

Minute of the Meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council held in St Andrews Primary School on Tuesday, 24 June 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs L McAdie, Mr D Alexander, Mrs G Barnby, Mr W Bruce and Mr L Flett.

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs J Lennie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillor A Drever.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Resolved that Mrs L McAdie be appointed Chairperson of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Resolved that Mr D Alexander be appointed Vice Chairperson of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that Mr D Alexander be appointed Planning Representative for St Andrews and Deerness Community Council.

D. Grass Cutting Contacts

Following nominations for a contact for grass cutting contractors and to inspect grass cutting areas in season 2018, the areas involved being Hall of Tankerness and St Andrews Kirkyard's, St Andrews, and Deerness Kirkyard, Deerness, it was resolved:

1. That Mr D Alexander be appointed the contact member for the St Andrews contractor and to inspect grass cutting areas in St Andrews in season 2018.
2. That Mr W Bruce would be appointed the contact member for the Deerness contractor and to inspect grass cutting areas in Deerness in season 2018.

E. Contact for East Mainland Tourist Leaflets

Following nominations for a member to be the contact for arranging storage and delivery of East Mainland Tourist Leaflets (EMTL), and following an update from the Chair, it was resolved:

1. That Mrs L McAdie be appointed contact for EMTL storage and delivery.
2. To note there were no more EMTL's stored with St Andrews and Deerness Community Council.
3. That the Chair had made efforts to contact a former member of Holm Community Council in attempt to get a further ten boxes of EMTL's for onward delivery to local outlets.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Resolved that the Minute of the Meeting held on 17 April 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs G Barnby and seconded by Mr D Alexander.

4. Matters Arising

A. 2018/2019 Additional Insurance Cover

Members heard that additional insurance cover was required for any items purchased during the year, however no additional purchases had been made, and it was:

Resolved to note that additional insurance was not required.

B. Requests for Passing Places

Correspondence had been received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, advising that OIC does not have a budget for the creation of passing places. The Team Leader, Roads Support, had however advised that he would arrange for an inspection and if work was deemed necessary, this could be included in potential future works, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

C. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, advising that the annual grant to the Community Council was £3,322 for the main capping limit and £662 for the additional capping limit, it was:

Resolved to note this information.

D. Community Council Conference

Correspondence had been received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a Community Council Conference on 20 June 2018 and noting that 2 October 2018 had been identified for a future Community Council conference, which may also include a session for Community Council Clerks. The Chair advised that she had attended the Community Council conference and that the morning session had involved a presentation from OIC officials and that the afternoon session had been more relaxed and involved, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

E. Groatsetter Junction

Correspondence had been received from a member of the public, copies of which had been circulated, advising that she found the Groatsetter Junction onto the A960 driving towards Kirkwall a danger spot. She advised that the visibility was impaired by a large mound of soil and builder's spoil as well as the uncut verge. Requests had been made by her to both OIC and the Community Council to rectify this issue. Following some discussion regarding the previous representation that the Community Council made to the Planning Application for the siting of two chalets at this junction, and noting that the representation was upheld regarding no obstruction to visibility from the buildings, vegetation and signage at this site, it was approved

that the Chair and the Planning Representative, Mr D Alexander and Mrs L McAdie, would investigate this issue by making a site visit, and it was:

Resolved that, following a site visit to Groatsetter Junction, the Planning Representative and the Chair would advise the Clerk how to proceed with regard to reporting this issue to OIC.

5. Consultation Documents

A. Shaping the Future of Your Water and Waste Water Services

Following consideration of the Scottish Water consultation, Shaping the Future of Your Water and Waste Water Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that members should complete the online consultation by 31 August 2018.

B. Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Following consideration of the consultation document, Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan, copies of which had been previously circulated, the Chair commented that because there are no questions to answer in this document, she did not know how to provide feedback and thought that the public, like her, may not find it easy to provide feedback to this document. Councillor S Sankey advised that he would contact the OIC official concerned regarding the Chair's comments. He added that the ongoing issue of the invasive stoat population was included in this document, and it was:

Resolved to note that members could make a response to the Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan by 26 July 2018.

6. Correspondence

A. Seafarers UK

After consideration of correspondence from Seafarers UK, copies of which had been circulated, which requested that the Red Ensign official flag of the British Merchant Navy was flown on 3 September 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Finstown Outreach Service

Correspondence had been received from the Post Office, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a Hosted Outreach Service available at the St Andrews Community Centre, Tankerness from 14:00 to 16:00 on a Friday afternoon. Some members thought that by co-ordinating the opening time to coincide with activities, e.g. the playgroup session, being held in the St Andrews Community Centre then there may be more potential clientele for this service. Mr D Alexander and Councillor N Craigie advised that this was an improved service with no postal service having been available since the Toab Post Office closed, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

C. THAW Orkney AGM

After consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, regarding an invitation to attend their AGM on 27 June 2018 in Kirkwall Town Hall at 19:00, it was:

Resolved to note this information.

D. Thank You Letters

Following consideration of letters of thanks from Kirkwall Squash and Racket Ball Club and a local father, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the thank you letters.

7. Financial Statements

A. Certified Accounts

Resolved to note the Certified Accounts for 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

B. General Fund

Following consideration of the General Fund statements for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance remaining in the account of £9,772.55, as at 6 June 2018.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 CCGS statements, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,769.55 in the main capping limit and £564.50 in the additional capping limit, as at 6 June 2018.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the fund was fully allocated to projects.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the fund was fully allocated to projects.

F. Ayrenergy Ltd Fund

Following consideration of the Ayrenergy Ltd Fund statements for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £9,843.34 at 6 June 2018.

8. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Bag the Bruck

1. Orkney Octopush Juniors

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Octopush Juniors, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their request for financial assistance towards their participation in the 2018 Bag the Bruck Scheme, it was:

Resolved to grant Orkney Octopush Juniors £150.00 for their participation in the 2018 Bag the Bruck Scheme.

2. St Andrews Primary School Classes 1 and 5

After consideration of correspondence from St Andrews Primary School, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their request for financial assistance towards classes 1 and 5's participation in the 2018 Bag the Bruck Scheme, it was:

Resolved to grant St Andrews Primary School £150.00 for their participation in the 2018 Bag the Bruck Scheme.

B. THAW Orkney

After consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards Wellbeing Orkney, a project which supported householders to make home improvements to take them outwith fuel poverty, and following some discussion, it was:

Resolved that no funding be granted to the THAW Orkney Wellbeing Project.

C. Year of Young People's Ambassadors in Orkney

After consideration of correspondence from four of Orkney's Year of Young People Ambassadors, copies of which had been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards a youth concert they planned to hold in August 2018, and following some discussion, it was:

Resolved that no funding be granted towards the youth concert planned by the Year of Young People's Ambassadors in Orkney.

D. Hadhirgaan and S2 Hoy Trip

After consideration of correspondence from a local mother, copies of which had been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards her daughter's participation in a Hadhirgaan trip to Inverness and the S2 trip to Hoy, it was:

Resolved to grant £40.00 travel assistance for the trips.

E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their request for financial assistance towards a local boy's participation in two separate swimming competitions in Thurso, it was:

Resolved to grant OASC £60.00 travel assistance for the competitions in Thurso.

F. Orkney Area Young Enterprise Team (OAYET), Estrela

After consideration of correspondence from OAYET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their request for financial assistance towards one local member's participation in the Young Enterprise finals in Glasgow, it was:

Resolved to grant OAYET £30.00 travel assistance for the local members participation in the Young Enterprise finals in Glasgow.

G. St Andrews SWI

Correspondence had been received from St Andrews SWI, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their request for financial assistance towards the production costs of the 2018 St Andrews Children's Halloween party. The Chair advised that they had detailed their expenditure and that it should be noted that this Community Council did not fund the costs of hall hire, and it was:

Resolved to provide a donation of £45.00 to St Andrews SWI for the St Andrews Children's Halloween party.

H. Orkney Octopush Juniors (OOJ) – Guilford Trip

After consideration of correspondence from OOJ, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their request for travel assistance towards two local girl's participation in an Octopush Junior National Competition in Guilford, it was:

Resolved to grant OOJ travel assistance of £60.00 for two local girl's participation in an Octopush trip to Guildford.

9. Publications

The following publications had been received and were made available to members:

- Scottish Rural Action - Newsletters.
- The Scottish Government – Planning and Building Newsletters.
- Glasdon – Leaflet.
- Police Scotland – June 2018 Community Council Briefing Report.
- Community Planning Newsletter – May 2018.
- Climate Challenge Fund Summer Newsletter.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Live List

The Chair advised members of issues raised from previous meetings on the live list, copies of which were circulated, which had either reached completion or had updates, and it was resolved:

1. That Mr D Alexander advised that he had contacted a local British Telecom employee and requested that the removal of the telephone box at Whitecrest Park, Tankerness be progressed.
2. That the Clerk should remove item 12. Potholes in Deerness Roads. and also item 13. Pothole on the main Kirkwall/Deerness Road, just past the Quoydandy Cottage junction heading east, from the live list as repairs had been completed.
3. That Mr D Alexander advised that a local resident had cut half the area of grass at Whitecrest Park, Tankerness.
4. That Mrs G Barnby welcomed the prompt repair to the Dingieshowe Core Path.
5. That Mrs G Barnby advised that OIC had cleared the blocked drain at the junction at St Andrews Primary School, however she wished to keep this item on the live list, in order that she could monitor the operation of the drain in the winter season.
6. That the Chair advised that one person was interested in joining the Community Council and that she had advised Democratic Services accordingly.
7. That Councillor N Craigie advised that OIC had removed the old damaged recycling bins from outside Deerness Stores and that new recycling bins would be sited in Deerness, however OIC wished to know where to site them and following advice from the Deerness members of the Community Council, representing the Deerness public's views, it was unanimously approved that the Clerk write to Democratic Services advising that the recycling bins should be sited at Deerness Stores, Deerness.
8. That Councillor S Sankey advised that he wished to liaise with L McArthur MSP and T Scott MSP regarding the issue of the loss of air control personnel and the implementation of a remote control tower at Kirkwall Airport and he would provide a report to the next meeting of this Community Council.

B. East Mainland Tourist Leaflet (EMTL)

The Chair advised that, presently, South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council were contacting businesses in their area regarding advertising space available in the EMTL and she was contacting businesses in the St Andrews and Deerness parishes accordingly. A member of Holm Community Council had suggested that the EMTL should be printed annually, in order that the information contained within was always up-to-date. The Chair advised that there was no immediate urgency to hold a meeting of the EMTL sub-committee. Mrs G Barnby asked how the EMTL would be funded and the Clerk advised that the only funding source remaining would be the Community Council Grant Scheme and, when cost of the print and delivery was

ascertained, it would be prudent for each of the Community Councils to consider whether they had sufficient funds allocated towards this project, in order that the EMTL print could proceed. The Chair advised that a meeting would be required of the EMTL sub-committee before 28 August 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

C. Public Toilets at Dingieshowe, Toab

Mr W Bruce advised that windows were broken in the public toilets at Dingieshowe, Toab. Councillor N Craigie advised that this issue had been reported to OIC and repair carried out accordingly, and that a hole in the roof of the ladies' toilet had also been repaired, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting was scheduled for 28 August 2018 in St Andrews Primary School at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:56.