

# Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held via Teams on Tuesday, 23 March 2021 at 19:00

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Councillor J Stockan
- Councillor M Thomson.
- K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer (ILO)/Clerk
- J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.

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## **1. Apologies**

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

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 26 February 2021 was approved, being proposed by R Thomson and seconded by T Avis.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Kirkyard Tenders**

R Thomson declared an interest in this item and did not take part in discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence regarding tenders for the Kirkyards at Osmandwall, St John's, Hoy and on Graemsay, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the following tenders be accepted for a one-year contract, with contractors supplying their own equipment, as follows:

- Osmondwall Kirkyard – M Andrews.
- Hoy Kirkyard – R Thomson.
- St Johns Kirkyard – M Andrews.
- Graemsay Kirkyard – N Mowat.

2. That the Clerk would inform those who had submitted tenders of the outcome of the committee's decision by letter.

3. That the ILO would request one extra cut in April.

### **B. Plastic and Electricals Recycling**

Following consideration of an update email regarding recycling facilities on the mainland and the possibility of setting up an electricals recycling facility on Hoy, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the email and that the ILO would contact OIC for further recycling availability updates.

### **C. Roads Issues**

The Chair requested that Community Councillors ensure that all road issues are photographed and forwarded to the ILO wherever possible to collate how many areas need repair, and an update was provided by Councillor J Stockan on the planned programme of works, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the updates.

## **D. Ferry Service**

Following consideration of a request by the Chair that Community Councillors put forward ideas on possible changes to the current ferry timetable to ensure that wishes of residents are represented when new drafts are put together, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the request and for all Community Councillors to participate.

## **E. Housing**

Following consideration of an update by Councillor J Stockan and a request by the Chair to write to Liam McArthur MSP to request that housing for residents is given priority, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update and that the ILO would draft a letter for Community Councillors to forward.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Damaged Kirkyard Gate on Graemsay**

Following consideration of an update from the ILO on the broken gate at Graemsay Kirkyard, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update from the ILO that OIC are awaiting a date for work to be carried out as the intention is to widen the access.

### **B. Clan re-opening update**

Following consideration of correspondence from Karen Scott at Clan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that update had been posted to the Community Council Facebook page.

### **C. VE Day - 8 May 2021**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Royal British Legion, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding arrangements for VE Day, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **5. Consultation – Covid-19 Restrictions**

Following consideration of an update from the ILO that the Scottish Government would be shortly forwarding a questionnaire to all Community Councillors regarding the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following Consideration of the Community Council's general financial statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £13,741.46 as at 16 March 2021.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was fully allocated as at 16 March 2021.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04 as at 16 March 2021.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £3,658.47 as of 16 March 2021.

## **7. Publications**

Resolved to note that the following publication was made available at this meeting:

- VAO February Newsletter.

## **8. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Community Garden**

After consideration of a request from the ILO for Community Councillors to volunteer to sit on the Community Garden Committee to set up the constitution for said Committee, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that R Thomson and T Avis volunteered to sit on the committee.
2. That the ILO would contact Democratic Services to confirm that this would be sufficient to set up the Committee.

### **B. Overhanging Trees**

After consideration of an update on contacting enquiring residents regarding the specifications of cutting back overhanging trees, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the update.
2. That A Clark still needed to make contact with RSPB to arrange a meeting.
3. That the ILO would arrange for a letter to be sent to the resident of The Park as no notice had been taken of previous requests to cut back shrubbery.

#### **D. Bag the Bruck**

After consideration of a request from T Avis on the status of Bag the Bruck for 2021, the Community Council Liaison Officer advised that there was no indication that an event would be arranged this year but that the CC could organise their own event if they wished, to utilise the £300 available through CCGS category C1, and it was:

Resolved to ask for an update to be provided at the next financial meeting in June 2021.

#### **E. Road Corrosion on Graemsay**

After consideration of an update from Councillor M Thomson on the corrosion of 'Windy Walls Road' on Graemsay, stating that there had been significant further erosion, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the update and that the ILO would report the issue to OIC.

#### **F. St John's Kirkyard**

After consideration of an update by Councillor J Stockan advising of the need for an extension to St John's Kirkyard and that OIC were still awaiting the estate to be sorted out so that an area of land to the south of the Kirkyard could be procured, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

#### **G. Islands of Orkney Brochure 2021**

After consideration of an email update from Democratic Services, regarding the plan to make no changes to the Islands of Orkney Brochure for 2021, other than to the digital version online, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

#### **H. Insurance Schedule**

After consideration of an email from Democratic Services with the Community Council's Insurance Schedule for 2021/2022, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the email and that the costs should be funded through the CCGS.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 23 June at 19:00 and that this would be the Finance Meeting.

## **10. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:00.