

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 3 December 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mrs S Whiteman, Mr C Fraser, Mr P Riley, Mr D Stout and Mr S Weaver.

In Attendance:

- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr J Seaton, and Councillors S Clackson, G Sinclair and K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 29 October 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr C Fraser and seconded by Mr P Riley.

3. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that additions had been made to the draft Community Emergency Plan, that a second quote had been received for the stand-by generator link up, and that a response had been received from the Civil Contingencies Officer regarding members' decision to decline the grant offered for the installation of a satellite telephone. Members also heard that a fault had been identified in the stand by generator and, following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That a correction would be made to the Community Emergency Plan before being forwarded to emergency service providers for comment.
3. That the quote from E Fraser Electrical (Orkney) Ltd to install the stand-by generator at the Community Centre be accepted.
4. That no further action would be taken to install a satellite telephone link.
5. That a new battery would be purchased for the stand-by generator, payment being taken from generator grant money already received.

B. Community Council Conference

The Chair provided members with a summary of presentations given at the rescheduled Community Council Conference held on 7 November 2018, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. To note that copies of the presentation given by the Planning Manager had been circulated to members.

C. Salmon Farming

Members heard that a public consultation on the proposed development of two Atlantic salmon sea farm sites had been held in the Community Centre on 21 November 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Closure of the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre and Swimming Pool

Members heard that in response to previously raised issues affecting the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre and Swimming Pool the Sport and Leisure Services Manager had provided an update, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. Your Island Your Choice

Members heard that a public meeting had been held on 19 November 2018 at which the next round of the Your Island Your Choice projects were discussed, and it was:

Resolved to note that members could forward ideas for the next round of Your Island Your Choices projects either through the auspices of the Community Council or individually.

F. Community Conversation Report

Members heard that in response to the Community Conversation Feedback Report and subsequent consultation between members, the Chair and the Head Teacher of Stronsay Junior High School, a letter had been sent to the Chief Executive, with copies to the Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing and the three North Isles Councillors. Members also heard correspondence had been received from another Community Council expressing similar concerns to those of members, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. To note that the Chief Executive had replied to say a substantive response would follow in due course.
3. That the Clerk had responded to correspondence received from another Community Council confirming members shared similar concerns and the action taken to try address these.

G. Lower Speed Communities – Workshop

Members heard that because of the inclement weather, the Clerk had tendered apologies for being unable to represent Stronsay Community Council at the Lower Speed Communities Workshop held on the 28 November 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Islands of Orkney Brochure 2019

Members heard that one addition had been received and forwarded for inclusion in the Islands of Orkney brochure 2019 and that all other entries remained the same, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

I. Verge Cutting

Members heard that the Team Leader, Roads Support, had advised reference should be made to the Verge Maintenance Plan 2018 for information on what areas are cut, the frequency of cuts, and at what stages in the year, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

4. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that the Chair had inspected and repaired the slaughterhouse door and that the equipment used when preparing pigs for butchering was no longer functional. Members also heard that the Slaughterhouse Operator vacancy remained unfilled, and that the drain by the cutting room door required attention. Members also considered the slaughterhouse usage charges, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. That the equipment used when preparing pigs for butchering would be disposed of and would not be replaced.

C. That the Slaughterhouse Operator vacancy would remain open until such time as a suitable replacement was found.

D. That the slaughterhouse would remain available for use provided the animal to be slaughtered was owned by a local resident and was for their use only.

E. That the Chair would inspect and, if possible, carry out a repair to the drain by the cutting room door.

F. That the following charges would apply - beast £40, pig/goat £20, sheep/lamb £15.

5. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that in response to previously held consultations, ten new mattresses had been ordered and were waiting to be delivered. Members also heard that discussion had taken place between the Contractor and Operator to fit two new skylights, that the Operator had requested payment for cleaning and maintaining the public toilets, and that Democratic Services had forwarded an estimate from E Fraser Electrical (Orkney) Ltd for solar panel installation at the Stronsay Fish Mart Hostel and Café. Members were given details of the latest hydro invoice and discussion followed on ways in which further operational savings could be made, and it was resolved:

A. That funding for ten new mattresses had been previously agreed and would come from the Community Development Fund.

B. That the Fish Mart Café would be closed in the new year to allow the Contractor time to fit two new skylights.

C. That the Operator would receive the first instalment for cleaning the public toilets during the period 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019.

D. That further consultation and clarification would take place with Orkney Islands Council over the funding of solar panels.

E. That S Weaver would enquire into a thermal imaging camera survey and energy efficiency use at the Fish Mart.

6. Correspondence

A. Room in Roof Insulation Grant

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, on details regarding a government grant for roof insulation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Dark Nights - Double the Dog Poo

Members considered correspondence received from Keep Britain Tidy, copies of which had been previously circulated, on an exclusive offer to reduce dog fouling using glow-in-the-dark technology, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Invitation to Community Engagement Session

Members considered information presented by the Transport Representative, who had attended a Community Engagement session in respect to the next Northern Isles Ferry Services contract. Copies of the invitation had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

7. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- The Orkney Partnership Community Planning News – Autumn 2018.
- Orkney Developing the Young Workforce Newsletter.
- Air Passenger Figures – October 2018.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Newsletters.
- NHS Orkney Arts Steering Group.

8. Consultation Document – Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

Members considered the Verge Maintenance Plan 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved that members agreed with a second verge cut during September/October and request that this remain.

9. Finance

A. General Account

Following consideration of the General Account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £12,368.92 as at 19 November 2018.

B. Fish Mart Account

Following consideration of the Fish Mart account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note a balance of £471,53 as at 19 November 2018.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

Following consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note a balance of £1,213.08, as at 19 November 2018.

D. Stronsay Community Council Bank Account

Following consideration of the Stronsay Community Council Bank Account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note a balance of £734.67, as at 19 November 2018.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of financial statements for the Community Council Grant Scheme, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note that a balance of £787.41 remained for approval in the OIC main capping limit.
2. To note that £305.04 remained for approval in the OIC island capping limit.
3. To note that £467 remained for approval in the OIC additional capping limit.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Playpark Closure

Members heard that the playpark adjoining the Community Centre had been closed, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note that that repairs had been authorised to rectify a fault necessitating the closure of the playpark adjoining the Community Centre.

B. Stronsay Ranger

Members heard that previous consultation had taken place regarding the use of the Stronsay Ranger to provide a tour of the island for visiting locum doctors, and it was:

Resolved to note that members had agreed to engage the Stronsay Ranger to provide a tour of the island for visiting locum doctors and that the Ranger's fee be paid from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund.

C. Lottery Funding Presentation

Consideration was given to a report from P Riley who had attended a recent Big Lottery presentation about their current funding streams and hints and tips for success, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Loganair

Consideration was given to a request for Loganair to operate a stand-by booking system, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would forward members' request through Democratic Services for Loganair to consider introducing an inter-island stand-by booking service.

11. Dates of Next Meetings

Following consideration of future meetings, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 21 January and that the remaining meetings during 2019 would be held on 18 March, 20 May, 26 August, 28 October and 2 December 2019, all in Stronsay Community Centre commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:45.