

Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, Holm, on Tuesday, 5 March 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Jacqui Hirst, Shelagh Sneesby, Martin Lee, Kenny Rendall, Bill Robertson and Robbie Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Councillor Norman Craigie.
- Councillor Steve Sankey.
- Mrs Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer, Democratic Services.
- Ms Michelle Ward, Service Manager, Women’s Aid Orkney.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that there had not been any apologies for absence received by the Clerk.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there was no new information to report.

3. Women's Aid Orkney

Members received a presentation on Women's Aid Orkney, a registered charity dedicated to supporting women and children. Free, confidential services, advice and therapies are offered by the charity, and they also operate a local refuge. Members heard that posts were funded by different organisations and, as funding from Orkney Islands Council had been cut this year, they would be looking for additional backing. Members also heard that the charity supported users in their choices in a non-judgemental way and currently received enquiries from all over the UK. Following the presentation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

The Chair thanked the Service Manager for her presentation, and the Service Manager left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Sankey joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

4. Room in Roof Insulation

As there was no Insulation King representative present, the Chair moved on to the next item.

5. Minute of the meeting held on 23 January 2019

The minute of the meeting held on 23 January 2019 was approved, being proposed by Kenny Rendall and seconded by Martin Lee.

6. Matters Arising

A. War Memorial

Members were informed that the Blide Trust were dealing with this and there was nothing further to update.

B. Gates at Existing Kirkyard

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising that the gates would be checked, and work programmed as necessary. Kenny Rendall updated the meeting, reporting that new metal gates had been installed since the letter had been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Cats' Eyes

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, advising that the Council would not consider the need for introduction of road studs at this time, and it was:

Resolved to note the information and to encourage people to report any road traffic accidents at the location in future.

D. Energy Supply Company – Our Power

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, advising that the company had since ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

7. Correspondence

A. Lord Lieutenancy Duties

Following consideration of correspondence from the Deputy Lieutenant of Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding their duties and how Community Councils could assist, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust

Following consideration of correspondence from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the self-build loan fund, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

8. Kirkyard Maintenance

Tenders were received from several contractors for the 2019 maintenance of Holm Kirkyard and, following consideration, it was agreed to award the tender to Christopher Shearer, and that Shelagh Sneesby and Kenny Rendall would check the kirkyard to see if an early extra cut was required, and it was:

1. Resolved that the Clerk would send the relevant paperwork to Christopher Shearer and letters to the unsuccessful tenderers.
2. That Shelagh Sneesby and Kenny Rendall would check to see if an early extra cut was required at the kirkyard and would report back to the Clerk in due course.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 14 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £9,842.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 14 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,891.50.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 14 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £6,500.

D. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

10. Financial Requests

A. Holm Seniors Christmas Meal

Members considered correspondence received from Holm Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, explaining the previous request for financial assistance towards the Holm Senior Citizens Meal. Members agreed that the Clerk should respond to the Community Association explaining that they could not consider applications retrospectively, but that they were willing to make a donation of £100 on this occasion, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Holm Community Association explaining that applications required to be with the Community Council prior to the event and advising of the £100 donation.

B. Orkney Schools Concert Band

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of the Orkney Schools Concert Band, requesting financial assistance towards participation in the Scottish Concert Band National Finals in Perth, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the two attendees be awarded £25 each from the General Fund.

C. St Andrews Primary School – Lagganlia Trip

Following consideration of correspondence from St Andrews Primary School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the P7 visit to Lagganlia in May 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 be awarded to the 15 pupils residing in Holm, totalling £375.

D. First Holm Brownies

Following consideration of correspondence received from 1st Holm Brownies requesting financial assistance towards the cost of their hall rent, copies of which had previously been circulated, members agreed that, as evidence of expenditure had been supplied, the amount donated could come out of Community Council Grant Scheme fund, subject to approval, and it was:

Resolved to grant CCGS funding of £300 to 1st Holm Brownies, subject to approval.

E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, a copy of which was read out by the Clerk, regarding financial assistance of £25 awarded at the last meeting for a competitor attending the North District Age Group Championships, it was:

Resolved to note that the £25 had not been required as the competitor did not attend the event.

F. Bag the Bruck 2019

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing information about how the Community Grant Scheme supports those taking part in the Bag the Bruck initiative, it was:

Resolved to commit £300 from the Community Council Grant Scheme fund, subject to approval.

11. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

Following consideration of the consultation on the Verge Maintenance Plan, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for comments was the 15 March and that members could comment through the Clerk by that date if they wished.

B. SSEN – Finstown Substation Public Consultation

Correspondence on the SSEN Public Consultation was considered, and members heard that Martin Lee had attended the public consultation and a meeting organised by Orkney Heritage Society. He reported to members that he felt that Holm would not be particularly affected, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. SSEN – Transmission Draft Sustainability Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity networks, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Police Scotland Engagement

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland inviting members to participate in a survey, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for comments was 18 March 2019 and that comments can be submitted online.

E. Historic Environment Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from Historic Environment Scotland inviting comments on proposals to make designation orders for Historic Marine Protected Areas within Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 17 April.

12. Publications

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- Carnegie Newsletter – February 2019.
- Tesco Bags of Help.
- Climate Challenge Fund Newsletter (emailed 30 March 2019).
- VAO – January 2019 Newsletter (emailed 5 March 2019).
- Scottish Health Council – News from Your Local Office – January 2019 (emailed 18 February 2019).
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – February 2019 (emailed 18 February 2019).

13. Any Other Competent Business

A. Tourist Brochure

Members discussed providing a year's supply of the tourist brochure providing time is allowed for redrafting. There was some discussion regarding whether a reprint was required, and members were supportive of St Andrews and Deerness' proposal of 5,000 copies of the old brochure being reprinted, and it was:

Resolved to discuss at the sub-group meeting scheduled for the following night and to report back to the Community Council at the next meeting.

B. Old Garage Site, St Mary's

Members heard that it was expected that planning documents would be submitted shortly to convert the old garage into a jewellery manufacturer, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

14. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council be held on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

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