

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in the Community Room, Hope School and via Teams on Thursday, 12 October 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Mr F Lawtie, Mr R Bland, Mrs M Brooks, Miss K Budge, Mr R Jackson, Ms K Sinclair, Mr R Smith and Mr D Ward.

In Attendance:

- Councillor J Moar.
- Councillor R Peace.
- Councillor G Skuse.
- Mr G Burton, Service Manager, Leisure and Culture.
- Mr N Hewitt, Team Leader, Culture.
- Mr S Allison, Service Manager, Enterprise.
- Mr R Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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1. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs F Lawtie should be appointed Chairperson of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council.

B. Vice Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr D Ward should be appointed Vice Chairperson of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that no Planning Representative should be appointed and that the clerk should forward planning lists to all members.

D. Health and Care Representative

The Community Council Liaison Officer advised what the role of Health and Care representative entailed, and it was:

Resolved that Mr R Bland should be appointed Health and Care Representative of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that there were no apologies for absence.

3. Tomb of the Eagles

Members had previously received copies of the Executive Summary of the Tomb of the Eagles Consultants' Report and OIC officers gave an update on the situation at present. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 30 March 2022 was noted.

5. Matters Arising - Smiddy Museum

Members resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

6. Correspondence

A. Footpaths in St Margaret's Hope

Members received correspondence requesting that a pavement be installed between Braeburn Court and Doctors Road on the Braeburn side of the road and that a pelican or green man crossing be installed at the present dipped crossing. Members discussed this request and other aspects of road safety around St Margaret's Hope, and it was:

Resolved to raise these matters with Orkney Islands Council and request that a council officer attend a future meeting to discuss these matters.

B. Bus Shelter in St Margaret's Hope

Members received correspondence requesting a Bus Shelter to be placed at the top of St Margaret's Road and suggesting that an existing shelter which was not being used could be moved, and it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council if the bus shelter near Bankburn House could be relocated.

7. Consultation - Winter Service Plan

Members had previously received copies of the Winter Service Plan 2023/2024 and were asked to report any problems on the roads over the winter to Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 12 October 2023 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £12,218.26.

B. Smiddy Account

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 12 October 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,695.55.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 12 October 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,696.56.

D. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 12 October 2023 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the total remaining available for allocation was £5,000.

9. Financial Requests

A. Marengo Centre Smart TV

Members received an application for funding for the cost of purchasing a smart TV for the Marengo Centre at an estimated cost of £899.00, it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £899.00 should be given towards the cost of purchasing the smart TV and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £899.00.

B. Netball Orkney

Members considered applications for funding towards the costs of travel to Glasgow to attend trials for the U17 and U19 Scottish Netball Squads for two members of Netball Orkney. The applicant had also enquired if the policy of limiting donations to two per person in each financial year would be continued, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That a donation of £30 per person (total £60) should be given towards the cost of travel to Glasgow from the general fund.
2. That the limit of two donations per person should remain.

C. St Mary's Trust Bulb Planting

Members considered an application for funding for the cost of purchasing bulbs to be planted in the kirkyard at St Mary's, and it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £100.00 should be given towards the cost of purchasing the bulbs and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £100.00.

D. List of Financial Requests Approved

Members received a list of the financial requests already approved in the 2023/2024 financial year, and it was:

Resolved to note the list.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Community Christmas Trees

Members received a quote for the Community Christmas trees for South Ronaldsay and Burray of £195 plus VAT per tree, and it was:

Resolved that two trees should be purchased at a cost of £195.00 each plus VAT (total £468.00) and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £468.00.

B. Hanging Baskets

Following discussion of the planting and maintenance of hanging baskets in St Margaret's Hope, it was:

Resolved to ask if Orkney Islands Council could check that the brackets are safe.

C. Festive Lights

Members discussed the storage of the festive lights for St Margaret's Hope, and it was:

Resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting for discussion.

D. Planning Lists

Members received copies of the current planning lists, and it was:

Resolved to note the list.

E. Verification of Election Results

Following discussions about the verification of the results of the Community Council elections, it was:

Resolved to request that candidates should be invited to be present at the count in future elections.

F. Defibrillator

Members discussed placing a defibrillator in the telephone box at Eastside, South Ronaldsay, and it was:

Resolved to contact Orkney Heart Support Group and ask if they could look to see if the phone box would be a suitable location for a defibrillator.

G. Request for Barrier and Future Proofing Update

Following discussion of the Churchill Barriers, it was:

Resolved to request an update on work which has been carried out or is planned on the Churchill Barriers and that a council officer attend a future meeting to discuss the matter.

H. Request for Update on St Margaret's Hope and South Ronaldsay Development Plan

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to request an update on the St Margaret's Hope and South Ronaldsay Development Plan and that a council officer attend a future meeting to discuss the matter.

11. Publications

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

- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Thursday, 18 January 2024 in the Community Room, Hope School, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:30.