

# Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor J Richards.
- Councillor B Foulkes.
- Mrs S Deans, Project Officer, John Rae Society.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs P Damvelt, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr D Marwick and Councillor S Cowie.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 18 February 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Dixon and seconded by Mr N Sclater.

## **3. Hall of Clestrain Project Presentation**

An update on the Hall of Clestrain project was given by the Project Officer, who explained that the project vision was that the hall would become a renowned visitor centre by 2025. The project aim was to encourage more people to participate actively with heritage and enhance community pride, generating a positive economic impact in the community. The project was currently in phase 1. The full concept would see three buildings, serving as a centre for academic research and education, a gallery with temporary and permanent exhibitions, a multimedia space with possibility of storytelling events, courses and festivals, with community support between organisations of Canada Hudson Bay Company, Hall of Clestrain and Arctic Exploration.

Following the presentation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Bus Shelter - Germiston Road**

The Chair provided an update on the Men's Shed budget for the bus shelter build that would be funded by Community Council Grant Scheme, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would let members know when the Men Shed was operational and ready to start the work.

### **B. Grass Cutting Tender**

Members agreed that the grass was looking good, and it was:

Resolved that the grass cutting would continue to be monitored and any feedback would be welcome.

## **5. Orkneyinga Saga Centre**

### **A. Lease Agreement Update**

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was discussed in private.

The Chair commented on the lease contract. Councillors offered full support in the matter and, following a brief discussion, it was:

Resolved that members would await a response and seek clarification on the lease.

## **B. Upgrade of Video and Audio Equipment - HES Press Release**

Members discussed the plans of being fully operational by 2022. While HES funding is available until then, work would depend on the outcome of the lease and further clarification on the clause. After a brief discussion, it was:

Resolved that members would wait for further clarification before contacting David Griffith regarding work at the Orkneyinga Saga Centre.

## **C. Meter Readings**

After discussing the hydro bill previously, it was:

Resolved to note that Mr A Dundas had a set of keys and would take a hydro reading and pass this information back to Democratic Services.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Christmas Lights Feedback**

Following update from Councillor L Manson with the road department policy plan, the plan was to be presented in a report to the next Development and Infrastructure committee. After a brief discussion, it was:

Resolved that members would look at the papers when the report becomes public.

### **B. Road Report and Repairs update**

Following further repairs updates, email which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided

### **C. ONWP Update – March 2021**

Following information about Orkney Native Wildlife Project's work update, which had been sent previously by email, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. Zurich Insurance**

Following information provided regarding Zürich insurance renewal, which had been previously sent round members by email, it was:

Resolved that £86.00 was taken from the Community Council Grant Scheme fund.

### **E. Clan Cancer Support Centre reopens**

Members were informed about the reopening of Clan Cancer Support Centre, information which had previously been sent by email, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **F. Lease Agreement Update**

Members had previously received information about the Lease agreement update, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **G. HITRANS - E-Cargo Bikes**

Members had previously received information about the HITRANS eCargo Bike local authority scheme, which was now closed, copies of which had been sent round members by email, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **H. Orkney Partnership survey**

Members received information on the Orkney Partnership survey, copies of which had been sent previously by email, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **I. Community Renewal Fund**

Information had been received regarding invitation for bids to the Community Renewal Fund, copies of which had been sent previously by email to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **J. Annual Grant 2021/2022**

Information was passed on about the Annual Grant being provided to Community Councils for financial 2021/2022, copies of which had been sent previously by email, and it was:

Resolved to note that Orphir Community Council had received £3,733.98.

## **K. Orkney Regional Marine Plan**

Information on the Orkney Regional Marine Plan had been sent previously to members by email, asking for island-specific input, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **L. Hoy Wind Farm - Online Consultation Event**

Information on a consultation event regarding the Hoy Wind Farm, which had taken place on 29 April, had been sent previously by email, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **M. Adoption of Planning Guidance**

Information was provided and had been previously circulated to members regarding three planning documents that had recently been approved by Orkney Islands Council - Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance, Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting Planning Policy Advice and the Development Plan Scheme 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **N. St Nicholas Church**

Information on construction work plans from Historic Environment Scotland had been circulated by email to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **O. Tesco Community Grants**

Information on grants now available had been previously sent round members via email, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **P. Surface Dressing**

Information from Roads Services had been provided and documents circulated to members via email regarding surface dressing in the community, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **Q. Orkney Ferries Statistics**

Information regarding Orkney's statistics for March from Orkney Ferries had been circulated previously via email, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

# **7. Consultations**

## **A. Winter Service Plan and Policy**

On consideration of the consultation on the Winter Service Plan and Policy, members were informed that some roads had been downgraded. Scorradale had been downgraded to priority 2, Germiston upgraded to Priority 2, Linnadale downgraded to priority 3 and Smoogro downgraded to priority 3. After a brief discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That members expressed concern on road safety and pointed out that NHS workers and priority workers lived on these roads and that not taking care of the roads and ignoring the gritting could create an unnecessary risk.

2. That members agreed that the bus route would not want to see a reduction in services.

3. That the Chair was going to respond the Winter Service Plan consultation by the deadline of 7 June.

## **B. Under 22's Bus Travel Scheme**

Members had been previously sent a consultation on the impact on isles communities of a potential free bus travel scheme for young people under 22 years old, and it was:

Resolved that no comments would be forwarded.

## **C. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils**

Information on the amended Scheme for Orkney Community Councils for 2021 had been previously circulated by email, and it was:

Resolved that no comments were to be forwarded.

# **8. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Finance and Saga Centre 2020/2021**

Following consideration of the financial statements up to 31 March 2021, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the balances of £17,704.81 in the general account and 33,534.78 in the Saga Centre account.

2. To note that up to date figures for the new financial year would be provided at the next meeting.

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

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 27 April 2021, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,697.67.

2. To note that updated sheets would be circulated to reflect figures for the new financial year.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 27 April 2021, it was:

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

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as on 27 April 2021, it was:

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

## **9. Requests for Financial Assistance**

Resolved to note that no requests for financial assistance had been received.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications, which had been previously emailed to members, were noted by the Community Council:

- Orphir What's On - April 2021.
- VAO – Newsletter - May 2021.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update - May 2021.

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

### **A. Community Council Vacancy**

Members had previously requested information on what procedure needs to be followed to elect a new member to Orphir Community Council. This information was provided, with no potential candidates identified so far, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would put an advert on the Orphir Community News Facebook page.

### **B. John Rae Society Volunteering**

Following the presentation which had been given at the start of the meeting, Mr A Marwick agreed to come forward to become a member of the John Rae Society project team, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would email the Project Officer to pass on the relevant contact details.

## **12. 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 Thursday, 19 August 2021, either through Microsoft Teams or in person, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:55.