodcock, Ms J Woodhead and Mr I Balcombe.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Sankey.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor N Craigie, Councillor A Drever, Mr R Smith, Mr D Ward and Mr S Groundwater.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 12 June 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Woodcock and seconded by Ms J Woodhead.

3. Matters Arising

A. Hanging Baskets

It was noted that the hanging basket brackets from Clairlea had been removed by Wellpark at a cost of £60 plus VAT as previously agreed by members.

B. East Mainland Leaflet

It was noted that another meeting of the sub group was to be arranged but no date had yet been set for this.

C. Stagecoach X1

Members heard that the clerk had written to the traffic commissioner and received an acknowledgement that the letter had been received, and that it had been forwarded to the management team in Edinburgh to deal with, and it was resolved:

To await a response from the traffic commissioner's office.

D. Smiddy Museum

It was noted that the postcards had been collected and were now on sale at the Smiddy Museum. The date on which the Smiddy should close for the winter was discussed, and it was resolved:

That the Smiddy will close for the winter at 16:30 on Sunday 29 September 2019.

E. Model Farm Implements – Display Cabinet

Members discussed the purchase of a display cabinet for the model farm implements in the Smiddy Museum, and it was resolved:

To purchase a cabinet from Argos at a cost of £155.99 plus delivery costs of £6.95 and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £162.94.

F. Sands of Wright Information Board

Members viewed the new Sands of Wright information board and discussed the framing and fixing of this, and it was resolved:

1. That Mr D Woodcock would visit the Sands of Wright and inspect the fixings of the current sign.

2. That the clerk would make enquiries about the price for making a frame for the new board.

G. St Lawrence Kirkyard and St Margaret's Hope Play Park – New Bench

Members discussed replacing the bench in St Lawrence's Kirkyard which was rotten and heard that there was no seating in the play park in St Margaret's Hope. Wooden and recycled plastic benches were considered and it was resolved:

1. That the clerk would enquire if Orkney Islands Council could provide benches for St Lawrence's Kirkyard and the play park.
2. That if Orkney Islands Council could not provide the benches the clerk would enquire if they had purchased any benches recently, who had supplied them and what the cost was.
3. That if Orkney Islands Council could not provide the benches and did not have any information about a cheaper option the clerk should obtain a price for the delivery of two brown 1.8 meter recycled plastic benches from Earth Anchors costing £395.00 each plus VAT and inform members by email.
4. That if members approved the delivery cost by email the two benches should be purchased from Earth Anchors and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

H. Linkspan at Burwick

Members received correspondence advising that the linkspan had been inspected and a report is now with Marine Services who will decide what action should be taken, and it was resolved:

To note the correspondence.

4. Correspondence

A. Smiddy Museum SSE Account

Members received correspondence advising that the Smiddy Museum was currently on the Variable Business Rate tariff, and it was resolved:

To note the correspondence.

B. Cemetery Extensions

Members received correspondence advising that the depth of plots in the cemetery extensions including that at St Peters would be restricted to 4'6" meaning that only single burials will be possible. It was resolved:

To note the correspondence.

C. Community Council Insurance

Members received correspondence advising that the Smiddy Museum was insured for a rebuild cost of £229,185.50 and enquiring if any further cover was required, and it was resolved:

That no change to the insurance was required.

D. Mobility of Value to Everyone

Following discussion of correspondence from the Transportation Manager concerning the Mobility of Value to Everyone project inviting thoughts from the Community Council on what services should be provided, it was resolved:

1. To suggest that the South Parish needed a bus service which ran at specified times rather than a dial a bus service and to enquire if it would be possible for the school bus to pick up members of the public.
2. That Ms J Woodhead would put a post on Facebook asking for feedback from the local community about what kind of service would be most useful.

E. Crimestoppers

Members received correspondence from Crimestoppers inviting a representative to attend the CommuniTea event on Tuesday 10 September 2019, and it was resolved:

That Ms J Woodhead would try and attend the event.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 23 August 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,957.69.

