

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 22 January 2018 at 20:00

Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mr C Fraser, Mr A Maclean, Mr P Riley, Mr J Seaton, Mr D Stout and Mrs S Whiteman.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no apologies for absence had been received.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 4 December 2017 was approved, being proposed by Mr J Seaton and seconded by Mrs S Whiteman.

3. Matters Arising

A. Stronsay Development Trust – Community Council Representative

Members heard that Mrs S Whiteman and Mr J Seaton had represented Stronsay Community Council at two separate Stronsay Development Trust meetings, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

B. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that Scottish and Southern Energy had no objection to grant money being spent on the purchase of a trailer rather than providing a concrete base for a generator. Two trailers had been identified as being suitable to accommodate the generator being donated by Scottish and Southern Energy. Members also heard a Community Resilience Plan had been prepared in draft form, and it was resolved:

1.To note the information.

2. That details of the two trailers identified as being suitable to accommodate the generator being donated by Scottish and Southern Energy would be forwarded to members for their consideration.

3.That further enquiries would be made regarding the prop stands on one of the trailers.

4. That the draft Community Resilience Plan would be forwarded to members for their consideration.

C. New Burial Ground

Members heard that a water survey had been undertaken on the proposed new burial ground site, and that the results had been positive. Orkney Islands Council had made an application to change the use of agricultural land to a new burial ground, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. Village Post Box

Members heard that a new post box had not yet been positioned outside the post office but that this was in the process of being addressed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. Salmon Farming

Members heard that the developers of a proposed fish farm within Stronsay waters hoped to hold a community drop-in session, but no details were available of when this would be, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Promoting Stronsay

Members heard that the Promoting Stronsay Group had launched a new web site and promotional material, and both had received a huge amount of interest. Two letters had been received requesting changes to the information given in the Discover Stronsay leaflet, to which responses had been sent, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

G. E-School Learning Environment

Members heard that the Head of Leisure and Lifelong Learning, Orkney Islands Council, had accepted members' invitation to meet to discuss the proposed e-School learning environment and that this meeting had taken place prior to the start of this evening's Community Council meeting. Representatives from the Stronsay Parent Council had also been present, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Ferry Diversion Request

Members heard that six expressions of interest had been received in response to a notice displayed requesting interest in a ferry diversion to allow Stronsay residents to attend the 2018 Sanday Show. Consideration was also given to requesting ferry diversions to allow residents from Eday, Sanday and Westray to attend a Stronsay Fun Day on 19 and 20 August 2018, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Community Council Transport Representative would request a ferry diversion to allow Stronsay residents to attend the 2018 Sanday Show.
3. That the Community Council Transport Representative would request ferry diversions to allow residents from Eday, Sanday and Westray to attend a Stronsay Fun day on 19 and 20 August 2018.

I. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Members heard that the suggested amendments to the Islands of Orkney brochure had been submitted before the deadline, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

4. War Memorial

Consideration was given to maintaining the garden area within the War Memorial, and it was resolved:

A. That notices would be displayed seeking a volunteer to maintain the small garden area within the War Memorial.

B. That £50 would be allocated to purchase plants for use in the War Memorial garden, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

5. Brown Tourist Signage

Consideration was given to the time being taken to erect a directional sign at St. John's viewpoint, and it was resolved:

A. To note member's concern over the time being taken to erect a directional sign at St John's viewpoint.

B. That Councillor Sinclair would enquire into the time being taken to erect a directional sign at St. John's viewpoint.

6. Repairs/Maintenance of Council Assets

Members heard that essential repairs and the maintenance of Council owned assets were dependent on authorisation being given by officers within Orkney Islands Council. Delays had recently been experienced, and consideration was given to a proposal to empower members to authorise emergency repairs, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That a proposal would be made to Orkney Islands Council, asking them to authorise Stronsay Community Council to expedite repairs of Council owned assets, up to a limit of £400.

