

# Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, Holm, on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Steve Sankey.

## **2. Election of Office Bearers**

### **A. Chairperson**

Resolved that Jacqui Hirst should be reappointed Chairperson of Holm Community Council.

### **B. Vice Chair**

Resolved that Sheelagh Sneesby should be reappointed Vice Chairperson of Holm Community Council.

### **C. Planning Representative**

Resolved that Robbie Thomson should be reappointed Planning Representative of Holm Community Council.

## **3. Police Scotland Matters**

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters.

## **4. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting held on 5 March 2019 was approved, being proposed by Kenny Rendall and seconded by Martin Lee.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Women's Aid Orkney**

Following consideration of the request for financial assistance discussed at the previous meeting as part of the presentation from Women's Aid Orkney, it was resolved:

1. To make a donation of £50 to Women's Aid Orkney, to be met from the General Fund.
2. That Women's Aid Orkney should be one of the charities to receive a share of donations received and/or raised at the tree lighting ceremony to be held in November/December 2019.

### **B. War Memorial**

Following consideration of various options for upgrading the area surrounding the war memorial, it was:

Resolved that Sheelagh Sneesby should seek a price from the Blide Trust in respect of Option 1, namely a general tidy up and removal of the shrub beds on the slope, and recommendations for replacement shrubs/plants which would require ongoing low maintenance.

## **C. Kirkyard Maintenance**

The Clerk advised that the successful contractor had undertaken two cuts of the kirkyard to date, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

## **D. Bag the Bruck**

The Clerk advised that she had received three applications for assistance with Bag the Bruck, and it was:

Resolved that the £300 grant approved at the previous meeting be split equally between the three applicants.

## **E. Tourist Brochure**

Following an update from Martin Lee regarding production of a new tourist brochure for the East Mainland, it was resolved:

1. To note that i-Design was currently producing a new design with 18 advertising spaces and the three community councils would be asked to seek potential sponsors for the advertising spaces.
2. To note that the advertising spaces would be on the “map” side of the leaflet, with corrections and/or updates made to the existing text.
3. To note that 13 boxes of the existing leaflet were to be distributed between the three community councils for onward distribution at various locations.
4. That Holm Community Council should meet one third of the total cost of producing 5,000 copies of the new brochure, estimated at £1,060, subject to assistance being approved from the Community Council Grant Scheme, failing which the Seed Corn fund.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Community Council Insurance**

Following consideration of documentation relating to the Community Council's insurance cover for 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council querying the level of the premium compared to other community councils, whether the community council was covered, given that the documents stated 1 April, but the community council was only considering it at this meeting, and confirming that the community council had no amendment to the cover to be provided.

### **B. Finstown Substation**

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN Transmission advising of the submission of a planning application for the Finstown substation, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Legion Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Kirkwall Branch of Legion Scotland regarding the Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should enter the war memorial in the following categories:

- New Entry.
- Satellite memorial without garden.

### **D. Annual Grants**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding annual grants to community councils for 2019 to 2020, and it was resolved:

1. That the annual grant to Holm Community Council for financial year 2019 to 2020 was £3,770.56.
2. That the capping limits for the Community Council Grant Scheme for financial year 2019 to 2020 remained at £3,322, with an additional capping limit of £662 in respect of costs associated with halls or community centres not in Council ownership.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 26 April 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 26 April 2019 of £9,429.51.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 26 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,471.50.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 26 April 2019, it was:

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

### **D. Seed Corn Funding**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 26 April 2019, it was:

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

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Ross County Football and Netball Trips**

Robbie Thomson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from M Ewing requesting financial assistance towards her son's participation in the Ross County football squad and her daughter's participation in netball trips, it was resolved:

1. That grants of £25 should be provided towards the following trips, in accordance with the 2018 to 2019 policy, to be met from the General Fund:

- Ross County – Inverness – 23 February 2019.
- Ross County – Dundee – 30 March 2019.
- Netball – Aberdeen – 16 and 17 February 2019.