B. Smiddy Account

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 23 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was overdrawn by £1,117.39 and that the clerk had requested that £1,500.00 be transferred from the general fund.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 23 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £493.75.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 28 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.00.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 23 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £155.83.

6. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Youth Development Group

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Youth Development Group thanking members for the donation of £30 towards costs for a member of the under 15 squad travelling on a four day trip to Edinburgh and on further trips to Shetland, Caithness and Inverness requesting that members note that there are four trips in total and consider giving an additional donation for the further trips it was resolved:

To give a donation of £30 from the general fund for each of the three further trips provided that proof of expenditure is supplied.

B. Orkney Island Games Association

Members received a request from the Orkney Island Games Association for funding towards the cost of travel to the Island Games on behalf of a member of the team. Mr I Balcombe declared an interest and this left only three members, four are required for a quorum. The remaining members decided that the clerk should email other members not in attendance to ask if they wished to give a grant in respect of the team member from Burray.

C. Doors Open Day

Following consideration of a request for a donation towards the cost of printing a leaflet detailing participating venues from the organisers of the Doors Open Day it was resolved:

That the Community Council would not give any donation.

D. Girlguiding Orkney

Following consideration of a request for financial support towards the cost of a trip to the Tartan Gig 2019 in Glasgow for four Guiding members from South Ronaldsay and Burray it was resolved:

To give a donation of £30 from the general fund for each person provided that proof of expenditure is supplied.

E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance towards the costs of a trip to the Far North Meet in Wick for a swimmer from the South Ronaldsay and Burray area, it was resolved:

To give a donation of £30 from the general fund towards the cost of the trip provided that proof of expenditure is supplied.

F. Burray Community Association

Following consideration of a request from Burray Community Association for financial assistance with the costs of maintaining the Burray Family Park opposite Burray Hall, it was resolved:

That a grant of £80 be given towards the cost of maintaining the Family Park subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme Additional Capping Limit being approved.

G. Netball Orkney

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance towards the cost of training and travel for two members of the under 15 District Netball squad it was resolved:

To give a donation of £30 per person to Netball Orkney from the general fund for each of four trips provided that proof of expenditure is provided.

7. Publications

The following publications were available to members:

- Scottish Health Council Newsletter.
- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Agenda.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Minutes.
- Community Planning News.
- Marine Planning Management Update.

8. Any Other Competent Business

A. Cromarty Square Toilets

Members heard that there had been complaints about the cleanliness of the toilets in Cromarty Square. Some members and the clerk had visited the toilets on several occasions and found them to be clean at the time of the visit although it was noted that there was no waste bin in the ladies toilet, and it was resolved:

To request that Orkney Islands Council provide a waste bin for the ladies toilet.

B. Road Signs

Members heard that there had been a request from a member of the public for a road name sign to be placed on Hillside Road, Burray and that there had been some discussion in the local community about the lack of name signs on other roads in the area, and it was resolved:

To inform Orkney Islands Council of the request and enquire if they currently had any plans to place name signs on roads in the Burray and South Ronaldsay area.

C. Number Four Barrier Toilets

Members heard that an insurance assessor had visited the toilets on number four barrier and options for the repair or rebuilding work were being considered.

D. Road Markings

Members heard that a member of the public had raised concerns over the lack of road markings on the stretch of the main road into Kirkwall which has recently been resurfaced. The main concern was that it was difficult to see the road ahead after dark and this would become more of a problem as we head into winter. It was resolved:

To enquire if Orkney Islands Council already have plans to reinstate the road markings and request that this is done as soon as possible.

E. Community Christmas Trees

Members heard that the cost of purchasing two Community Christmas Trees from William Shearers would be £165.00 for each tree including VAT and delivery and it was resolved:

To purchase two trees at the cost of £165.00 each and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council grant Scheme on a project cost of £330.00.

F. Sports Day Insurance

Following consideration of a request from the South Ronaldsay and Burray Sports Committee for insurance cover for the annual Sports Day and Fancy Dress Parade it was resolved:

To request that insurance cover be arranged and if granted, advise the sports club committee of the outcome and that the usual terms would apply.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2019 in the Community Room, Hope School commencing at 19:30.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.