

# Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 24 November 2021 at 19:00

## Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mrs S Whiteman, Mr C Fraser, Mr P Riley, Mr J Seaton, Mr D Stout and Mr S Weaver.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor H Woodbridge.
- Ms H Green, Interim Executive Director (Environmental, Property and IT Services).
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that no apologies for absence had been received.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the General Meeting held on 14 October 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr S Weaver, and seconded by Mr J Seaton.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Bay Kirkyard**

Members heard that tenders for work to prevent rabbits getting into the Bay Kirkyard had been received, forwarded to Orkney Islands Council, awarded, and that the work had been completed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Chemical Toilets**

Members heard that a briefing note to all island Community Councils on the safe disposal of chemical waste from visiting motorhomes had been raised with other elected members and officers and would be pursued, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Interim Executive Director for Environmental, Property and IT Services would follow up issuing a briefing note on the safe disposal of chemical waste from visiting motor homes.

### **C. Village Play Park**

Members had previously been consulted on the positioning of two items of chosen play equipment in the play park, and that their preference had been marked on a plan of the area and forwarded to Orkney Islands Council for consideration and comment, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. Alteration to Ferry Timetable**

Members heard that a request to alter the ferry timetable to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2022 had received a response from the Transportation Manager, and confirmation of the organiser's preferred Sunday sailing had been forwarded, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **E. Coastal Erosion Near Millbank**

Members heard that in response to concern over sea erosion near Millbank the Roads Support Manager had requested photographs of the area, and on receipt had advised these did not show evidence of any risk to the public road, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **4. Travel Grant Awards**

Members had previously been forwarded information on how other Community Councils distribute funds when financial assistance travel requests are received, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. That Stronsay Community Council will, hereafter, consider and award 50% of each request for financial assistance towards travel, with a capping limit of £200 within a twelve-month period from each applicant's first request.

## **5. Haulage of Aggregates**

Members considered allocating funds towards the haulage of aggregate for use in improving private roadways leading to an occupied residence, and it was:

Resolved:

A. That posters would be displayed locally inviting applications for financial assistance towards the haulage of aggregates for use in improving roadways leading to an occupied residence.

B. That further consultation would take place between members to consider any application received and allocate funds accordingly.

C. That any grant awarded for the haulage of aggregate would be subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval

## **6. Scrap Vehicles**

Consideration was given to reopening and adding funds to the Scrap Vehicle Scheme, and it was:

Resolved:

A. That Scrap Car Scheme would be reopened and advertised locally.

B. That £180 would be allocated to the Scheme, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

C. That there would be no limit to the number of vehicles a registered owner could request Vehicle Verification Forms for, but disposal would be limited to ten vehicles

before the Scheme was closed, and once these had been disposed of the Scheme would be reopened.

D. That the Clerk would continue to liaise with the haulier and Orkney Aggregates on the vehicles to be scrapped.

## **7. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report**

Members had previously been consulted and agreed to open a new thirty-six months fixed rate contract with the existing electricity supplier and details were given of the latest electricity invoice covering the period 7 August 2021 to 5 November 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **8. Fish Mart Report**

Consideration was given to previously forwarded copies of the Operator Agreement, due for renewal on 1 January 2022, and to maintenance and improvement issues still requiring attention, which the Interim Executive Director for Environmental, Property and IT Services Members was aware of, and members heard they had previously been consulted over a replacement urn and how this should be funded, and an update was given on the on-going support and advice from the Energy Efficiency Business Advisor involved in the Energy Efficiency Assessment and the contact made with certified installers for quotes, and it was:

Resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That a new twelve-month Operator Agreement would be written, incorporating the same conditions with a few minor alterations, and circulated to members for approval and comment before being presented to the Operator.

C. That the Interim Executive Director for Environmental, Property and IT Services would be forwarded dates when the Fish Mart would be closed, when it was hoped the Operator's request for maintenance work would be undertaken.

D. That an expression of interest application would be made for possible future funding to carry out the recommendations made in the Energy Efficiency Assessment.

