

Minute of the Meeting of Westray Community Council held in the Community Classroom, Westray Junior High School on Monday, 9 September 2019 at 19:00

Present:

Mrs E Drever, Mr A Baird, Miss J Holland, Mr D Hutchison, Mr C Kirkness and Mr A Scott.

In Attendance:

- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs E Woodhouse, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Clackson, Sinclair and Woodbridge.

2. Minutes of General Meeting held on 7 July 2019

The minute of the meeting of Westray Community Council held on 7 July 2019 was approved, being proposed Mr A Scott and seconded by Mr A Baird.

3. Matters Arising

A. Honours Nominations

Following discussion of this scheme, it was:

Resolved that members would add information to the form for future consideration.

B. Participation Request

The Clerk advised that work on the pier had not started, but the components were galvanised and ready for the engineer to put in place. Orkney Islands Council were waiting for the start of the winter timetable to undertake the work so that there was a longer working day available for working on the pier, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Chapel of Rest

The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with the Island Undertaker who had no objection to the suggested curtain divider, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Village Path

The Clerk was concerned about what to put in Auk Talk as some title deeds do not mention ownership of the foreshore, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would advertise the proposed footpath project so that anyone who owned land along the footpath route would be aware of the proposed project.
2. That Democratic Services had arranged for the Papa Westray Link Officer to provide support and to explore funding streams to move this project forward.

E. Lastigar Car Parking

Following an update by the Clerk, it was:

Resolved to note that no additional information had been received on this matter.

F. Community Archaeology Westray

Following discussion of a recent meeting with Historic Environment Scotland about the Westray dig, it was:

Resolved that an update on progress was awaited.

G. Ferry and Air Services Consultative Forum 21 August 2019

Resolved to note that the representative was not present at the meeting.

4. Correspondence

A. THAW WellBeing Advisory Group Meeting Notes

It was resolved to note the information provided.

B. Headstone Reinstatement Works

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services informing members of recent training given to Orkney Islands Council staff which had bolstered the availability of those able to inspect, maintain and repair headstones, it was:

Resolved to note that a timetable for the reinstatement of headstones throughout Orkney would be publicised shortly.

C. VAO Training Funding

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO detailing local training and funding opportunities, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies in 2019

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising that an Event Management Plan (EMP) would be required, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would clarify whether an EMP was required if Kalisgarth was to be site for, and the organisers of, the event.

E. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme – Core Paths Report

Following consideration of a report from a meeting held on 16 July 2019 by North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS) about proposals to upgrade current core paths and build new ones, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. TWM Traffic Controls

Following consideration of correspondence from TWM Traffic Controls, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Chapel of Rest - Insurance

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding the rebuild value for the Chapel of Rest, it was resolved:

1. That members would increase the rebuild insurance value by £10,000.
2. That the Clerk would find out the cost of the cooler tray and have this added to the contents insurance.

H. Scottish Water

Following consideration of correspondence received from Scottish Water about the impact of intense rain storms on surface water drains and sewers, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

I. Patient and Public Reference Group Meeting – 26 September 2019

Resolved that J Holland would try to attend the Patient and Public Reference Group (PPRG) meeting on 26 September 2019.

J. Crime stoppers Scotland and Police Scotland Invitation

Following consideration of this item, it was:

Resolved to note that there was a meeting of the charity in Kirkwall on Tuesday, 10 September 2019.

K. Skype Facilities on Westray

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services requesting information on Skype facilities on Westray which could be used by members of the public, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would ask the Tourism Officer and the manager of the Early Learning Facility for more information.

L. Letter from School Place

Following consideration of correspondence received from Councillor S Clackson, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance Statement

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as of 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £19,636.46.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS)

Following consideration of the CCGS statement as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note that the main capping limit was over allocated by £1,275.52; £662.00 remained within the additional limit; and £642.00 remained within the island limit.
2. That the grant scheme awards of Bag the Bruck, Tourism Walks Leaflet, Heritage Centre and Westray Connections would show on the next statement.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note a total remaining available for allocation of £5,000.

6. Financial Requests

A. Friends of Kalisgarth – Artificial Christmas Tree

Following consideration of correspondence received from Friends of Kalisgarth, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the purchase of an artificial Christmas tree, incorporating lights, which would benefit the whole community, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £1,000 be given towards the cost, to be met from the Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS) or General Fund if the tree is not eligible under CCGS.

7. Consultations

A. Orkney Learning Disability Strategy

Following consideration of the consultation document on Orkney Learning Disability Strategy, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make on this matter.

B. Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration of correspondence advising the proposed changes to the Electoral Boundaries in the Kirkwall Electoral Ward, it was:

Resolved that the proposals did not affect the North Isles Electoral Ward.

8. Publications

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – June and July 2019.
- Orkney Marine Planning Update.
- Scottish Health Council Newsletter.
- VAO Newsletter – July 2019.

- Orkney Community Planning News Summer 2019.

9. AOCB

A. Orkney Ferries

D Hutchison declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion.

Members discussed the recent Westray Connections event which, due to lack of capacity on Orkney Ferries, had resulted in several passengers not being able to attend the concert in Westray. A letter of complaint had been sent to Orkney Ferries by Westray Connections, and it was resolved:

1. To write to Orkney Ferries to support the letter of complaint already sent from Westray Connections.
2. That the Clerk should also ask Orkney Ferries to consider introducing an online booking system which could avoid a similar situation in the future.

B. Friends of Kalisgarth Representative

That the Clerk would confirm with the Friends of Kalisgarth that C Kirkness would be Westray Community Council's Representative.

C. Clerk's Resignation

The Clerk advised members that she had tendered her resignation as Clerk, and it was resolved:

1. That members intimated their gratitude to E Woodhouse for all of her hard work as Clerk.
2. To put an advertisement for the vacancy on Facebook, Auk Talk and in the shop with an open deadline.

10. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of the Westray Community Council would be held on Monday, 4 November 2019.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:05.