

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 2 October 2023 at 19:00

Present:

Mrs S Whiteman, Mr D Stout, Mr S Hourston, Rev D Locke, L Martini-Brown (via Teams) and Mr P Riley.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson (via Teams).
- Councillor M Thomson (via Teams).
- Councillor H Woodbridge (via Teams).
- Mr R Cunningham, Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications.
- Ms H Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Mr J Richards, White Ribbon (via Teams).
- Mr M Webb, White Ribbon (via Teams).
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer (via Teams).
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. White Ribbon Presentation

Two representatives from the White Ribbon Orkney Group gave a presentation on the White Ribbon Campaign, a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls. The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

The two White Ribbon dignitaries left the meeting at this point and Councillor H Woodbridge joined the meeting.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr J Seaton.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 31 July 2023 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Riley and seconded by Mr S Hourston.

4. Matters Arising

A. Village Play Park

Members heard that Orkney Islands Council Play Area Renewal Fund had awarded a grant towards equipment for the play park but that more funds were needed, and that Crown Estate funding and Children in Need may be able to offer funding, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Scrap Vehicles

Members heard that money had been deposited into the Community Council Grant Scheme fund for scrap vehicles previously disposed of and that all ten places had been allocated, with two vehicles yet to be removed in the present round. A new haulier was now responsible for the island's haulage and arrangements to dispose of scrap cars may change, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Clerk would continue to try and discuss the scrap car disposal arrangements with the new haulier.

C. Shapinsay Community Council Letter

Members heard that staff at Orkney Islands Council had been working on a response to the letter sent by Shapinsay Community Council and that the Service Manager, Democratic Services and Communications would be in touch regarding a video production he planned to make about Orkney Ferries, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. St. Catherine's Bay Core Path

Members heard that the Roads Services Officer would carry out an inspection and assessment of the kissing gate, pedestrian gate and track when next in Stronsay, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Members heard that Orkney Islands Council had no plans to arrange an installation for electric vehicle charging points at locations identified by members and that the Community Council would have to pursue this themselves. Officers were available in Orkney Islands Council that might be able to assist with elements of this and the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure would ask the Roads Team to make contact regarding electric vehicle charging points, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That Mr Hourston would raise the possibility of an electric vehicle charging point at Stronsay Community Centre with the hall committee.

F. Stronsay Map

Members heard that no update was available on replacing the maps of Stronsay at various locations throughout the island, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

G. Awards for Local People

Members heard that the Community Council Liaison Officer had discussed awards for local people with the Lord Lieutenant and the Head of Service (Improvement and Performance) and that the suggestion of a local award would be discussed in more detail in October with the Service Manager (Democratic Services and Communications), and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Daffodils on Verges

Members heard that twelve requests for daffodils had been received and that these would be distributed later that week, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

I. Pier Mess

Members heard that new weighbridge bollards were with Orkney Islands Council, but no date had been given for their installation and that Harbours would remove the steel plate and rubbish by the Harbour Master's office, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Council Fees for Parking on Stronsay Pier

Members heard that in response to members' concerns about fees being charged for parking on Stronsay pier, the Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master had advised there was no parking allowed on any pier in any harbour in Orkney, where permit parking spaces are provided, and that concerns should be directed to Orkney Islands Council to provide parking provision within Whitehall village. The Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master advised that he did not have the power to enforce the regulations and a charge for 'storage' of commercial vehicles, boats or stores would be made. He further advised that the installation of signs would be looked at, but no timescale was given for this, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Poppy Wreath

Members heard that a poppy wreath had been ordered for Remembrance Sunday and that a local ex-service person had agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the community, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

5. Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that a new hasp had been fitted to the slaughterhouse door and that a grant from the Community Led Local Development Fund 2023-24 had been awarded for a new hoist, and consideration was given to safety and training issues on use of the new hoist, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Fish Mart Report

Members had previously been consulted about a request from the Operators for the Community Council to purchase security keys for the hostel entrance door and that these were now being issued to hostel guests, along with their room keys, in an attempt to prevent non-paying hostel users entering and using the hostel facilities. Members had also been consulted about a new landline and broadband provider and a twenty-four-month contract had been agreed. The fire evacuation plan has yet to be written and cosmetic repair work has still to be completed, along with recently raised issues requiring attention, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the Building Inspector would be visiting the Fish Mart and will identify work still waiting to be completed.