## **9. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Stronsay Development Trust – Co-opted Representative's Report**

Members were given an update on the Stronsay Development Trust's activities and projects, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **B. Transport Representative's Report**

Members heard that the introduction of an online ferry booking system had been delayed and that a different contractor would commence work on this, and that provision was being made for ferry bookings during any future pandemic, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **C. Planning Representative's Report**

Members had previously been notified of a planning application to install a 30m lattice telecommunications tower, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

# **10. Consultation Documents**

## **A. Introduction of Memorial Permit**

Members had previously been forwarded a consultation on the introduction of a "Permit for Memorial" application that should ensure memorials comply with standards, are checked on completion and that the work is auditable, and it was:

Resolved that members were opposed to the introduction of a £50 fee for a permit to erect a memorial, have it checked on completion and audited.

## **B. Aviation Strategy**

Members had previously been forwarded an online consultation to inform the development of the Scottish Government's Aviation Strategy, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **C. Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan for Orkney**

Members had previously been forwarded a communication and a briefing note from the Volume Tourism Development and Management Officer, Development and Infrastructure, welcoming members' input on a Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan, and it was:

Resolved that a response had been forwarded as members' input to a Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan.

# **11. Correspondence**

## **A. Briefing Note – Scottish Flood Forum Follow Up**

Members had previously been forwarded a briefing note on the Scottish Flood Forum Follow Up, and it was

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **B. Donation Thank You**

Members had previously been informed the Orkney Drugs Dog Handler had sent his thanks to members for their donation to the Orkney Drugs Dog Charity, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **C. Winter Service Plan 2021 – 2026**

Members heard that the Consultation Winter Service Delivery had been forwarded to members in May 2021 and that members had had no comment to make on this, and that the Winter Service Plan 2021/2022 and Winter Service policy 2021 – 2026 had since been forwarded to members for information and reference, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That a request would be made to amend the Winter Service Routes 2021 – 2022 Gritting Plan to change the Kirbuster Road and Leaquoy Road from Priority 3 to Priority 2.

## **D. Interim Executive Director – Attendance at Meetings**

Members had previously been forwarded details of the new Interim Executive Director for Environmental, Property and IT Services and her intention to attend as many Community Council Teams meetings as possible. The Chair took the opportunity to thank the Interim Executive Director for her presence and interest in issues pertinent to Stronsay Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Interim Executive Director of Environmental, Property and IT Services had attended the meeting and that members had had an opportunity to bring to her attention issues of concern.

## **E. Briefing Note – Double Interments**

Members had previously been forwarded the Briefing Note on Double Interments, giving an update to members on permission for double interments at new extensions, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **F. Waste and Recycling Officer – Isles Donations**

Members had previously been forwarded a communication from the Waste and Recycling Officer requesting information on where the public could donate items, and it was:

Resolved that details of a place on Stronsay where items could be donated would be forwarded for inclusion on the Orkney Islands Council website page “Where can I donate?”

## **12. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 8 November 2021, and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £14,806.12.

### **B. Fish Mart Account**

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 8 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,903.56.

### **C. Slaughterhouse Account**

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 8 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,275.15.

### **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 8 November 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit of £1,200.75.

### **E. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 8 November, it was:

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

## **13. Requests for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Stronsay Community Association**

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance of £85.97 for the cost of outdoor lights to decorate the community Christmas tree, and it was:

Resolved that members had agreed to award £85.97 to Stronsay Community Association for outdoor Christmas tree lights, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

## **B. Mrs M Dennison**

Following consideration of a request from Mrs M Dennison for financial assistance for seven return air flights for her daughter's attendance at athletic, gymnastic and netball training sessions in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved to award Mrs M Dennison £33.25 towards the cost of seven return air flights, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

## **14. Publications**

The following publications had been forwarded to members:

- Police Scotland - Orkney Area Command - Newsletter - October 2021.
- Loganair Inter-Isle passenger Figures – September and October 2021.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – August 2021.

## **15. Any Other Competent Business - Flood Barrier – Whitehall Village**

Members heard that in response to a request for information on the upgrade of the flood barrier at the opening to west of the Fish Mart in Whitehall Village, the contractor had confirmed that if all went well the works would be completed by Christmas, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **16. 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, 28 February 2022 commencing at 19:00 and that the remaining meetings during 2022 would be held on 18 April, 22 August, 3 October and 21 November.

## **17. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:55.