

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School and via Teams on Tuesday, 22 August 2023 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mr N Sclater, Miss R Black, Mr J Mackay, Mr A Marwick and Mr S Pyke.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Leask
- Councillor L Manson
- Councillor I Taylor.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Ms C Waters, Clerk.

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1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed new members, Rhona Black and Johnny Mackay, who had been elected in at the public meeting prior to the general meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs B Clubleby, Councillor S Cowie and Mrs S Shearer.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 16 May 2023 was approved, being proposed by Mr S Pyke and seconded by Mr N Sclater.

3. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter - Smoogro Road

The Chair provided an update on the bus shelter and advised that the project was still awaiting planning permission and no further updates had been received. Once approval had been gained, the construction was to be carried out by Alan Craigie. Councillor K Leask commented that the plans were currently under review with roads, and, after further discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that Development Management would be asked for an update on the status of the planning application.

B. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

The Chair provided an update on the refurbishment of the Orkneyinga Saga Centre, advising that the facility would close on 11 September for refurbishment as agreed at previous meetings. After further discussion, it was:

Resolved to note that refurbishment activities would take place over Winter 2023/2024 with a launch and reopening in Spring 2024.

C. Dog Bins

The Chair confirmed that a larger general waste bin had been requested and was now expected to be provided however was not yet in place. After further discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Council would be chased regarding the provision of the larger bin.

D. Houton Small Boat Provision

The Chair confirmed that no information had yet been provided back to the community council from boat users and interested parties. After further discussion, it was:

Resolved that the matter be parked for now.

E. Community Council Member Vacancies

Members noted that the election of two further community council members had taken place, and they were welcomed to the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note that Orphir Community Council now had a full membership.

F. Road Speed Limits

Members discussed the digital speed warning signs which had been placed at either side of Orphir village following previous requests for action. It was agreed that they had been very successful in slowing down traffic and making drivers aware of their speed. The Chair requested information on the rotation of these signs and the planned frequency of their use in Orphir. Members also discussed the purchase of signs for Orphir as an option and agreed that further information would be gathered to see if this was a viable investment, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council Liaison Officer would ask the relevant section for information on the rota for the

G. Road Repairs/Track Upkeep

The communication and allocation of funds for track upkeep was rescheduled for discussion in Spring 2024 as it was deemed to be a more appropriate time of year for this activity.

4. Correspondence

A. OHAL Committee Recruitment Event

An email regarding a recruitment event had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. SSEN Resilient Communities Fund

An email from SSEN relating to available funding had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that the fund was now closed for applications.

C. NHS Scotland “Good to Share”

An email from NHS Scotland had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Community Led Local Development Grant

An email regarding Community Led Local Development funding had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that the window for expressions of interest had now closed.

E. Scottish Islands Passport

An email from the Scottish Islands Passport team had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. 25th Anniversary SURF Awards

An email regarding the 25th Anniversary SURF Awards had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Viking Week Catering Access Request

An email from Ragnhild Ljolsland requesting use of the Saga Centre for Viking Family Day on 10 September 2023 had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to permit access to the Saga Centre, including the kitchen area, for the event.

H. Fereday Project Assistance

An email from Ranulph Jackson-Rouse was circulated to members requesting help getting information for his Fereday project on Waulkmill Bay, and it was:

Resolved to add the request to the Orphir Community News Facebook page.

I. Crofting Applications Process

An email from the Bulletin of the Crofting Commission was circulated to members regarding the process for applications and notifications, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. School Transport and Road Safety

An email from C and C Seatter was circulated to members regarding the provision and then removal of a school transport place for their daughter. Members agreed to request further consideration of a place for this pupil on the existing vehicles or that the school bus route be amended to ensure they are picked up, pointing out that the route that they would have to walk is not a safe route with rough verges, and it was:

Resolved to request information from the Education department as to why the place had been granted and then denied, and requesting that this matter be given further consideration.

5. Consultations

A. OIC Finstown Speed Limit

Members had previously been forwarded the OIC Variable Speed Limit consultation for Finstown, and it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

B. Scottish Government: Planning Phase 3 of Permitted Development Rights Review

Members had previously been forwarded the consultation on the Scottish Government's Permitted Development Rights Review – Phase 3, and it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

C. OIC Draft Procurement Strategy 2023 to 2028

Members had previously been forwarded the consultation on OIC's Draft Procurement Strategy, and it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

D. Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board – Review of Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy

Members had previously been forwarded the consultation regarding Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board's review of Alcohol Licensing Policy, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Women's Aid Orkney

Members had previously been forwarded a survey from Women's Aid Orkney, and it was:

Resolved that members would be encouraged to complete the survey.

F. PACT – Visitor Levy Bill – Consultation Extension

Members had previously been forwarded an email from the PACT team regarding an extension to the consultation on the Visitor Levy Bill. This was discussed at some length by members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided for now until more detail was available about the proposals and their implementation.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance and Saga Centre

Following consideration of the financial statements as at 31 July 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balances of £22,394.26 in the General account and £36,986.47 in the Saga Centre account.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 July 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,123.40.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 31 July 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £13,755.42.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 31 July 2023, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.00

7. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. OASC – Midsummer Meet - Lerwick

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for attendance at the Midsummer Meet for two swimmers, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £100 from the General Fund.

B. OASC – ND Development Meet - Inverness

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for attendance at the ND Development Meet for two swimmers, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £100 from the General Fund.

C. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council – Bonfire and Fireworks

Following consideration of a request from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council regarding donations towards the Bonfire and Fireworks display to be held on 4 November, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £100, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

8. Publications

The following publications, which had been previously emailed to members, were noted:

- SRA Newsletter – June and July 2023.

- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command Newsletter.
- VAO Newsletter – May, June and July 2023.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – June and July 2023.
- ORSAS Newsletter – June 2023.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Poppy Wreath – Remembrance Sunday

Following consideration of an email from Democratic Services regarding purchase of poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday, it was:

Resolved that a wreath be purchased for the war memorial in Orphir.

B. Germiston and Hobbister Roads

Mr N Sclater again raised the issue of the road repairs, in particularly the Germiston and Hobbister areas. After discussion, and also taking into account the increased traffic seen across the parish due to the road works in Finstown and the verge maintenance not yet having taken place, members requested that this matter be escalated with the council, and it was:

Resolved that these issues would be added to the business letter for Democratic Services to investigate further with the relevant officers.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Orphir Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 in person or via Teams, commencing at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:35.