

# Minute of the Meeting of Stromness Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 15 June 2020 at 19:00

## Present:

P McLaughlin, K Bevan, K Donald, W Mackay and J Park.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Councillor J Stockan.
- M Spence, Democratic Services.
- S Craigie, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of G Deans, E Knight and J Mowat and Councillor M Thomson.

## **2. Election of Officer Bearers**

### **A. Appointment of Chair**

Resolved that P McLaughlin was duly appointed as Chair of Stromness Community Council.

### **B. Appointment of Vice Chair**

Resolved that E Knight was duly appointed as Vice Chair of Stromness Community Council.

### **C. Appointment of Planning Representative**

Resolved that G Deans was duly appointed as Planning Representative of Stromness Community Council.

## **3. Adoption of Note**

Resolved to note the decisions taken by members via email due to the cancellation, as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, of the meeting due to take place on Monday, 23 March 2020, attached as Appendix 1 to this minute.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Jack Renton – Proposed Plaque**

After hearing an update from the Chair, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that planning permission had been received.
2. To note that confirmation had been received that the plaque could be paid out of the CDF fund.
3. To note that the plaque had been ordered.

### **B. Heritage Guide Reprints**

After hearing an update from the Chair, it was:

Resolved to note that the Heritage Guides had been delivered.

### **C. Affordable Housing**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Head of Housing, Homelessness and Schoolcare Accommodation Services, copies of which had been

circulated, regarding concerns raised by the Community Council members in connection with affordable housing in Stromness, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Housing Section would take the concerns raised into account as part of the consultation on the Local Housing Strategy.
2. To note that the new development at Cairston Road included a few affordable houses.

#### **D. Application for Variation of Premises Licence**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Licensing Board, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the Licensing Board had considered and approved the application for variation of premises licence for the Royal Hotel, Stromness.

#### **E. Bench at Downie's Lane Viewpoint**

Following an update from the Chair, it was:

Resolved to note that the memorial bench that had been situated at Downie's Lane was now stored temporarily at G Deans residence until a permanent site could be sourced for it.

#### **F. Back Road – Traffic Hazard**

Following an update from the Chair, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that no response had been received regarding the concerns raised about the traffic hazard on the Back Road.
2. To note that the Clerk would contact the relevant section of the Council.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **A. Annual Grants**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the allocation of annual grants to community councils, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

#### **B. Income and Expenditure for year ended 31 March 2020**

Following consideration of the Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2020.

## **C. Insurance Renewal**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, enclosing the insurance renewal documentation for Stromness Community Council, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the insurance renewal documentation for Stromness Community Council.
2. To note that the insurance premium of £280.19 should be paid from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

## **D. Memorial Safety**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Strategic Policy and Projects Manager regarding memorial safety, copies of which had been circulated, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that there were a number of memorials, both on Mainland and isles cemeteries, which were designated as high hazard and required remediation.
2. To note that prior to Covid-19, the intent was to perform the necessary restoration work prior to May 2020, however the current situation had led to a review of the proposed work in order to understand what was possible under current regulations.
3. To note that as a result, those memorials which were currently designated as high hazard but not considered to be at risk of imminent structural collapse would be visited and marked.
4. To note that full remediation work would commence once Government restrictions allowed.
5. To note that Warebeth Cemetery was included on the list where these works would be carried out.

## **E. Gravediggers Hut, Warebeth Cemetery**

Following discussion regarding further roof damage to the Gravediggers Hut at Warebeth Cemetery, it was:

Resolved that W Mackay would draft a letter to the relevant section informing them that the condition of the roof had deteriorated further and to ascertain whether it was more cost efficient to repair the hut or demolish it.

## **6. Consultations**

### **A. SHEPD – Cable Installation, Pentland Firth East**

Following consideration of the consultation documents on cable installation at Pentland Firth East, copies of which had previously been circulated prior to the deadline of 27 March 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that Stromness Community Council had no comment.

### **B. Winter Service Consultation**

Following consideration of the Winter Service consultation, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that comments to the consultation should be received no later than 14 August 2020.

### **C. Verge Maintenance Plan 2020**

Following consideration of the Verge Maintenance Plan 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the Verge Maintenance Plan 2020.

## **7. Publications**

Resolved to note that no publications had been received.

## **8. Reports from Community Council Representatives**

### **A. MARS**

The MARS representative informed members that all reporting was more or less up to date, however, no action had been taken due to lockdown. It was hoped that once restrictions were eased the work would be done relatively quickly. A member raised an issue at the Stromness/Sandwick end of the Deepdale Junction near the Block Factory where the junction was breaking up badly. The MARS representative confirmed he would report this, and it was:

Resolved that the information be noted.

