

# Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

Jacqui Hirst, Martin Lee, Kenny Rendall, Sheelagh Sneesby and Robbie Thomson.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Councillor Steve Sankey.
- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.
- Police Sergeant Simon Hay, Police Scotland.

## Chair:

- Jacqui Hirst in the Chair.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Bill Robertson.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

The Police Scotland representative had no matters to raise with the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

The Police Scotland representative left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 21 January 2021 was approved, being proposed by Jacqui Hirst and seconded by Martin Lee.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Policy on Financial Assistance**

Martin Lee had circulated a revised version of the policy on financial assistance just prior to the meeting, and it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting to enable members to consider the further revisions.

### **B. Tourist Brochure**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Democratic Services Manager regarding a proposal to centralise production of the East Mainland Tourist Brochure, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council advising that the Community Council considered it was now too late to attempt to co-ordinate a refreshed brochure for the 2021 tourist season, and that Martin Lee would meet, initially on a one-to-one basis, with the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer, to advise of the current situation from Holm Community Council's perspective.

### **C. Fair Start Scotland**

The Chair advised that she had not received a response from Fair Start Scotland regarding the Community Council's suggestion of promoting their services more widely, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would contact Fair Start Scotland again.

### **D. Liam McArthur MSP – R100**

Liam McArthur MSP had arranged a Zoom event regarding the R100 (Reaching 100%) project on 5 February 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Community Resilience Group – Mainland and Linked South Isles**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding matters raised at a recent meeting of the Community Council Resilience Group for the mainland and linked South Isles, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That Martin Lee should contact the Loch of Ayre Walkway Association to ascertain whether it was able to undertake works to upgrade pedestrian access around the Loch of Ayre to enable the Community Council to utilise the remaining Community Council Grant Scheme allocation for 2020/21.

Sheelagh Sneesby joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

### **B. 5G New Thinking – Workshop**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the 5G New Thinking Project, including an invitation to attend a second virtual workshop to be held on 25 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. The Circular Economy and the Planning System**

Following consideration of correspondence from Planning Aid Scotland regarding upcoming events on the Circular Economy of Scotland, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Orkney Native Wildlife Project**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Native Wildlife Project providing an update on progress with the project as at March 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should invite a representative of the Orkney Native Wildlife Project to the next meeting.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 22 February 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £13,290.48.

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

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 February 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,279.10.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 22 February 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,950.

## **D. Seedcorn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seedcorn Fund Statement as at 22 February 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

## **7. Financial Request – Orkney Amateur Swimming Club**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, requesting financial assistance towards the purchase of new start blocks, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £500 be given towards the cost of purchasing new start blocks, to be met from the General Fund.

## **8. Kirkyard Maintenance**

Following consideration of tenders received in respect of kirkyard maintenance for 2021, it was:

Resolved:

A. To award the tender to Christopher Shearer.

B. That the Clerk should send the relevant paperwork to Christopher Shearer and letters to the unsuccessful tenderers.

## **9. Consultation Document – Verge Maintenance Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding consultation on the verge maintenance plan prior to the 2021 season, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

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

## **10. Publications**

The following publications had been received by the Clerk and were circulated to members via email:

- VAO Newsletters – January and February 2021.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – February 2021.
- VAO Volunteering Summary – February and March 2021.
- Liam McArthur MSP – Coronavirus: Latest Information and Advice – 29 January (plus correction), 2, 5, 12, 16, 19 and 23 February and 2 March 2021.
- Health Improvement Scotland – Scottish Government COVID-19 Vaccination Marketing Campaign.
- Carnegie UK Trust – February 2021 News.
- Scottish Water – News Release – Scottish Water appeals for help tracing leaks and bursts in Orkney.
- Fair Start Scotland – Triage, Highlands and Islands Update, March 2021.

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

### **A. Roads Matters**

Members raised various matters regarding the condition of roads in the Holm area, and it was:

Resolved :

1. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council again highlighting the mess made by school bus drivers when driving over the verges, particularly at the top of the Tieve Road.
2. That members should take photos of potholes or uneven/broken road surfaces and send to the Clerk, who would then forward to Orkney Islands Council.

### **B. Recycling Collections**

Following representations from an individual member, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council highlighting the amount of plastic which was blown over adjacent verges and fields when the top loading recycling vehicles were used, which had resulted in some residents no longer using the recycling collection.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council should be held on Wednesday, 5 May 2021, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:22.