

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in Eday Community School on Wednesday, 27 March 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr T McCabe, Mr K Redwood, Mr M Scott, Mr M Tchaikovsky, Mrs S Thompson and Mr H Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Miss L Merry, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors G Sinclair and S Clackson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 16 January 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Thompson and seconded by Mr T McCabe.

3. Grass Cutting Tender – 2019 Contract

Following consideration of tenders for the grass cutting of various areas during 2019, it was:

Resolved to award the grass cutting contracts to Mr D Thompson.

4. Kirkyard Maintenance Tender – 2019 Contract

Following consideration of tenders for the grass cutting of the Eday Kirkyard during 2019, it was:

Resolved to award the kirkyard grass cutting contract to Mr I Thomson.

5. Matters Arising

A. Eday War Memorial

Members heard that Mr K Redwood had researched the three missing names for inclusion on the War Memorial and that he was going to obtain quotes from a stone mason. He was also going to locate the descendent families to inform them.

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note that Mr K Redwood would circulate the quotes, once received, for members to discuss.

B. Water Supply at Eday Pier

Members had received a letter from Democratic Services regarding previous queries on the water supply at Eday Pier. The Community Council acknowledged the letter received, however they felt very disappointed by the response, with the lack of information regarding the current status, and it was resolved:

1. To contact Democratic Services again and request that the Chair be allowed to speak with the relevant OIC officer in this regard.
2. That Councillor K Woodbridge would also explore the matter further on behalf of Eday Community Council.

C. Wall Outside the Old Kirkyard

Members had received a letter from Democratic Services regarding previous queries on the wall outside the Old Kirkyard, stating that the work was not currently a priority

for OIC. Eday Community Council felt that this work was a priority for the island and that if it was not repaired this year, it would lead to substantial cost in the future. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To contact Democratic Services again and request that the Chair be allowed to speak with the relevant OIC officer in this regard.
2. That Councillor K Woodbridge would also explore the matter further on behalf of Eday Community Council.

D. Wi-Fi in Eday School Community Room

Correspondence from OIC reported that the wi-fi in the Community Room at Eday Community School had been fixed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Scrap Car Scheme

It was reported to members that the scrap car scheme was now closed for applications, and that there was one remaining car to be collected. Members asked if the unlicensed cars at the pier were to be moved. Mr T McCabe confirmed that they were being dealt with, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. NHS Accommodation

The Chair reported that the NHS Surveyor had viewed the nurse's accommodation at Heatherlea in February 2019 and was in the process of obtaining a quote to undertake the renovation works, and it was:

Resolved to note the information and that the Chair would update members when further information becomes available.

6. Correspondence

A. Orkney Deputy Lord Lieutenants

Following consideration of the correspondence received from one of the Deputy Lord Lieutenants, copies of which had been circulated, providing information on their role and duties, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Bag the Bruck

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services advising of details for this year's Bag the Bruck event, it was:

Resolved to allocate £300 CCGS funding towards sponsoring groups taking part in this event.

C. Highlands Small Communities Housing Fund – Self Build Loan Fund

Members noted information which had been received and circulated, regarding a self-build loan fund, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would add some information in the next addition of the Eday Sound newsletter regarding the fund.

D. Calor Rural Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence received and circulated, regarding the Calor Rural Community Fund, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would share this information with the Eday Partnership and the Eday Community Association.

E. Tesco Bags for Help Centenary Grants

Following consideration of correspondence received and circulated, regarding Tesco Bags for Help Centenary Grants, it was

Resolved that the Clerk would share this information with the Eday Partnership and the Eday Community Association.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement dated 28 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £15,065.12.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances of -£837.85, £662 and -£899.15 were remaining for allocation in the three capping limits.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

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

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £3,258.51 remaining for allocation.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Eday School Parent Council – Bag the Bruck

Members discussed a financial request which had been received, copies of which had been circulated, from the Parent Council for participation in the 2019 Bag the Bruck event. Members agreed to award £300, subject to there being no other applicants, which would be payable to the Eday Community School Fund, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would send a letter to the Eday Parent Council.

B. Your Island, Your Choice – Eday Community Association

Members heard that there were three projects to be awarded money from Your Island, Your Choice. Joint first was new chairs for the Eday Community room and an adventure weekend at the school, with various activities available. The third item, an interactive table for Eday Community Association, had been previously discussed. Members heard that Your Island, Your Choice was putting £2,500 towards the table and Eday Partnership was putting £2,500. Eday Community Council agreed that they would like to match fund £2,500, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would apply for CCGS funding of £2,500 towards the interactive table.

C. Singing Group

A funding request had been received from Mr A Stennett for assistance towards the travel expenses of the Barbarella Singing Group who planned to visit Eday and put on a performance in the summer. Mr A Stennett requested £130, and it was:

Resolved to approve £130 from CCGS, subject to approval.

D. Eday Community School – Active Maths Scheme

Members considered a funding request which had been received from the acting head teacher at Eday Community School, for £600 towards the Heinemann Active Maths Scheme. Members discussed the scheme and decided to award a total of £900, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would apply for £600 from CCGS and respond to Eday Community School in this regard.

9. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport

Resolved to note that there was no information to report.

B. Planning

Resolved to note that there was no information to report.

10. Consultations

Resolved to note that there were no consultation documents to consider.

11. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd – Statistics – January and February 2019.
- Loganair – Statistics – November 2018, December 2018 and January 2019.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. NILPS Update

Members heard about initial projects being taken forward as part of the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme:

Map/interpretation/notice boards at pier, airport, heritage centre, shop, bird hide, repairs to the Heritage Trail and other projects.

Members were asked if they would be willing to “Adopt” the red telephone boxes at the pier and the shop, the members agreed to “adopt” the telephone boxes. This will enable NILPS to repair the telephone boxes as part of a Red Telephone Box Trail across the isles.

B. Orkney Ferries.

Members raised two key issues concerning Orkney Ferries.

- The office is closed from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning which means that no bookings can be made on Sunday. This was an issue on Sunday 24 March 2019 when the afternoon ferry was cancelled but no information was made available online and it was not possible to phone the office. This was regarded by members as unacceptable.
- There is an issue when ferries are cancelled because they cannot call at Stronsay – as on Friday, 22 March 2019: the ferry could not call at Stronsay because of low tide. However, the ferry could have still called at Eday or the Sanday boat could have called in to Eday – neither happened. Members reported that this has happened several times over the last few years, with Eday losing out because the Stronsay leg has caused the ferry to be cancelled.

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to ask Democratic Services to contact Orkney Ferries with the Community Council's concerns.

C. Dog Mess and Livestock Worrying

The members brought up that there has been an increase of dog's mess, on the roads and verges. Also, with there being young livestock in the fields at this time of

the year, it was asked if signs could be put up advising dogs to be kept on the lead around livestock. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would arrange for dog waste bags to be available at the pier and the shop, and for signs to be put up out around the island advising people to pick up after their dogs.
2. That a notice about both issues would also be placed in the next addition of Eday Sound's Newsletter and on the social media pages.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 26 June 2019, commencing at 19:30.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:35.