2. That grants of £25 should be provided towards the following trips, in accordance with the 2019 to 2020 policy, to be met from the General Fund:

- Ross County – Dundee – 6 April 2019.
- Ross County – Aberdeen – 4 May 2019.

### **B. St Andrew's Parent Council – Easter Concert**

Following consideration of correspondence received from St Andrew's Parent Council requesting financial assistance towards transport costs associated with the Easter concert held on 2 April 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £60 be given towards the cost of transport for the Easter concert, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

### **C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Inverness Graded Meet**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one resident participating in the Inverness Graded Meet held on 20 April 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be given towards the cost of one resident participating in the Inverness Graded Meet held on 20 April 2019, to be met from the General Fund.

### **D. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – University of Aberdeen Long Course**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one resident participating in the University of Aberdeen Long Course event held on 27 and 28 April 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be given towards the cost of one resident participating in the University of Aberdeen Long Course event held on 27 and 28 April 2019, to be met from the General Fund.

### **E. Orkney Youth Development Group – Under 15 Football Squad**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Youth Development Group's Under 15 Squad coach requesting financial assistance towards the cost of three residents participating in various football competitions, copies of which had been circulated, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should write to the Orkney Youth Development Group advising of the community council's policy on financial assistance.
2. That, subject to proof of participation, grants of £25 be given towards the costs of three residents participating in Inter-County trips to Shetland, Caithness and Inverness and a 4-day trip to Edinburgh.

### **F. Kirkwall Grammar School**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall Grammar School requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one resident participating in a leisure trip to Inverness from 29 to 31 May 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be given towards the cost of one resident participating in a leisure trip to Inverness from 29 to 31 May 2019, to be met from the General Fund.

### **G. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso Mini Meet**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two residents participating in the Thurso Mini Meet held on 4 May 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that grants of £25 be given towards the cost of two residents participating in the Thurso Mini Meet held on 4 May 2019, to be met from the General Fund.

### **H. Athletics and Football Competitions**

Following consideration of correspondence from G Scott requesting financial assistance towards his sons' participation in various athletic and football competitions, copies of which were distributed, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should write to G Scott advising of the community council's policy on financial assistance, together with the application from the Orkney Youth Development Group.
2. That, subject to proof of participation, grants of £25 be given towards the cost of participation in the following events:
  - YDL Athletics – Inverness – 18 and 19 May 2019.

- Orkney Junior Inter-county Football – Shetland – 1 and 2 June 2019.
- Athletics – Island Games, Gibraltar – July 2019.
- YDL Athletics final – August 2019.
- Inter-county Football – Caithness – August 2019.
- Inter-county Football – Shetland – 31 August to 2 September 2019.

## **9. Consultations**

### **A. Orkney Partnership Board – National Islands Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Scottish Government's consultation on the National Islands Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that comments for inclusion in the Council/Community Planning responses required to be submitted no later than 10 June 2019, with an individual response direct to the Scottish Government required no later than 6 July 2019.

### **B. Supplementary Guidance - Housing in the Countryside**

The Clerk had received a consultation document from Orkney Islands Council regarding revised Supplementary Guidance: Housing in the Countryside, and it was:

Resolved that powers be delegated to the Planning Representative to submit a response on behalf of the Community Council.

## **10. Publications**

The Clerk had sent the following publications by e-mail to members:

- VAO – March and April 2019 Newsletters.
- VAO – April Volunteering Summary.
- Scottish Health Council – News from your Local Office – March 2019.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – April 2019.
- Carnegie UK Trust – April 2019 Newsletter.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business – Old Garage Site, St Mary's**

Members were advised that the planning application had been submitted for the old garage site in St Mary's, and it was:

Resolved that Martin Lee should, on behalf of the Community Council, submit a letter of support for the proposed development, including the economic benefits to the area, the advantage of being close to regular transport routes and supporting the upgrade of an existing building which the community council had, in the past, expressed concerns relating to the condition of the building including fallen roof slates.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that Holm Community Council should meet on the following dates, in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, commencing at 19:30:

- 26 June 2019.
- 4 September 2019.
- 6 November 2019.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

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