

Minute of the Meeting of Westray Community Council held in Westray Community Classroom, Westray School and via Teams on Monday, 28 November 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs E Drever, Mr D Harcus, Mrs J Kirkness, Mr L Pottinger and Mrs R Rendall.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Ms L Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services (via Teams).
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer (via Teams).
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mr A Baird and Councillors M Thomson and H Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 17 October 2022 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Marcus and seconded by Mr L Pottinger.

3. Matters Arising

A. Village Path

Following consideration of correspondence from the Island Link Officer regarding the progress on the path, and Paths for All's positive response following a site visit, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the report and welcome the progress.
2. That letters of support for the project would be required.

B. Beach Toy Libraries

Following consideration of the beach toy libraries project and whether the Community Council wished to take this forward, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would contact Mrs J Tulloch to ascertain if the Playgroup would be interested in the project, and if so the Community Council would consider assisting financially.

C. Christmas Tree Lighting

Following consideration of the requirements for the tree lighting ceremony, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Kalisgarth could not facilitate the event.
2. That the Chair had arranged food and refreshments.
3. That the cost for refreshments should be met from General Funds.
4. To note that volunteers were required to erect the tree.

D. Memorial Inspections

Following consideration of additional information regarding the repair work on memorials, and after hearing a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services advising that Orkney Islands Council was taking the repair work forward, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

E. Fireworks 2022

Members discussed the event and thought that for next year the piers should be cordoned off with only access to toilet facilities being allowed. It was also agreed that a minimum of three stewards was required for the event. The Interim Clerk advised that funding of £700 had been awarded for the event from the Development Trust, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

F. OIC Wind Farm Fund

Members were advised that an update on the possible funding from the OIC Wind Farm community fund had not been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

G. Parking at Doctor's Surgery

Mr D Marcus advised members that he had been in touch with staff at the Surgery who had advised that it would be much appreciated to have parking signage put up, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Westray Community Council would arrange and fund the cost of three signs.
2. That the Interim Clerk should source a cost for the signage and advise members by email.
3. That Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the total cost.

4. Correspondence

A. Orkney Islands Council

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising members of the appointment of a new Chief Executive, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. HITRANS – Scottish Island Windracers

Following consideration of correspondence from HITRANS regarding Windracers and their wish to gather data, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. West of Orkney Windfarm

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Windfarm advising of their intention to submit an application to construct an offshore windfarm, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. SSEN – Powering on Together

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN regarding an online event on 24/25 November, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Shapinsay Community Council - Ferries

Following consideration of correspondence from Shapinsay Community Council asking community councils to consider getting together to prepare joint correspondence to Orkney Islands Council regarding the condition of the present ferries and the urgency required for the replacement of new ferries, the Chair also mentioned how this approach had been beneficial with NHS Orkney regarding the use of NHS24, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To ask at the Community Resilience Group meeting how best to take this forward.
2. That members wish to receive details on the proposed improvements at Papay and Westray piers.

F. Street Lighting – Northend to Hofn

Following consideration of correspondence highlighting a possible need for street lighting between Northend and the Hofn, it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council if it was possible to provide additional street lighting from Northend to the Hofn.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance Statement

Following consideration of the General Finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £35,556.44 as at 15 November 2022.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 15 November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was over allocated, £743 remained in the additional capping limit, and £719 remained in the island capping limit.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that £5,000 remained available for allocation as at 15 November 2022.

6. Financial Request - Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Mrs E Drever declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs E Drever requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the annual Westray Senior Citizens Christmas party, it was:

Resolved that an award of £300 be granted and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the total cost.

7. Consultation Documents

A. The European Marine Energy Centre Ltd

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the consultation on an application to vary section 36 consent, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to forward.

B. Boundary Commission Review

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Boundary Commission Secretariat advising on its revised proposals, it was:

Resolved to note that there were no changes made to Orkney and that members had no comments to forward.

C. Verge Maintenance Plan 2023

Following consideration of the Verge Maintenance Plan 2023, it was:

Resolved to note the contents and that members had no comments to forward.

8. Reports from Representatives

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report from any of the representatives.

9. Publications

Resolved to note the following publications which had been previously circulated:

- VAO Newsletter – October 2022.
- VAO Training and Funding – October 2022.
- Letters from School Place – October 2022.
- Orkney Harbours Offshore Wind Community Newsletter.
- NHS Scotland Initiative – SHARE.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. White Lining in School Car Park

Following discussion regarding the need for the school car park lining to be redone, it was:

Resolved to ask the Head Teacher if the school children could be asked to renew the white lining in the car park and that the Community Council would cover the costs of materials required.

B. Chapel of Rest

Mr L Pottinger advised members that the Westray Development Trust held a key in their office for the Chapel of Rest, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. Sign at Castle of Burrian

Mr D Harcus advised members that the lettering on the sign to the Castle of Burrian had lettering missing from it, and it was:

Resolved that he would forward photos of the sign to the Interim Clerk who would report it to the relevant body.

D. Recycling

Ms L Richardson advised members on the proposed plans for recycling collections in Shapinsay and Westray, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

E. Grass Cutting

Members discussed the grass cutting for the 2023 season, and it was:

Resolved that tenders should be invited for the annual grass cutting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 6 February 2023 at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:48.