

# Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in the Eday Heritage Centre on Wednesday, 20 November 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr T McCabe, Mr C Dixon, Mr M Scott, Mr H Thomson and Mrs S Thompson.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Graham Sinclair.
- Miss L Merry, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

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

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 4 September 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Thompson and seconded by Mr T McCabe.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. NHS Orkney – Nurse’s Accommodation**

The Chair advised members that information had been received from the NHS indicating that the house next to the surgery would be renovated by March 2020, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Water Supply at Eday Pier**

It was noted by a Member that the tender for the work to repair the water leak at the pier shed had been published in The Orcadian. The Chair was also informed by Marine Services that the work should be going ahead soon and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Wall Outside Old Kirkyard**

Members considered a letter received from Democratic Services regarding the lower Cemetery. This item was raised as being a priority in the 27 March 2019 Minute and members agreed that it should be fixed as it was unlikely to last another winter. Members were also advised that the Cemetery was assessed earlier on in the year, was logged for repair, and following further discussion it was:

Resolved that the Chair and the Clerk would write a letter asking for more details.

### **D. Blocked Ditches**

Members considered the correspondence received by Democratic Services, confirming that an instruction would be raised to attend to the blocked ditches, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Island Brochure**

It was discussed that the brochure should be shared with the NILPS team to obtain their views on the layout and content to inform next year’s revisions, and it was:

Resolved that the Eday Ranger would action this.

## **B. Abandoned Vehicles at the Pier**

Members discussed the vehicles left abandoned by the pier and were advised by Mr T McCabe that they would be taken away before the end of the year, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **C. Grass Cutting Contract**

Members discussed the Grass cutting contract which would be re-tendered for in January 2020, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this further at the next meeting following which the Clerk would then advertise this tender.

## **D. Cattle Pens and Parking at the Pier**

Members discussed issues relating to the cattle pens and parking areas at the pier, and it was agreed that the capacity of the cattle pen area was occasionally insufficient and that increasing the number of pens would be beneficial. Members also agreed that there were parking issues, with vehicles being left in places that make the logistics and transportation difficult for the haulier in particular, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would organise a meeting for farmers on Eday to discuss options for increasing capacity at the cattle pens.

## **E. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme – Projects Around Eday**

The Chair provided an update on the Maritime History project which they were involved in and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **F. Cancelled Ferry Sailing**

Members considered the correspondence received from Democratic Services, providing further information on the cancelled ferry sailing on 4 September 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

# **5. Finance**

## **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund Statement 2019/2020 as at 20 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance was £10,329.41.

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

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 20 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was over allocated by £2,210.19, the island capping limit was fully allocated and the balance remaining for allocation in the additional capping limit was £662.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 20 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £5,067.11 remained for allocation.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 20 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £7,258.51 remained for allocation.

## **6. Financial Requests**

### **A. Parent Council**

Members received a request for £300 from the Chair of the Parent Council towards the playground at the school as it has recently been condemned, and the Parent Council was looking at how it could be improved. The £300 was for an expert to visit Eday to discuss with the School and children on what they would like from the playground, and to provide an initial concept that would then be developed into a feasibility study, and following discussion it was:

Resolved to agree to the application for funding of £300.

## **7. Reports from Representatives**

Resolved to note that there were no reports to be made.

## **8. Consultation**

### **A. Winter Service Plan Consultation Responses**

Following consideration of correspondence received from OIC, detailing the previous comments made on the Winter Service Plan, it was:

Resolved that no comments were to be made.

### **B. Verge Maintenance Responses**

Following consideration of correspondence received from OIC, detailing the previous comments made on the Verge Maintenance Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the information provided.

### **C. Draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting**

Following consideration of correspondence received from OIC, detailing the above draft Planning Policy Advice Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the information provided.

### **D. Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025**

Following consideration of correspondence received from OIC, detailing the Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the information provided.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistical Report – August and September 2019.
- Loganair – Passenger Figures – June, July and August 2019.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Ferry and Air - Related Issues**

There was discussion regarding the air timetable and how the departure and arrival times vary considerably during the year, and that the Chair would mention this at the next Transport Forum. One member raised the issue of seats being fully booked but then available on the day, due to people not using their return journeys or not changing them until the very last minute. Members were also advised that one resident had suffered travel issues due to the latest amendments to the Orkney Ferries Christmas Timetable. It was understood that Orkney Ferries did try to accommodate the resident's requirements but were unable to do so. Whilst the timetable does point out that there would be changes at this particular time of year, the Chair would request at the next transport forum that Orkney Ferries make provisional changes to the Christmas timetable earlier, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Road Issues**

Members discussed and agreed that there were areas of road which require re-surfacing due to camber and other issues, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Democratic Services advising:

1. The section of road between the doctor's surgery and the shop was particularly bad during icy weather and could be very slippery.

2. The section of road close to the airport where works were recently conducted has sunk and further attention was required.

### **C. Community Emergency Transport Fund**

Members were advised that The Eday Partnership were going to trial a Community Emergency Transport Fund for any emergency where the ferries or plane were not available, and a resident required an immediate trip into town for emergency purposes. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to support this service and to offer financial assistance for the first year up to £1000.

### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting of the Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 5 February 2019, at the Heritage Centre, commencing at 19:30.

### **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:30.