

# Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held on Monday, 17 August 2020 at 19:00 via Microsoft Teams

## Present:

Rikki A Lidderdale, Robert F Leslie, Kim Burns, Lorraine A Craigie, Christopher Gee, Moyra Gordon, Christine E H Marcus, Cathleen A Hourie, John R Mowat and Tom Rendall.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
  
- Mrs Hazel Flett, Clerk.
  
- Temporary Sergeant Hugh Mooney, Police Scotland.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from David L Flett and Councillor W Leslie Manson.

## **2. HIAL ATMS Plans**

Although it had been hoped to receive representations from local Air Traffic Controllers and HIAL regarding plans for Air Traffic Management, difficulties with emails had resulted in insufficient time to arrange attendance, and it was:

Resolved to note that arrangements would be made for the presentations to be given at the next meeting.

## **3. Police Scotland Matters**

The Police Scotland representative gave a short update on relevant Police Scotland matters including staffing changes, training, working with the Orkney Drug Dog charity, youth volunteers, responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and increasing levels of fraud associated with vulnerability as a result of Covid-19, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

The Police Scotland representative left the meeting at this point.

## **4. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 6 July 2020 was approved, being proposed by Kim Burns and seconded by Moyra Gordon.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Town Centre Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council providing an update on approved projects and raising awareness of Town Centre Fund timescales and remaining money, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk should collate the list of suggestions from members and pass to Orkney Islands Council.
2. That Councillor John T Richards should investigate whether Orkney Islands Council received funding for e-bikes in 2019 and whether the e-bikes were purchased.

Councillor Gwenda Shearer joined the meeting during discussion of this item and Christine Harcus joined the meeting at this point.

### **B. Westray Community Council – Complaints to O2 and Vodaphone**

The Clerk advised that no further update had been received from Alistair Carmichael MP, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

### **C. Pedestrian Connection from Foreland Road to Crantit Trail**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Liaison Officer regarding the pedestrian connection from Foreland Road to the Crantit trail, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that a footbridge was proposed at the planning stage of the Balfour Hospital and that it was with NHS Orkney to construct, with the footpath/land on the Foreland Road side belonging to NHS Orkney.
2. That the Clerk should write to NHS Orkney seeking clarification on the provision of the footbridge.
3. That the Clerk should write to D Murdoch, who had initially raised the matter, advising of the above.

### **D. Financial Requests – Papdale Primary School**

Following consideration of correspondence from Papdale Primary School thanking the Community Council for financial support provided previously, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **E. Walliwall Quarry**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Liaison Officer providing comments from relevant managers within Orkney Islands Council in response to matters raised by the Community Council in relation to Walliwall Quarry, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that, with regard to the fencing, an officer had been requested to inspect the reported danger and carry out some temporary repairs to ensure it was safe.
2. To note that the Council would investigate the need for more regular inspections and report this back as the Quarry was still under the Quarry section's remit and was likely to be inspected by them.
3. To note that, although there was no current interest in Walliwall Quarry, the Council had received several enquiries in the past for the purpose of a disposal site, with some significant work done by said interested parties, although once investigated in detail, it was not as easy as pumping it out and filling with inert materials, as it would have environmental, planning, roads and other compliance issues that must be satisfied, as well as passing SEPA and other regulations about use as a tip and how it should be run.

## **6. Correspondence - “To Absent Friends”**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding an annual festival called “To Absent Friends” held during a week in November where local communities could arrange events, activities or memorials to remember those who had passed away, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **7. Bonfire and Fireworks Display**

Following consideration of whether to proceed with the bonfire and fireworks display, which the Rotary Club had suggested would be held on Saturday, 7 November 2020, if it proceeded, it was:

Resolved that, due to ongoing uncertainty regarding relaxation, or otherwise, of Covid-19 restrictions, as well as the lead-in time required for arranging the event, regrettably the bonfire and fireworks display should not go ahead on 7 November 2020.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 3 August 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 3 August 2020 of £13,073.60.

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

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 3 August 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,158.19.

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

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 3 August 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £3,688.42.

## **9. Financial Requests - Women’s Alcohol Dependency Support Group**

The Clerk confirmed that no further correspondence had been received from Women’s Aid Orkney, following the decision to defer consideration of their request for financial assistance towards a Women’s Alcohol Dependency Support Group, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications had been sent to the Clerk and were forwarded to members via email:

- VAO Newsletter – July 2020.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – July 2020.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. The Reel**

Following discussion on the recent announcement of the closure of The Reel and their request that Orkney Islands Council take over the business, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council advising that it should do as much as possible within its power to support businesses who required support, financial or otherwise, as a result of Covid-19.

### **B. Town Centre Parking Charges**

Following discussion of the possibility of requesting Orkney Islands Council to make town centre parking free of charge, it was:

Resolved to take no further action at this time.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council be held on Monday, 5 October 2020, venue to be confirmed, with Microsoft Teams as fallback, commencing at 19:00.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

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