

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor L Manson.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Richards and B Foulkes.

2. Police Scotland Matters

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

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 13 November 2018 was approved, being proposed by A Dundas and seconded by A Dixon.

4. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter Germiston Road

After hearing that most avenues of revenue to renew the bus shelter had been exhausted, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should seek a quote for construction of a shelter from the Orkney Men's Shed group and report back to members at the next meeting.

B. Clowally Viewpoint

After hearing that there was no information available regarding the progress of the purchase of land at Clowally, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact the solicitor acting on the Community Council's behalf to enquire about any progress being made and report back to members at the next meeting.

C. Orphir Football Pitch

Members heard that the pitch was in a better condition this year than last, that the ditch had been cleaned, and water was draining freely. Orphir Community Association were going to flat-lift the surface and had identified possible sources of topsoil. Following further discussion, it was:

Resolved that this issue be carried forward for discussion at the next meeting.

D. OrkneyInga Saga Centre

Members discussed correspondence from Democratic Services, which advised that the longship had been removed due to damage. M Clouston was investigating whether the prow of the ship was with a local farmer.

Members heard that, in association with Highland Park, there was a subcommittee investigating redecoration of the venue, with a possible finish date of April 2020. Members agreed that the centre would continue to open from 5 April 2019 in its current state, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would contact the caretaker to ask if she was prepared to act as caretaker again for the forthcoming season.
2. That the item be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

A. West Mainland Tourist Brochure

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the West Mainland Tourist Brochure, it was:

Resolved to approve the printing costs, subject to CCGS approval, as long as the figure remained as projected.

B. Energy Supply Company - Our Power

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the energy supply company, Our Power, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was noted by members that the company was no longer in service, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers - Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence from the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the rescheduled date for their Emergency Services Fun Day, it was:

Resolved to note the rescheduled date of Sunday, 3 March 2019.

D. Graveyard Extensions

Following consideration of correspondence on the progress of local graveyard extensions, copies of which had previously been circulated, members expressed their satisfaction with the extension which had been completed in Orphir, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact Democratic Services to ask that the department involved in the extension be thanked on the Community Council's behalf.

E. Hall of Clestrain

Following consideration of correspondence from the John Rae Society, who were asking for a letter of support to accompany their funding applications relating to the restoration work at the Hall of Clestrain, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk send a letter of support for the venture to the John Rae Society.

F. OIC Community Transport Grant

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been emailed to members, it was noted that the submission date had passed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Grass Cutting Tender

Members discussed the need to once again advertise the tender for kirkyard grass cutting, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk email members the tender documents from 2018 for consideration prior to advertising.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 10 January 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £15,910.69.

B. Saga Centre

After consideration of the Saga Centre Fund statement as at 10 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was -£508.14.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 10 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £622.82.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 10 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £13,755.42.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 10 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.

8. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Youth Climbing Squad – 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Youth Climbing Squad, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial

assistance towards the cost of two Orphir residents from the squad to attend events in 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £50 be granted for each of the two attendees over the three trip locations, coming to a total of £300.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one Orphir resident attending a swimming event in Aberdeen in February 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted to the one attendee.

C. Orphir Community Association

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orphir Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of repairing the football pitch, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to inform Orphir Community Association that the Community Council would be willing to contribute in the future, once discussions had been had on the way forward and the estimated costs.

D. UKA Highland Dancing - Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms S Garson and Ms K Sinclair, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two participants taking part in a workshop in Aberdeen in February 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted to each of the attendees, totalling £100.

E. Orkney Schools Band Final - Perth

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of the Orkney Schools Band, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two pupils from the Orphir area attending a National Band finals event in Perth in March 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted to each of the attendees totalling £100.

9. Publications

Resolved to note that no publications had been sent to the Clerk.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants

Members discussed correspondence received by Tesco regarding the Bags of Help Centenary Grants, and members were encouraged to look at the criteria set for funding local projects, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Headstone Inspection Process

After hearing an update provided by Democratic Services, advising that Orkney Islands Council were in the process of altering the way unsafe stones were dealt with, and that the council were implementing a restoration project in graveyards affected, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Plastic Dispersal from Refuse Truck

Members heard that there had recently been plastic of all descriptions dispersed over the Germiston road from the refuse truck, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk inform Democratic Services of this issue so that it may be passed on to relevant department.

D. Road Clearance and Drainage

Members heard that they had advised Democratic Services of a problem area in the vicinity of Kirbister Water Treatment Works. However, the relevant department had not yet been out to the specified area (West Cottage) to resolve drainage issues, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would ask Democratic Services for an update on this matter.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Orphir Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 in the Orphir Community School, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:00.