

**MINUTES of the MEETING of
STRONSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE on
THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2009 at 7.30pm**

Present: Mr E Stevenson, Mr I Stevenson, Leo Martini-Brown, Mr A Miller,
Mr H Stout

In Attendance: Councillor S Harcus
P Wilcox, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence had been received from P.Shearer.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 24 August 2009, were approved, being proposed by Leo Martini-Brown and seconded by A. Miller.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) More's Play Park

Following discussion of correspondence received from the Liaison Office in response to members' enquiry as to who was responsible for emptying the bins in the play park, it was:-

RESOLVED to note that:-

- (i) the Play Park Inspector was responsible for emptying the bins in the play park;
- (ii) as members had no idea who the Play Park Inspector was, the clerk will request that the Liaison Office provide her with a name for future reference; and
- (iii) both bins in the play park were full as of this morning.

b) Parking at Mill

After consideration of an email received by the clerk from the Liaison Office regarding issues relating to parking at the Mill, it was:-

RESOLVED that the content be noted.

c) Dog Litter Bins and Sign

Following brief discussion of correspondence received from the Liaison Office in response to members' request for dog litter bins to be sited at Mill Bay and the village, it was:-

RESOLVED to note that:-

- (i) arrangements had been made to erect a "No Dog Fouling" sign at Mill Bay;

- (ii) the Head of Environmental and Engineering was unable to provide dog litter bins at this time; and
- (iii) the request for dog litter bins had been noted and may be considered within the new waste contract.

d) Council Yard in Whitehall Village

After consideration of correspondence dated 22 September 2009 regarding members' request for the Council Yard to be moved to a more suitable location, following a complaint about the condition of the wall by the re-cycling facility, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) to note that this matter will be looked at again by the Roads Services Manager in an attempt to identify a site; and
- (ii) that H. Stout would undertake the necessary repairs to the wall after discussing the problem with Mr J. Friel, the adjacent house owner.

e) Fish Mart Lease

The Chairman reported to members that the current sub tenants of the Fish Mart had advised him in writing that they wished to cease running the establishment on 31st October 2009, and it was:-

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Leo Martini Brown would draft a letter to Drever and Heddle regarding the Fish Mart lease, as agreed at the previous meeting on 24 August 2009 item 4a) (iii);
- (ii) a Fish Mart Working Group consisting of E. Stevenson, A. Miller and Leo Martini-Brown be formed, and they would meet at Waterhall on Saturday 10 October 2009 to discuss the Fish Mart in more detail; and
- (iii) as reminded by the clerk, a record would need to be kept of any decisions made at that meeting, and Leo Martini- Brown agreed to do this.

f) Rationalisation of Public Conveniences -Stronsay

The clerk advised members that there was nothing to report on the issue of rationalisation of public conveniences at this time, and it was:-

RESOLVED that this be noted.

g) Stronsay Waiting Room and Public Convenience

A response to the enquiry regarding the opening times of the Stronsay waiting room on the pier was provided by the Liaison Office via Councillor Harcus, and was read to members by the clerk, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) to note that the Head of Marine Services had provided an explanation of the current arrangements regarding the opening of the waiting room; and

- (ii) that members considered these arrangement to be totally unacceptable and would wish to request that further consideration be given to the lack of provision of shelter for foot passengers waiting to board the ferry. The clerk would write to Community Council Liaison to this effect.

h) Lighting in Alleyway at Council Houses

Councillor Harcus advised members that he had met with the Roads Department to discuss the issue of lighting in the alleyway but was advised that it should be dealt with by the Housing Department, and it was:-

RESOLVED that Councillor Harcus would make further enquiries with the Housing Department.

4. ISLES VISION FOCUS DAY

Following brief discussion of an invitation received for a member to attend an Isles Vision focus event on 6 November 2009 at the Pickaquoy Centre, it was: -

RESOLVED to note that E. Stevenson hoped to attend and that Leo Martini-Brown would go in his place if necessary.

5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (CDO) RESOURCE

In response to documentation received from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Orkney Islands Council regarding a CDO resource for the islands, addressed to the clerk and emailed to all members on 12 September 2009, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) to note that the Chairman and Vice Chairman had been invited to attend a meeting with the CDO and Secretary of The Stronsay Development Trust (SDT), where they were presented with a document entitled "Community Development Officer Resource Stronsay – Key Social and Economic Challenges to Secure the Future"; and
- (ii) that Leo Martini-Brown wished it to be minuted that he was not happy with the content of the document regarding the wind turbine.

6. CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – VERGE MAINTENANCE PLAN 2010 – ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL

The Verge Maintenance Plan 2010 Consultation Document was passed to E. Stevenson for onward circulation to all members, and it was:-

RESOLVED to note the response date of 10 December 2009.

7. DEVELOPING A NETWORK OF CARE FOR THE NORTH ISLES

Following brief discussion of correspondence received by the clerk from NHS Orkney and previously emailed to members on 25 September 2009, it was: -

RESOLVED that members would submit their responses individually.

8. NHS RECRUITMENT FOR GP's – NORTHERN ISLES

After consideration of a draft document for recruitment of three rural GP's for the Northern Isles, provided by NHS Orkney and emailed to all members by the Chairman on 1 October 2009, it was: -

RESOLVED: -

- (i) that the Chairman would request that Karen Crichton, NHSO provides a written entry for inclusion in the next issue of the Limpet Newsletter to keep residents up to date with what's happening regarding GP provision; and
- (ii) that H. Stout, I. Stevenson and P. Shearer should meet to discuss the content of the advert further and forward their response to Karen Crichton.

9. ORKNEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

Following brief discussion of the revised list of dates for the Orkney Local Development Plan, it was:-

RESOLVED that the content be noted.

10. DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATION BY POWERDOWN OFFICER

Content of the presentation given by the Powerdown Officer at the previous meeting of the Community Council was discussed, and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that members offer whatever support they can give to the Powerdown Officer; and
- (ii) that the clerk will write a letter of thanks to the Powerdown Officer for her very interesting and informative presentation.

11. FINANCE:

a) Financial statements

Following consideration of the Community Council financial statements, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) to note the actual balance of the General Finance account of £7,996.67;
- (ii) to note the actual balance of the Fish Mart account of £1,840.29; and
- (iii) to note the actual balance of the Slaughterhouse account of £63.69.

b) Financial Request – Stronsay Community Art Project (Sub Group of SDT)

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance towards the cost of a community art project, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that members agreed to make a payment of £300 towards the project;

- (ii) that the clerk would enquire whether this could be paid from Seedcorn funding, and if so whether it would be possible to provide a short term loan from the General Fund if payment from the Seedcorn Fund would cause delays, as members were aware that any assistance was required urgently;
 - (iii) that if it were not possible to use Seedcorn funding for this request, then it would be paid from the Grant Scheme subject to approval; and
 - (iv) that the clerk would request clarification of current status of Seedcorn Fund from the Liaison Office.
- (c) **Financial Request – Community Association- Upkeep of Public Toilets**

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance towards the upkeep of the public toilets at the rear of the Community Centre, it was:-

RESOLVED that the sum of £400 would be made with assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme, subject to approval.

(d) **Financial Request – Community Association Firework Display**

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance towards the cost of providing fireworks for the annual firework display, it was:-

RESOLVED that the sum of £500 would be paid with assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme subject to approval.

12. A O C B

a) **Christmas Tree**

The clerk reminded members that if there were to be a community tree this year, it would have to be ordered prior to the next Community Council meeting, and it was:-

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the clerk would order a similar tree to last years of approx. 15'; and
- (ii) the clerk enquired into the condition of the tree lights and was advised by I. Stevenson that there were still sufficient in working order for this year, but that they will need repair or replacing thereafter.

b) **NHS Public Partnership Forum Invitation**

Following consideration of an invitation to attend an NHS Public Partnership Forum on 31 October 2009, it was:-

RESOLVED that H Stout would attend on behalf of the Community Council.

c) **Scottish Government – Changes in the Scottish Planning System**

Following brief discussion of correspondence dated 28 September 2009, regarding major changes in the Scottish Planning System, it was:-

RESOLVED to note the content.

(e) **Slaughterhouse Roof**

After brief discussion regarding the slaughterhouse roof, it was:-

RESOLVED that attempts would be made to repair the Slaughterhouse roof within the next week.

(f) **Remembrance Day**

Following discussion of the laying of a wreath on Remembrance Day, it was:-

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the clerk would order a wreath from The Royal British Legion; and
- (ii) that the Chairman would ask Mrs Belle Embleton to lay the wreath.

(g) **West Pier**

Members had heard that repairs were to be made to the West Pier this winter, and it was:-

RESOLVED that the clerk should request confirmation from the Liaison Office, and email the response to members.

13. PUBLICATIONS

A number of publications as listed on the agenda were made available to members at the meeting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Stronsay Community Council has been set for Thursday 3 December 2009.

15. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

At 10.50pm the Chairman declared the meeting was concluded.