

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in the Orphir Community School on Tuesday, 13 November 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mr A Dixon, Mr A Dundas, Mr A Marwick, Mr N Sclater and Mr K Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor B Foulkes.
- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor J Richards.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr D Marwick.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 11 September 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Marwick and seconded by Mr M Clouston, subject to the addition of Councillor J Richards in "In Attendance".

3. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter – Germiston Road

The Clerk advised that no response had been received from Stagecoach, despite him sending a letter and two emails, and it was:

Resolved that this item should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Clowally Viewpoint

Members were informed by Mr A Dundas that the solicitor acting on behalf of the Community Council would be in touch shortly regarding the outcome of legal proceedings on the ownership of the land at Clowally, and it was:

Resolved that this item should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

C. Orphir School Football Pitch

Members heard that water was flowing into the drain following a digger being used. They also heard that rolling could remove lumps on the pitch, and that air could be reintroduced through a sanding method. Re-turfing could be very costly, and members were awaiting costings for the various methods of improving the pitch, and it was:

Resolved that this issue be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

D. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

Members heard that the centre was now closed for the year, and that after consultation with Highland Park, discussions regarding redecoration would take place. Members also heard that a local craftsperson may be able to repair/store the longship over the winter period, and that the caretaker had reported some issues that required attention within the centre, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should contact Democratic Services to report the issues at the centre.

2. That the Saga Centre redecoration and Longship storage be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

E. Road Cone on Germiston Road

Members heard that the cone had now been removed and the repair made, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

4. Correspondence

A. Community Council Conference – 7 November 2018

As there had been no Orphir Community Council representative available to attend the recent conference, Councillor B Foulkes provided an update on items that had been discussed, including whether there should be more devolved responsibility, and engagement with young people. She also reported that Community Councils had been praised for their involvement, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Unsafe Headstones

Members discussed correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, which provided an update on the Headstone Inspection Process, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. St Magnus Way

Members discussed correspondence from Orkney Pilgrimage Trustees, copies of which had been previously circulated, who were asking for a letter of support, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would send a letter of support on behalf of the Community Council.

D. Lower Speed Communities Workshop

Members discussed correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding a workshop to be held on 28 November 2018, and it was:

Resolved that members would let the Clerk know in due course who would be attending on behalf of the Community Council.

E. Orkney Heritage Society

Members discussed correspondence from Orkney Heritage Society, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding SSEN proposals, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

Following a discussion on the Verge Maintenance plan 2018, members discussed problem areas, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would gather comments from members and pass to Democratic Services by the deadline of 15 March 2019.

B. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of the consultation document on the review of the Gambling Policy, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

C. Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Consultation

Members discussed the SSEN consultation on their plans for a substation, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the Community Council General Finance statement as at 30 October 2018, copies of which had been distributed, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,301.96.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 30 October 2018, copies of which had been distributed, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £780.81.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 30 October 2018, copies of which had been distributed, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £13,755.42 was available for allocation.

D. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 30 October 2018, copies of which had been distributed, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,518 was available for allocation.

7. Financial Requests

A. West Mainland Tourist Brochure

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for ratification of a decision made regarding donation towards brochure printing costs, it was:

Resolved that members had agreed to commit CCGS funding of £640, subject to approval, towards the West Mainland Tourist Brochure.

B. Never Such Innocence's Centenary Finale – London

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs S Garson, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter's trip to London in November 2018 to attend a ceremony as a previous competition winner, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £100 be given towards the event.

C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso Open

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of swimmers attending the Thurso Open in September 2018, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £10 each be donated to the three swimmers competing in the event, totalling £30.

D. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Inverness Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club asking for financial assistance towards the cost of the Inverness Meeting in November 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £50 be given to each of the two swimmers competing in the event, totalling £100.

E. Friends of Orphir Community School – Halloween Party

Following consideration of correspondence received from Friends of Orphir School, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of the Halloween Party to be held in October 2018, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £50 be granted.

F. Friends of Orphir Community School – Christmas Party

Following consideration of correspondence received from Friends of Orphir School asking for financial assistance towards the cost of the Christmas Party in December 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £50 be granted.

G. Banchory Music Festival October 2018

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms J Leonard asking for financial assistance towards the cost of attending an event in Banchory October 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £50 each be given to the two contestants, totalling £100.

H. Orphir Community Association - Christmas Tree

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orphir Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of the purchase of a Christmas tree in December 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be given, subject to CCGS approval.

8. Any Other Competent Business - War Memorial

Members discussed the slight subsidence around the War Memorial, and it was:

Resolved that members would price the cost of chips to bring the surface level back up to normal.

9. Dates of Next Meetings

Following consideration of dates for the next meetings of the Community Council, it was:

Resolved to note that the next two meetings would be held on Tuesdays 29 January and 26 March 2019, both in the Orphir Community School, at 19:30.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:30.