

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy & Walls Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 at 19:00

Present:

G Robertson, T Avis, C Bates, A Clark, R Thomson and J Traynor.

In Attendance:

- Councillor M Thomson.
- J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from A Sinclair and Councillors R Crichton and J Stockan.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 23 March 2021 was approved, being proposed by C Bates and seconded by A Clark.

3. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 9 June 2021 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance for 2021/2022 was £19,191.15.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2021/2022 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 9 June 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,444.80 in the main capping limit, £676.00 in the additional capping limit and £549.26 in the island capping limit.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 9 June 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £4,935.04.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as of 9 June 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,658.47

E. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising of the Annual Grants provided to Community Councils for 2020/2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Annual Accounts at June 2021

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the annual accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. CC Road Scheme

Following an update from the ILO advising that she was still awaiting quote for aggregate, it was:

Resolved that the quote would be emailed to members and details would be posted for residents to apply once a quote had been approved.

4. Financial Requests

A. Graemsay Community Association

Following consideration of an application from Graemsay Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the insurance for the Community Hall, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £420.00 towards the cost of the annual insurance for the hall, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. Island of Hoy Development Trust

Following consideration of an application from the Island of Hoy Development Trust, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards annual insurance for the YM Community Hall, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £900.00 towards the cost of insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

C. Longhope Lifeboat Museum

Following consideration of an application from the Longhope Lifeboat Museum, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £514.41 towards the cost of insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

D. Hoy Hounds

Following consideration of an application from Hoy Hounds, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £166.20 towards the cost of insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

E. Friends of the Hoy Kirk

Following consideration of an application by the Friends of the Hoy Kirk SCIO, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £911.79 towards the cost of insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

F. Longhope Sailing Club

Following consideration of an application from the Longhope Sailing Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £650.00 towards the cost of annual insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

G. North Walls Community School

Following consideration of an application from the North Walls Community School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of Christmas Lights, it was:

Resolved to grant a general fund donation of £100.00 towards the cost of Christmas Lights.

H. Haey Hope Club

Following consideration of an application from The Haey Hope Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of six monthly outings, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £500.00 be granted to The Haey Hope Club towards the cost of six monthly outings.

I. Gable End Theatre

Following consideration of an application from The Gable End Theatre, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of annual insurance, it was:

Resolved to grant the sum of £500.00 towards the cost of annual insurance, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

J. The Peedie Bite

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance with a business start-up costs from The Peedie Bite, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To grant the sum of £2,000.00 from the Seed Corn Fund towards business start-up costs.
2. That a Seed Corn Fund application should be submitted by the applicant, along with receipts for evidence of expenditure.

3. That the Community Council would also submit a letter of support for The Peedie Bite.

K. Poppy Convener Hoy and Walls

Following consideration of an application from the Poppy Convener, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance with the cost of Poppy wreaths for local memorials, it was:

Resolved to fund the cost of the wreaths from the Royal British Legion up to a maximum of £140.00.

5. Any Other Competent Business

A. Previously allocated funds from CCGS

Following consideration of an update from the ILO stating that a previous application from the North Walls Centre for Lifeguard Training had not received the relevant paperwork to proceed with the request being granted, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the ILO would complete the relevant forms for the application to be cancelled.
2. That the North Walls Centre would be advised that they could re-apply if funds are required in future for training.

B. Orkney Ferries – On-Board Payments

Following consideration of a statement regarding on-board payments on Orkney Ferries, stating that payment made prior to travel would be preferable but local residents were now able to pay on board, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the statement and for the ILO to issue a statement on behalf of the Community Council to relay the information provided.

C. Patients and Last-Minute Ferry Bookings

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Ferries regarding last minute ferry bookings for patients stating that, where patients were having difficulty making a booking, they should contact Orkney Ferries to discuss the matter, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To query whether the purser would be allowed to use their discretion to admit a last-minute passenger on board.

D. Verges

Following a request from a member on clarification of the width of the verges owned by OIC, it was:

Resolved that Councillor M Thomson would clarify the limit and that the ILO would submit details of a resident deemed to be breaching the limit, alongside photographs, in the Business Letter to OIC.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of the date of the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 7 July 2021 at 19:00.

7. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:30.