

Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 20:00

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Councillor Steve Sankey.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.
- Maureen Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Sarah Sankey, Orkney Manager, RSPB – for Item 7D.

Chair:

- Jacqui Hirst in the Chair.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no formal apologies for absence had been received.

2. Appointment of Chair

Resolved that Jacqui Hirst should be re-appointed Chair.

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved that Martin Lee should be re-appointed Vice Chair.

4. Appointment of Planning Representative

Resolved that Robbie Thomson should be re-appointed Planning representative.

5. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters to report.

6. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the Meeting held on 10 March 2021 was approved, being proposed by Martin Lee and seconded by Jacqui Hirst.

7. Matters Arising

A. Policy on Financial Assistance

Following consideration of a revised policy on financial assistance, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Democratic Services Manager should provide examples of policies from other community councils for consideration at the next meeting.

B. Tourist Brochure

After hearing an update from the Democratic Services Manager regarding the proposal that the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer would assist in co-ordinating work associated with the tourist brochure, it was:

Resolved that, as St Andrews and Deerness Community Council had declined the offer of assistance in co-ordinating production of the tourist brochure, to await further contact from that Community Council.

C. Fair Start Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from the Fair Start Scotland Delivery Manager offering to arrange a virtual meeting to discuss Fair Start Scotland and the benefits this may provide to the unemployed, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Chair should contact the Delivery Manager asking how they envisaged the Community Council assisting in identifying people within the local community who may benefit from the services provided by Fair Start Scotland.

D. Orkney Native Wildlife Project

Following a short presentation from the Orkney RSPB Manager, providing an update on the Orkney Native Wildlife Project, together with statistics, it was:

Resolved to note the presentation.

E. Loch of Ayre Walkway

After hearing an update from the Clerk on financial assistance provided to the Loch of Ayre Walkway Association, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the photos circulated by Martin Lee just prior to the meeting showing works undertaken at the Loch of Ayre Walkway.
2. To note that the Loch of Ayre Walkway Association had submitted evidence of expenditure to enable an application to be made for funding from the Community Council Grant Scheme allocation for 2020/2021 totalling £2,821.90.
3. To note that the Loch of Ayre Walkway Association had also submitted evidence of expenditure to make a further claim on the project funded from the Community Development Fund allocation, totalling £2,647.90.

F. Roads Matters

The Clerk advised that no response had been received from Orkney Islands Council regarding damage to road verges made by bus drivers, and it was:

Resolved that Bill Robertson should go around the parish, taking photos of any areas of the road network which required attention and forward those to the Clerk for discussion at the next meeting.

G. Recycling Collections

The Clerk advised that no response had been received from Orkney Islands Council with regards to plastic being blown over adjacent verges and fields from the recycling vehicles, resulting in some residents no longer using that service, and it was:

Resolved to note that no response had been provided.

8. Correspondence

A. Community Renewal Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the UK Government's Community Renewal Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Orkney Regional Marine Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council providing an update in respect of development of the Orkney Regional Marine Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Hoy North and Hoy Centre Online Consultation Event

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks regarding an online consultation event on the planned replacement of two 33kV submarine electricity cables running between the Orkney Mainland and Hoy North and Hoy Centre, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. OIC Harbour Authority – Scapa Deep Water Quay

Following consideration of correspondence from Marine Scotland requesting feedback on what should be included within or excluded from the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of the marine elements of the proposed Scapa Deep Water Quay development by the OIC Harbour Authority, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting an update on the onshore elements of the Scapa Deep Water Quay development.

E. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from the Democratic Services Manager advising of the annual grants to community councils for 2021/22, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the annual grant to Holm Community Council for financial year 2021/2022 was £3,873.43.
2. That the capping limit for the Community Council Grant Scheme for financial year 2021/2022 was £3,388, with an additional capping limit of £676 in respect of costs associated with halls or community centres not in Council ownership.

F. Adoption of Planning Guidance

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the adoption of various planning documents, and it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney Islands Council had recently approved the following documents:

- Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance.
- Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting Planning Policy Advice.
- The Development Plan Scheme 2021.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 21 April 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 21 April 2021 of £11,884.18.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 21 April 2021 copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,585.96.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 21 April 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,950.

D. Seed Corn Funding

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 21 April 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

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

10. Financial Requests

A. Holm Community Centre – Heating

Following consideration of correspondence on behalf of Holm Community Association seeking advice on any grants or funding the Association could access in order to upgrade the heating system in the Holm Hall, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should pass on details of the VAO funding updates and the ReFlex programme to Holm Community Association.

B. St Andrews Primary School

Following consideration of correspondence received from pupils in P2 at St Andrews Primary School requesting financial assistance towards the purchase of sandpit and playground toys, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 be given towards the cost of purchasing sandpit and playground toys, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

C. Friends of St Nicholas

The Clerk had received correspondence from the Friends of St Nicholas requesting financial assistance towards upgrading works at St Nicholas Kirk at a total cost of £4,174.82, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £1,151.26 be given towards the cost of preparing and painting the external doors and windows, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

11. Consultations

A. Orkney Partnership – Community Priorities

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a consultation on community priorities undertaken by the Orkney Partnership, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a review of the Scheme for Orkney Community Councils, and it was:

Resolved that individual members should respond direct to the Democratic Services Manager by the deadline of 16 July 2021.

C. Winter Service Delivery

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a review of its winter service policy and service plan, and it was:

Resolved that members should submit any comments to the Clerk to enable a response to be submitted to Orkney Islands Council by the deadline of 7 June 2021.

12. Publications

The following publications had been received by the Clerk and were circulated to members via email:

- VAO Newsletters – March and April 2021.
- VAO – Training and Funding Updates – March and April 2021.
- Liam McArthur MSP – Coronavirus: Latest Information and Advice – 9, 16 and 23 March 2021.

13. Any Other Competent Business - Condition of Roads and Verges

After hearing representations from Kenny Rendall regarding the condition of the road on the brae at Vigga, together with damage caused by a tractor on the Tieve, resulting in a van going off the road, it was:

Resolved that Bill Robertson should arrange for photos to be taken of both locations and mark up the areas on a map, including locations of photos taken as part of the action under item 7F above.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council should be held on 30 June 2021, commencing at 19:30.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.