### **B. Stromness Community Business Forum**

Following an update from the Stromness Community Business Forum representative, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Forum members were keeping in contact via email.
2. To note that, regarding the issues with cardboard, permission had been received to use wheelie bins.

3. To note that an online meeting with Forum members and Lee Inkster had been arranged.

4. To note that, following discussions with the Arts, Museums and Heritage Services Manager, it was hoped that Orkney Museum, Stromness Museum and the Pier Arts Centre, would try to open along the same lines as much as possible when it was safe to do so.

5. That the Chair should write to Paul Wheelhouse and Fergus Ewing highlighting the concerns raised by Stromness Community Council regarding tourism and the economy and seeking assurance that the Scottish Government would continue to engage with representatives of Orkney Islands Council.

### **C. Stromness Development Trust**

Following an update from the Stromness Development Trust representative, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Development Officer had been furloughed since mid-March, however LEADER had extended the funding until February 2021.

2. To note that the Development Officer had been based in the Commercial Hotel, however, it was likely that that she was going to vacate the premises and work from home once she returned to work.

3. To note that ways in which to extend the Development Officer's post were being looked into.

4. To note that further funding towards the Christmas Lights had been successful and consultants were currently pulling together a design for the Christmas Lights.

### **D. Playpark Sub-committee**

The Playpark Sub-committee representative advised members that, due to Covid-19 restrictions, work at the playpark was on hold. LEADER had extended the funding until February 2021. It was hoped that the work may be completed the end of 2020/early 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **9. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance 2019/2020**

Following consideration of the General Finance 2019/2020 statement as at 31 March 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance as at 31 March 2020 was £6,854.48.

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 March 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining as at 31 March 2020 was £425.80.

## **C. General Finance 2020/2021**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 14 June 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance as at 14 June 2020 was £11,558.74.

## **D. Sea Haven Account**

Following consideration of the Sea Haven Account statement as at 14 June 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,906.62 of which:

- £82 revenue interest had been earned for the financial year 2019/2020.
- £3,607.90 would be held to be released once the Christmas lights had been purchased for the town.
- £100 which had been donated from Stromness Drama Club towards purchasing a new flag but as the money was not ring-fenced if replacing the flag did not go ahead the money would be put towards another worthwhile community project.
- £1,050.72 to be solely used for the upkeep and maintenance of the stage.

## **E. Community Council Grant Scheme 2020/2021**

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 14 June 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £3,317.36.

## **F. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 14 June 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £1,049.54.

## **G. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 14 June 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,673.78.

## **10. Financial Requests**

Resolved to note:

A. That no applications for financial assistance had been received.

B. That the Clerk should contact Stromness Academy and confirm that the donation of £195 that had previously been given towards the Switzerland Trip 2020, which had been postponed due to Covid-19, be kept for the 2021 Switzerland Trip.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Stromness Bonfire Night 2020 – Fireworks**

Following discussion regarding purchasing fireworks for Stromness Bonfire Night 2020, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a donation of £1,200 towards purchasing fireworks for Bonfire Night 2020 be granted from the Firework Donations held in the Community Council General Fund.

2. That prior to the Clerk ordering the fireworks, contact should be made with Stromness Shopping Week Committee to enquire whether they had already purchased the fireworks for Stromness Shopping Week 2020, which had subsequently been cancelled, and if so whether the Community Council could purchase them if they were not going to be used.

### **B. Voluntary Action Orkney – Membership Renewal**

Following consideration of the Membership Renewal 2020/2021 pack received from Voluntary Action Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to renew membership of Voluntary Action Orkney for 2020/2021.

### **C. Community Councils – Planning Procedures and Covid-19**

Following consideration of the Community Councils Planning Procedures and Covid-19, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Black Lives Matter**

Following an update from a member, it was:

Resolved to note that Stromness Museum were going to meet with representatives from Orkney Heritage Society and the Arts, Museums and Heritage Services Manager to look at a united Orkney response should anything arise.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

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

Resolved that the next meeting of the Stromness Community Council would be held on Monday, 24 August 2020, commencing at 19:00.

### **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

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

## **Appendix 1 - Note of Decisions**

**Note of Decisions taken by members via email due to the cancellation, as a result of Covid-19 Restrictions, of the Meeting of Stromness Community Council due to be held on Monday, 23 March 2020.**

### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies. All members participated via email.

### **2. Representative from Waste Section, Orkney Islands Council**

Resolved that the representatives would be invited to a future meeting.

### **3. Police Matters**

Resolved that the police representatives would be invited to a future meeting.

