

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in the Eday Heritage Centre on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Miss L Merry, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs S Thompson, and Councillors Stephen Clackson, Graham Sinclair and Kevin Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 20 November 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Scott and seconded by Mr C Dixon.

3. Matters Arising

A. NHS Orkney – Nurse’s Accommodation

The Chair had not received information from the NHS regarding Heatherlea, but discussions with the team of workmen suggested the work was well underway and that they were looking to be on schedule to be finished by the end of March, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

4. Correspondence

A. Preparation of the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan

Following consideration of the correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council, providing information on the Regional Marine Plan, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would look into what this means for Eday and whether restrictions would apply.

B. Peedie Breeks Nursery Closure

Following consideration of the correspondence received from a concerned parent, regarding the imminent closure of Peedie Breeks Nursery, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Finance

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement 2019/2020 as at 5 February 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the actual balance was £9,871.76.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 5 February 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the main capping limit was fully allocated, a balance of £662 was remaining in the additional capping limit, and the island capping limit was also fully allocated.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 5 February 2020, it was:

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

D. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 5 February 2020, it was:

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

6. Financial Requests

Resolved to note that no financial requests had been received.

7. Reports from Representatives

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

8. Consultation - Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration and discussion by members on the consultation document from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Verge Maintenance Plan, it was:

Resolved that members would like to request that all verges were cut, and that the cuts occur earlier in the year than at present.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistical Report – November 2019 and December 2019.
- Loganair – Passenger Figures.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Grass Cutting Contracts

Members discussed the 2020 grass cutting contract for the island and the potential need for purchasing a sit-on lawnmower, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would send round a draft tender notice to be advertised in the shop and on the various Facebook pages, as well as the island newsletter.
2. That the Clerk would research the cost of a mower and provide information at the next meeting for members to discuss further.

3. That the Clerk would ascertain which funds were best to use for this expense.

B. Cattle Pens at Pier

The Chair advised members that a meeting would be arranged with the island farmers to discuss the pier cattle pens, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Requests to Council

Members discussed the ongoing issue of requests not being met or delivered by Council departments, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would write to the Councillors to ask for their thoughts on developing a new method for communication.

D. Rubbish at Pier and Shed

It was brought to the attention of the members that there was excess rubbish lying around at the pier and shed area. It was suggested that rubbish was not being stored properly and therefore being blown around, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to the Shop Committee to ask them to keep the area tidy.

E. White Goods Collection

Members were advised that the Chair was going to organise a white goods collection for Eday, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put a notice in the shop and Facebook pages to advertise this.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 6 May 2020, at the Heritage Centre, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:50.