

Minute of the Meeting of Harray and Sandwick Community Council held in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby, on Thursday, 30 January 2019 at 19:00

Present:

Mr D Hamilton, Mr G Brown, Mrs E Grant, Mr K Groundwater, Mr C Kirkness, Mrs K Ritch and Mr S Sinclair.

In Attendance:

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mr S West, Planning Manager, Orkney Islands Council.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mr I Flett.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Police Scotland were unable to attend the meeting but provided written information regarding a report of persons driving fast and looping around the area from Dounby to Sandwick and back during the night. Members also heard that two speeding tickets had been issued during day time hours and officers would continue to monitor and take action if necessary. Members discussed safety issues regarding the combination of parking and the speed of traffic travelling past the Co-op, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. To ask Orkney Islands Council if they would place the smiley face speed sign within the region of the Dounby Co-op to record driver speeds in this area.

3. Minute of meeting held on 29 August 2018

The minute of the meeting held on 29 August 2018 was considered by members, and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr C Kirkness and seconded by Mr S Sinclair.

4. Matters Arising

A. Dounby Market Green

The Planning Manager provided members with various drawings of the Dounby Village area along with a plan of the Community Council's aspirations for the area. He informed members that the Village Plan for Dounby would be considered towards the end of 2019. Members noted the desire to consider bus parking and interpretation boards to encourage coach travellers to use local businesses including the possible upgrade of the present toilets and inclusion of disabled access, and it was resolved:

1. That the Community Council would try to ascertain ownership of the land containing the fuel tanks.

2. That the Planning Manager would obtain feedback from Estates, Orkney Islands Council, regarding the toilets.

3. That the views of the community for the development of the Market Green could be sought by advertisement and engagement at Show time.

The Planning Manager left the meeting after discussion of this item.

B. Speed Limit Signs around Dounby

Members were provided with a report from Councillor King, who advised them that she believed speed limits throughout Orkney were to be assessed later in the year, however she would check whether this was correct. Following discussion regarding extension of the 30mph zones to the end of the housing development and the need for further signs in the centre of Dounby, it was:

Resolved to invite an Orkney Islands Council officer to the next meeting of the Community Council to discuss speed limits and street lighting.

C. Street Lights in Harray

After hearing a report from Councillor H Johnston advising members that there had been street lights at this location in Harray for 30 years and they now required maintenance, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Land at Amenity Site in Dounby

Members were advised that a response was awaited to the request for a gate to be installed to the field adjacent to the amenity site, where a member of the public had been cutting the grass. Members again suggested that this area should be given consideration in the Village Plan with a view to improvements in Dounby as well as an extension to the amenity site at Dounby, and it was:

Resolved to note the information and await updates.

5. Kirkyard Grasscutting

After discussion of the requirements for grass cutting at the Harray and Sandwick kirkyards, it was:

Resolved to tender for a one-year contract for grasscutting at Harray and Sandwick kirkyards.

6. Correspondence

A. West Mainland Tourist Brochure Meeting

Following consideration of correspondence from the West Mainland Tourist Brochure Sub-Committee regarding the 2019 West Mainland Tourist Brochure, it was:

Resolved to continue to support printing the brochure annually and that application should be made for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme once the Harray and Sandwick share of the costs was known.

B. SSEN Updates on Orkney Transmission Reinforcement

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks regarding the Orkney Transmission Connection and Infrastructure Project

and an update on the Finstown Substation Public Consultation held on 6 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers - Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the revised date of 3 March 2019 for the Emergency Services fun day, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Orkney Islands Council - Community Transport Grant

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the availability of a Community Transport Grant, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Households with Cancer Diagnosis

Following consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney, in partnership with Macmillan and CLAN Cancer Support, regarding funding available to help those with a cancer diagnosis, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Stone Bench at St Peter's Kirk

Following consideration of correspondence from a local resident regarding an application for the siting of a stone memorial bench at St Peter's Kirk, Sandwick, it was:

Resolved that members agreed to support this project.

G. Lord Lieutenant

Correspondence had been received from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Orkney outlining the roles of the Lord Lieutenant and his deputies, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

7. Consultation Document - Energy Supply Company, Our Power

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the possibility of a partnership with the Our Power energy supply company, it was:

Resolved to note that members would be in favour of the project if it provided community benefit.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the General Fund statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £3,559.82 as at 10 January 2019.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that funding of £1,155.89 remained available for approval under the main capping limit and that £662.00 remained available for approval under the additional capping limit as at 10 January 2019.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £9,640 as at 10 January 2019.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £2,500, as at 10 January 2019.

9. Financial Requests

A. Netball Orkney Trip to Glasgow

Following consideration of correspondence, that had been received in November 2018, from L Sandison requesting funding towards her daughter attending a netball trip to Glasgow in December 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be given towards the cost of the trip to Glasgow, to be met from the General Fund, subject to the girl not having received any other funding this financial year.

B. Orkney Youth Climbing Squad - Youth Climbing Series

Correspondence had been received from Orkney Youth Climbing Squad requesting financial assistance towards one Sandwick junior member attending a competition to be held over three rounds in January, February and March 2019 on the Scottish mainland, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be given towards the cost of attending the competition on the Scottish mainland, to be met from the General Fund.

C. Dounby Community School - Lagganlia Trip

S Sinclair declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Correspondence had been received from Dounby Community School requesting funding towards the cost of the Primary 7 pupils attending an outdoor education centre at Lagganlia in June 2019, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £50 be approved for each of the six Primary 7 pupils from Harray and Sandwick towards the cost of attending Lagganlia Outdoor Centre, a total grant of £300 to be met from the General Fund.

10. Publications

The following publication was noted by the Community Council:

- Glasdon Brochure.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Headstones

Members reported that there had been many complaints about the work that had been carried out on headstones, and that there was a safety issue regarding the holes that had been left as a result of the work. Members were also concerned that there had been a lack of communication with local families, and it was:

Resolved to note that members would like the present process to be halted and that further consideration be given to the process being undertaken.

B. Christmas Lights

Members were informed that, in addition to the cost of purchasing the Christmas lights and brackets, there was also a fee payable to Orkney Islands Council for connection to the street lights and storage, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would obtain costs for the purchase of lights, connection and storage fees for the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following a discussion regarding possible dates and venue for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Harray and Sandwick Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 27 March 2019 at 19:00 in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:45.