### **4. Adoption of Minutes held on 20 January 2020**

The minute of the meeting held on 25 November 2019 was approved, being proposed by the Chair and seconded by J Mowat.

### **5. Matters Arising**

#### **A. Jack Renton – Proposed Plaque**

Resolved to note:

- Planning permission for the plaque had been submitted.
- That confirmation had been received from Leander Architectural that their quote from September 2019 still stands.
- That members agreed to apply for CDF grant funding
- That once confirmation of funding was in place, the Clerk would order plaque.

#### **B. Heritage Guide Reprints**

Resolved to note that the Heritage Guides had been ordered but, as yet, neither the Heritage Guides nor invoice had been received.

#### **C. National Lottery Community Fund**

Resolved to note that correspondence had been received from the National Lottery Community Fund, copies of which had been circulated, indicating that the application for funding had been unsuccessful.

#### **D. Harbour Clock at Pier Head**

Following an update from Councillor R Crichton, it was:

Resolved to note that the Harbour Clock had been repaired.

### **E. Stone Benches, Well Park**

Following an update from Councillor J Stockan, it was:

Resolved to note that the Housing department had been on a site visit and reported that their opinion was the cost to remove or repair was not good value for money for the rent payers. The housing budget was funded by rent payers not the Council at large.

### **F. John Street/Ferry Inn Car Park Wall Breach**

Resolved to note the following correspondence received from the Head of Infrastructure and Strategic Projects:

The matter of insurance and covering the cost of repair was now resolved and the estimates and eventual tender result provided. This does mean we have the green light to commence and would retrospectively recover the money from the insurers. (they came up not so long ago to verify the scope of the works). So we have had the pre-start checks with the contractor and communication would be going out or be out by now to inform folk that the works could commence. The contractor aimed to start this week subject to getting all the materials home. There's a slight risk in the current circumstances that could be the week after. To note the project engineer was D Custer and the Roads Client was K Roy for any enquiries.

### **G. Ferry Walkway**

Resolved to note the following correspondence received from the Head of Marine Services:

Following a significant amount of technical investigation, tests, removal and checking of the hydraulic rams and some repair work to the walkway towers, the Design Authority for the system eventually advised that notwithstanding all the work undertaken, that the main tower would have to be replaced. As soon as this advice was received, a new tower was ordered, and this was due to be delivered in late March. Parallel work has also been underway with the Design Authority with regards to the installation of the tower and with regards to the development of a new control system and again, progress from the Design Authority had been much slower than expected. However, progress was being made on all aspects, but the work required remains significant and unfortunately it was considered that it could be May before the system was fully repaired and in operation.

### **H. Garson Amenity Site**

Resolved to note the following correspondence received from the Strategic Policy and Projects Manager:

Apologies to the Stromness community for any inconvenience resulting from these unplanned closures. We do generally have some issues over the festive season due to higher than usual volumes of recycling. This is likely a combination of larger volumes of packaging from Christmas presents etc and the fact that we suspend the kerbside recycling collection at this time due to operational considerations. We are generally able to plan appropriately throughout the year to make sure that skips are

emptied and sites kept open but at this time of the year short term unplanned closures can become unavoidable. We would be more than happy to come along to a CC meeting to go through this and to listen to any suggestions which they might have which could help to alleviate the problem, just let me know.

## **I. Holiday Homes in Stromness**

Resolved to note the following update from Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board:

At present we have 39 properties in the town and 26 properties in the parish that are included in the Valuation Roll as Self Catering. Please be aware though that not all holiday lets will be included as some may be in Council Tax as they don't have to register with the Assessor to operate as such.

For info a holiday let has to be advertised and must be available for let a minimum of 140 days in the financial year (April – March) to be included as a non-domestic property in the Valuation Roll.

## **6. Stromness: Pride in Our Community**

Following an update from E Knight regarding the above, it was:

Resolved to note:

- That a rough document with plan had been distributed.
- That national initiatives such as the “Great British Spring Clean”, “Keep Scotland Beautiful” and “It’s Your Neighbourhood” all run along similar lines as to the ideas raised in Pride in Our Community.
- That the Stromness Development Trust Development Officer suggested that as this was the year for Coast and Waters, the “Beach Clean” or similar could get “Plunge In” funding.
- That a Keep Scotland Beautiful email had been circulated by Democratic Services which stated that no Orkney beaches had a Green Flag award. The Development Officer suggested we could push and get an award for Warebeth.
- That the latest initiative from “Keep Britain Tidy” was to tackle dog fouling.
- That E Knight raised the point that these national initiatives all incur a little cost and require a fair bit of coordination. These should be championed by the local authority which has the means to promote and support this type of thing – and can see savings for the Council if they get the local population onboard: waste management or ground maintenance for example.
- That the National Lottery Community Fund application had not been successful.
- That, at present, the “Great British Spring Clean” had been rescheduled to September and would now be the “Great British September Clean” (11-17 September 2020). Although there seemed to be some confusion with that as a subsequent email referred to “Coronavirus – Great British Spring Clean Guidance”.
- That, in these uncertain times, the Pride in Our Community initiative should be shelved, if not replaced entirely, with a request to the Council to seek to pull the