C. That hereafter the Clerk would be notified of any new faults requiring attention.

7. Reports from Representatives

A. Stronsay Development Trust – Co-opted Representative’s Report

Consideration was given to a written update on Stronsay Development Trust initiatives, submitted by the Stronsay Development Trust Co-opted Representative and previously forwarded to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Transport Representative’s Report

Members heard that the Transport Representative had attended the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum meetings on 13 September 2023 and that a change to the inter-island air flight, previously requested by members on behalf of a resident, had not been used, and confirmation would be given that the change was no longer required once a response had been received from the resident who had requested this. Members also heard a request for ferry timetable changes to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2024 had been accepted and that the issues regarding the ferries and their replacements continue, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

8. Correspondence

A. Haulier’s Retirement

Members had previously been consulted and agreed to a public collection for the outgoing haulier and that, in response to the haulier’s wishes, a quiet presentation would be made to both the haulier and his partner following which a public announcement would be made on the amount raised, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Stronsay Massive Weekend - 2024

Members had previously been consulted about a request for changes to the ferry timetable to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2024, and it was:

Resolved that Orkney Ferries would implement changes to the ferry timetable to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2024.

C. Dog Fouling

Members had previously been consulted about incidents of dog fouling in and around Whitehall village and that notices had been displayed regarding dog fouling

and from where free dog poo bags could be collected, and members heard a resident had made and placed a dog poo collection box at the entrance to Mill Bay beach, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That a letter of thanks would be sent to the resident who had made and placed a dog poo collection box at the entrance to Mill Bay beach.

D. Whitehall Rubbish

Members had previously been notified of a large quantity of non-domestic rubbish being placed in the Whitehall refuse storage shed and several requests had been made for this to be removed, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Housing Officer was aware of the situation and would arrange for the rubbish to be removed.

E. Ferry Schedule – Change Request

Members had previously been consulted about a request to change the scheduled ferry timetable on Monday 2 and Wednesday 4 October 2023, to which members had no objection, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 13 September 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,388.57.

B. Fish Mart Account

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 13 September 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,501.84.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 13 September 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,554.15.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 13 September 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit of £1,320.97.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 7 July 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £8,723.40.

10. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Stronsay Resident – Travel Grant Request

Members were asked to consider a request from a Stronsay resident for financial assistance for twenty-five return flights for a young person to attend athletics and dance training in Kirkwall on specified dates between 3 October 2023 and 16 February 2024, and it was:

Resolved to award a Stronsay resident £128.25 towards the cost of twenty-five return flights, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. Stronsay Junior High School - Netball

Members were asked to consider a request for financial assistance from Stronsay Junior High School for travel, training and team kit, netballs and training board and netball posts for the P6/7 and P4/5 netballers, and it was:

Resolved to award Stronsay Junior High School £944.00 for training and team kit, netballs and training board and netball posts, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

C. Stronsay Community Association - Fireworks

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance to purchase fireworks for the annual fireworks and bonfire display, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To award £700 to Stronsay Community Association for fireworks, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. That Stronsay Community Association would be asked to acknowledge Stronsay Community Council sponsorship of the annual firework and bonfire.

D. Stronsay Community Association – Christmas Tree

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance to purchase a Christmas tree for use at the annual tree lighting ceremony, and it was:

Resolved to award Stronsay Community Association a maximum of £200 to purchase a Christmas tree for the annual tree lighting ceremony, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

11. Publications

The following publications had been forwarded to members and was noted:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – July and August 2023.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command – Community Council Newsletter.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Visit Stronsay Group – Request for Signage

Members heard that the Visit Stronsay Group had requested a Welcome To Stronsay sign for the linkspan pier and for improvements to other signs positioned throughout the island, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the request for a Welcome to Stronsay sign.
2. To request improvements to other signs positioned throughout the island.

B. 20mph Speed Limit

Members heard that a 20mph speed limit would be imposed in the vicinity of all schools in Orkney and that Orkney Islands Council had invited tenders for the installation work, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 20 November 2023 commencing at 19:00 in Stronsay Community Centre.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:25.