

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held via Zoom on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 19:00

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor Graham Sinclair
- Councillor Stephen Clackson
- Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk
- Mr Adam Stanger, 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.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Election of Chair

Prior to the meeting members were asked to email Democratic Services with their nomination for the position of Chair. Members were then advised of the result and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Mrs A Byers had received a majority of the vote.
2. That Mrs A Byers duly accepted the position of Chair for one more year.

B. Election of Vice-Chair

Prior to the meeting members were asked to email Democratic Services with their nomination for the position of Vice-Chair. This resulted in a tie and following a further vote by email during the meeting, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Mr T McCabe had received a majority of the vote.
2. That Mr T McCabe duly accepted the position of Vice-Chair.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 5 February 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mrs A Byers and seconded by Mr T McCabe.

4. Coronavirus

The Chair provided an update to members and Councillors on the Island's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, which included the provision of grocery boxes, free meals and free hand sanitiser for residents. This had been led by the Eday Partnership and a group of volunteers, and all members agreed that this had brought the island together, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Matters Arising

A. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan

The Chair advised members that she had not yet been able to review the Regional Marine Plan fully, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would review the Plan and report back at a future meeting.

B. Grass Cutting Contracts

Members were advised that the contract had been awarded and was under way, however the Strimmer had broken down and should be replaced. Following discussion regarding the process for replacement, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Mr M Scott would forward all the relevant details to enable Democratic Services to order a replacement Strimmer.
2. That this purchase would be subject to Community Council Grant Scheme assistance.

C. Pier Cattle Pens

The Chair advised members that the proposed meeting with farmers had been postponed due to Coronavirus and would hopefully be held once lockdown restrictions were eased, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Communication method with OIC

At a previous meeting, members were of the opinion that the process for receiving answers from the relevant OIC Departments could be quicker and more efficient. They also noted that the answers received tended to be negative unless an OIC Councillor became involved. The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer then explained the process and reasons why issues should be filtered through Democratic Services, and following further discussion it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Councillor Kevin Woodbridge

Members all expressed their sadness over the passing of Councillor Kevin Woodbridge and that their thoughts were with his family, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Scrap Car Scheme/Special Household Collection

The Chair enquired whether members wished to establish another scrap car scheme for the Island and, following confirmation that a gate fee was now charged for disposal, agreed that this would be looked at again in the future if the fee was reduced or removed.

Members also discussed possible arrangements for the collection of household waste and white goods, and following discussion regarding skip hire or use of the current refuse lorry, it was:

Resolved:

1. That use of the current refuse lorry for a special collection would be the most suitable solution.
2. That the Interim Clerk was to investigate the current disposal options and costs.

G. Harbour Masterplan

The Chair advised members that Phase one of this project was now complete and that Phase two, which was due to start in March, had been postponed until late 2020 due to the current Pandemic. Members were also advised that an engineer would be visiting the Island in the future to discuss the Masterplan, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Correspondence

A. Air Services Timetable

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, regarding the 2020/2021 Winter Air Timetable and answers to the queries raised at the recent forum, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Memorial Safety

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, regarding the safety of memorials and the work that was to be undertaken soon, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. OIC Annual Grants 2020/2021

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, regarding the annual grants awarded to each Community Council for the financial year, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Insurance Renewal 2020

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, regarding the insurance renewal for the Community Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, and further discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the premium was to be paid through the Community Council Grant Scheme.
2. That the Community Council Liaison Officer was to advise the insurers that a bonfire and fireworks event was held annually and should be covered.

E. Verge Maintenance Plan 2020

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, regarding the 2020 Verge Maintenance Plan and feedback from members previous comments, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

7. Finance

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement 2019/20 as at 27 May 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £11,730.08.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 27 May 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances of £2,488.50 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 27 May 2020, it was:

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

D. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 27 May 2020, it was:

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

8. Financial Requests

A. Eday Community Association Hostel

Mr M Scott declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at this point.

Following consideration of correspondence from Eday Community Association, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of improvements planned for the Hostel, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To award the sum of £3,750 as requested, which accounts for 50% of the proposed works.

2. That the award should be paid from the Seed Corn fund, subject to acceptance of an application.

3. Should the Seed Corn application be unsuccessful; this would be awarded from the Community Council Grant Scheme fund.

Mr M Scott re-joined the meeting at this point.

B. Eday Parent Council

The Chair advised members that the Eday Parent Council would be submitting a financial request in the near future for funding towards the cost of a feasibility study for a playpark on the Island, and following further discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information and to await the request in due course.

9. Reports from Representatives

Resolved to note that there were no reports to provide.

10. Consultation - Winter Service Plan Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a consultation on the Winter Service Plan, which had a deadline for comments of 14 August 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

11. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistical Report – February and March 2020.
- Loganair – Passenger Figures – March and April 2020.

12. Any Other Competent Business

Members had no other business to discuss under this item.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 19 August 2020, either at the Heritage Centre or online, commencing at 19:00.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:05.