whole Orkney Community/Communities together through the “Great British September Clean” or similar initiative.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **A. Peedie Breeks**

Following consideration of correspondence received from O Robertson, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the imminent closure of Peedie Breeks Nursery, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact the relevant section of the Council highlighting the concerns shared by Stromness Community Council.

### **B. VE Day 75 – 8 May 2020**

Following consideration of correspondence received from VE Day 75, copies of which had been circulated, regarding VE Day 75 celebrations, it was:

Resolved:

- To note the contents of the letter.
- That under the present climate, it would be unlikely that any VE Day celebrations would take place.

### **C. Preparation of the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the preparation of the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letter.

### **D. Affordable Housing**

Following consideration of correspondence received from F Matheson, copies of which had been circulated, regarding lack of affordable homes for young people and other local workers, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact the relevant section of the Council and Orkney Housing Association Limited highlighting the concerns raised.

### **E. Application for Variation of Premises Licence**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Licensing Board, copies of which had been circulated, regarding an application for variation of premises licence for the Royal Hotel, Stromness, it was:

Resolved to note that Stromness Community Council had no objection as long as it was only for the purposes of supplying tastes of local alcoholic drinks to visitors.

#### **F. Bag the Bruck - 18–26 April 2020**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding Bag the Bruck 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the event had been cancelled.

#### **G. Back Road – Traffic Hazard**

Following consideration of correspondence received from D Simpson, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact the relevant section of the Council highlighting the concerns raised regarding the traffic hazard on the Back Road.

#### **H. Hamnavoe Refit**

Following consideration of correspondence received from L McArthur, copies of which had been circulated, regarding cover during MV Hamnavoe refit, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letter.

#### **I. Bench at Downie's Lane Viewpoint, Stromness**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the memorial bench currently at the Downie's Lane Viewpoint would be removed and stored.

#### **J. HIAL ATMS Plans**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Benbecula Community Council regarding a petition against the changes Highlands and Islands Airports are proposing, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

#### **K. Mobile Signal**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a complaint raised by Westray Community Council to O2 and Vodafone, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **8. Consultations - Consultative Draft Supplementary Guidance: Housing in the Countryside**

Following consideration of the consultative draft of Supplementary Guidance: Housing in the Countryside, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that comments to the consultation should be received no later than 16 April 2020.

## **9. Publications**

Resolved to note that no publications had been received.

## **10. Reports Community Council Representatives**

### **A. MARS**

Resolved to note that no update had been received from the MARS representative.

### **B. Stromness Community Business Forum**

Following an update from the Stromness Community Business Forum representative, it was:

Resolved to note the following:

- That the Minute of Stromness Community Business Forum's Annual General Meeting had previously been circulated to members.
- That the Business Forum had gone ahead with the printing of the banners for Shop along the street in July as this was not year specific.

### **C. Stromness Development Trust**

Following an update from the Stromness Development Trust representative, it was:

Resolved to note the following:

- That the first community day had been a great success and more days were planned but current situation has put paid to this happening any time soon.
- That Stromness Development Trust were liaising with LEADER on the funding of the Development Officer post and the impact of Covid-19 on the overall Development Officer project.
- That Stromness Development Trust had had an informal meeting with the Council about St Peters House and potential Community Asset Transfer.
- Christmas Lights - awaiting confirmation of Town Centre fund allocation. Pre Covid-19 a plan was in place to deliver lights for Christmas 2020.
- That the website was under development, new SCDT logo redesign were in progress.

### **D. Playpark Sub-committee**

Following an update from the Playpark Sub-committee representative, it was:

Resolved to note that, until Covid-19, work had been progressing as scheduled. Current crisis notwithstanding, the project was on schedule for completion before summer

## **11. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 28 February 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,912.38.

