

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held via Zoom on Wednesday, 23 September 2020 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs S Thompson and Mr H Thomson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 27 May 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Scott and seconded by Mr C Dixon.

3. Coronavirus

The Democratic Services Manager reported that, during the early stages of lockdown, the weekly Community Resilience meetings had been successful and a useful communication channel, but that they would now move to monthly meetings. The next meeting was due to be held on Tuesday, 6 October and Democratic Services would be sending information and a link shortly, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

4. Matters Arising

A. Cattle Pens

Mr T McCabe advised that a representative from Marine Services had been out to discuss various matters, and had advised that once the community on Eday knew what they were looking for in terms of livestock pens at the pier, they should contact him, and it was:

Resolved to organise a meeting with local farmers before the next Community Council meeting to discuss requirements so that the matter could be progressed.

B. Special Household Collections

Members resumed discussions regarding organising a special collection for household items such as white goods. Councillor G Sinclair advised that he thought that the Council's Special Collection service was close to being able to resume, with the isles to be first to come back online, and it was:

Resolved to wait for the Council's Special Collection service to resume rather than organising anything meantime.

C. Insurance Cover for Bonfire/Fireworks

Members were advised that the necessary insurance cover had been arranged, but agreed that there was little chance that an event could be held this year, and it was:

Resolved that, despite having the relevant insurance cover, no event would be taking place this year.

D. Preparation for Bonfire Night

Resolved that this item had been discussed at Item 4C above and that it was not expected that an event would be held this year on Eday.

5. Correspondence

A. Annual Accounts 2019/2020

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the 2019/2020 Annual Accounts, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Faray Wind Farm – Pre-Application Notice

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, regarding the pre-application notice for the Faray Community Wind Farm Project, members noted their disappointment that no one from the project team was able to participate in this Community Council meeting, and that the timescales had slipped. They agreed that it was difficult to organise and to participate in meetings at present, and that it would be good if the team could attend the next meeting and also provide guarantees that the community would get an opportunity to make their views and concerns heard. Councillor G Sinclair advised that plans were being formulated on how best to consult given the current situation with Covid-19, and that there was a required thorough level of consultation for a proposal of this size. Following further discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would liaise with the relevant team asking for assurance that consultation would be taking place and asking for a firm date on when this would be planned.

C. Memorial Remediation Work

Following consideration of correspondence from the Strategic Policy and Projects Manager, Orkney Islands Council, regarding plans to continue with work to continue memorial remediation and erection, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the Old Eday Cemetery was one of those on the list.

D. “To Absent Friends” Festival

Members considered correspondence from the Burial Grounds Officer, Orkney Islands Council, regarding a week in November where local communities could arrange events, activities, memorials etc. to remember those who had passed. It was advised that the closing date for grant applications for this event had already passed, but following further discussion, it was:

Resolved that this would be a worthwhile event to take part in another year and to discuss at a future meeting.

E. Planning Aid Scotland Survey

Following consideration of a survey from Planning Aid Scotland, who were seeking to find out Community Councils’ experience of the planning system during the Covid-19 situation, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the survey and that members could complete this individually if they wished.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement 2020/2021 as at 7 March 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £11,546.39.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 21 July 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances of £2,212.96 and £669.00 remained available in the main capping limit and additional capping limit respectively, with the island capping limit being fully allocated.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 21 July 2020, it was:

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

D. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 21 July 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £7,258.51 remained for allocation.

7. Financial Request – Chronic Pain Initiative

Following consideration of correspondence from the local nurse, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting funding towards the purchase of workbooks to help patients with chronic pain, it was:

Resolved to award the sum of £150, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

8. Reports from Representatives

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report from either Planning or Transport Representative.

9. Consultation – HIAL Air Traffic Management Strategy: Impact Assessment

Following consideration of correspondence regarding a consultation on the HIAL Air Traffic Management Strategy: Impact Assessment, which had a deadline for comments of 30 September 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistical Report – April, May and June 2020.
- Loganair – Air Statistics – May 2020.
- VAO Training and Funding Updates - July and August 2020.
- Letter from School Place - June, July, August and September 2020.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – August 2020.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Kirkyard Issue – Accessible Path

The Chair advised that she had spoken with a resident who had reported access issues at the kirkyard, and that the funeral director also had reported these. The Chair and Mr M Scott agreed to liaise, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair and Mr M Scott would visit the graveyard and speak with the resident who had reported the issue to find out what the problem was and report back to the next meeting.

B. Scrap Vehicles at Pier

It was reported that there were a number of scrap vehicles which had been left at the pier, and that they would require to be moved. It was agreed that the Community Council was not minded to run a Scrap Car scheme this financial year, and that the Community Council should write to the owners of the vehicles advising that they should make arrangements for them to be removed, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would liaise with Democratic Services to arrange for letters to be sent to the owners of the vehicles in question.

C. Loading of Items at Pier

An issue was reported to the Community Council regarding the prioritisation of goods to be shipped from Eday, particularly NHS-related equipment. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to write to Eday Community Enterprises requesting that, where appropriate, NHS equipment is not prohibited or de-prioritised from being shipped particularly if this has been arranged in advance with the haulier.

D. Vacancies on Eday Community Council

Members discussed the vacancies on Eday Community Council and whether they should make arrangements for a public meeting to be held. The Democratic Services Manager advised that they would be holding a public meeting online for another area in November, and that once this had been completed, they would liaise with Eday members on how best to proceed, and it was:

Resolved to note the detail of the discussion.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting would be held via Zoom on Wednesday, 2 December 2020, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:25.