### **B. Sea Haven Account**

After consideration of the Sea Haven Account statement as at 28 February 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,758.62, of which:

- £3,607.90 would be held to be released once the Christmas lights had been purchased for the town.
- £100 had been donated from Stromness Drama Club towards purchasing a new flag, but as the money was not ring-fenced if replacing the flag did not go ahead the money would be put towards another worthwhile community project.
- £1,050.72 to be solely used for the upkeep and maintenance of the stage.

### **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 28 February 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £396.40.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 28 February 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £1,399.54.

### **E. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 28 February 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,673.78.

## **12. Requests for Financial Assistance**

### **A. OASC - ND Age Group Championships 2020 - Round 2 – Aberdeen – 29 February to 1 March 2020**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had been circulated, requesting financial assistance

towards the cost of two Stromness residents attending the ND Age Groups Round 2 in Aberdeen on 29 February-1 March 2020, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £26 be given towards two Stromness residents attending the ND Age Groups Round 2 in Aberdeen on 29-1 March 2020.

### **B. 38th Folk Festival**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Folk Festival, copies of which had been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards internal transport costs during the 2020 event, it was:

Resolved to note that the application had been withdrawn as a result of the 38th Folk Festival being cancelled.

## **13. Provisional Dates of Meetings**

Resolved to note that the following had been set as provisional dates for meetings:

- Monday, 15 June 2020.
- Monday, 24 August 2020.
- Monday, 5 October 2020.
- Monday, 16 November 2020.
- Monday, 25 January 2021.
- Monday, 15 March 2021.
- Monday, 3 May 2021.

## **14. AOCB**

### **A. Meetings**

Resolved to note that members agreed that VC/Group chats should be used for future meetings if needed.

### **B. Abandoned cars**

Resolved to note that Councillor R Crichton had been approached regarding three “abandoned” cars in the corner of the lorry park which he had previously mentioned to Marine Services and had done so again.

### **C. Covid-19**

Resolved to note the following raised by members regarding Covid-19:

- Concern about what to do for those who were most vulnerable in our community, be it those at risk due to Covid-19 or the young who would no longer have school as a support/escape. OLECG (the local emergency group) had only been convened once, last week. We have an elderly couple close by who we have

made contact with as they have no relatives locally. But what else can we do to support those in need, how do we know who they are?

- That the wider response to this crisis was being coordinated through the Orkney Local Emergency Coordinating Group (OLECG) and they would undoubtedly be contacting Community Council's soon, looking for support at community level. We were in a strong position to assist what would be stretched public resources in a number of key areas which would be identified by OLECG.
- OLECG were meeting tomorrow (24 March) so should get a better idea of the local response then.
- Strongly disagree that we, the Stromness CC, were in a "strong position" to assist. We organise a bonfire and a tree lighting annually – the leap from those events to this crisis was not bridgeable.

#### **D. James Wilson Ltd – Essential Business**

A member advised that James Wilsons (Wholesaler) was not classed as an essential business, even though it supplied small independent retailers throughout Orkney mainland and the isles, and were a vital link in the supply chain and critical to small food shops staying open during this crisis to feed Orkney. Wholesalers in England and Wales were classed as key workers but not in Scotland. The member advised that she had contacted Liam McArthur immediately and he had contacted James Wilson. As a result, they were now allowed to stay open. The member will keep all updated of the situation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

#### **E. Stromness Museum**

Resolved to note:

- The new website <https://welovestromness.wordpress.com/> which was part of the "Stromness Hometown: Our Streets Our Shops Our History" community project run by Stromness Museum.
- That this followed on from the 'Per Mare' project of 2017.

#### **F. Stromness Place Plan**

Resolved to note:

- That on 3 March, Full Council ratified the recommendations of the Development and Infrastructure Committee:
- That in order for the Council to demonstrate broad support of its aims, the Stromness Place Plan be endorsed.
- That, following enactment of secondary legislation and guidance, the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should formally register the Stromness Place Plan, in accordance with the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.
- That the Plan could now be presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board to consider how the Delivery Groups could potentially assist with the initiatives contained within. The next available Board meeting was 10 June 2020.

- That a further update would be provided following the Board meeting.

### **G. Barriers Survey Launched**

Resolved to note:

- That an online survey was launched on 11 March which covered options ranging from possible engineering solutions to new warning systems.
- That the survey would run until 15 April 2020.

### **H. Funding for Women's Alcohol Dependency Support Group**

Resolved to note the correspondence seeking funding for training to fill the gap left by the closure of OACAS.

### **I. Farmers Market**

Resolved to note the correspondence informing the Community Council of the application submission to hold Farmers Markets in different areas, including Stromness, in future years.

## **15. Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved to note that, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the May 2020 meeting be postponed, and the next meeting be held on Monday, 24 August 2020 at 19:00.