7. Council Approved Contractors

Members heard that assistance was available for local trade personnel to register on Orkney Islands Council's approved list of contractors, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That notices would be displayed advising local trade personnel of the Orkney Islands Council's approved list of contractors and of the assistance available to register as an approved contractor.

8. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

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

Members heard a report regarding various items and repairs that were required, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that a new larder fridge had been purchased and was in use; that a funding application to the Stronsay Development Trust for a new dish washer had been successful and the dish washer was in the process of being ordered; that Community Council Grant Scheme funding had been granted for the purchase of a replacement immersion heater element and that this had been purchased and fitted, and that storm damage had necessitated the closure of the Café and Hostel for four weeks while essential repairs were undertaken. Consideration was also given to payment of an invoice received for an essential repair, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. That the payment of the essential repair would be taken from the Stronsay Community Council general account.

10. Transport Representative's Report

Members heard that the Air and Ferries Consultative Forum meetings were due to be held on 14 February 2018 and, in advance of that, agendas and the draft winter 2018 timetables had been circulated to members. Issues to be raised at the meetings were brought to the Transport Representative's attention, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the Transport Representative would request a Stronsay Saturday afternoon ferry during the 2019 refit timetable.

C. That the Transport Representative would request information on the disparity in air fares when isles residents book to travel from Kirkwall to the outer isles.

11. Planning Representative's Report

Consideration was given to two planning applications that had been submitted to Orkney Islands Council, details of which had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

12. Correspondence

Consideration was given to the following previously circulated correspondence:

- Patient Public Reference Group – Mock Up Room Visit.
- National Health and Care Standards Members' Awareness Session Invitation.
- NHS Orkney – GP Patient Records.
- Fire Starter Festival.
- Energy Efficiency Grant.

It was resolved to note the contents of the above correspondence.

13. Publications

The following publications had been circulated to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistical Reports for September, October and November 2017.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Training and Funding Update.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Newsletter.
- Holyrood Highlights – Update of Activities from Liam McArthur MSP.

14. Financial Statements

A. General Account

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

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £17,506.40, as at 10 January 2018.

B. Fish Mart Account

Following consideration of financial statements for the Fish Mart Account, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £694.34, as at 10 January 2018.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

Following consideration of financial statements for the Slaughterhouse Account, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £903.39, as at 10 January 2018.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of financial statements for the Community Development Fund, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to close the Stronsay Community Art Project and the Wardhill Footpath – wall and legal costs project.

15. Request for Financial Assistance – Stronsay Community Association

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance to replace the handrails at the main entrance to the Community Hall, and it was:

Resolved that £481.12 would be awarded to Stronsay Community Association as financial assistance to replace the handrails at the main entrance to the Community Hall, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

16. Any Other Competent Business

A. Hearse House Doors

Members heard that work had not been completed on the hearse house doors, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Chair would enquire about the repair to the hearse house doors.

B. Stronsay Tourist Leaflet

Members heard that the Promoting Stronsay Group had enquired about using information in the Islands of Orkney brochure in a Stronsay Tourist leaflet, and consideration was given to funding its production, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would ask if information from the Islands of Orkney brochure could be copied and published in a Stronsay Tourist leaflet.
3. That the Chair would enquire into the cost of producing a Stronsay Tourist leaflet.

C. Transport of Aggregates

Consideration was given to utilising funds available under the Community Council Grant Scheme fund for the transport of aggregates, and it was:

Resolved that, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, notices would be displayed offering residents financial assistance towards the haulage of aggregates.

D. Parking at Stronsay Fish Factory

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

Members heard a report regarding, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That Mr D Stout would contact the Harbour Master regarding plans of land ownership at the East Pier.

E. Road Damage

Members heard that a section of the Holland Road had been damaged, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would report the damage to Democratic Services.

F. Medical Care

Members heard that a recent request for medical attention had not been addressed as efficiently as it could have been, as medical staff had not been paged or did not know the property location, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would write to NHS Orkney to express members' concern over the failure of medical staff to be paged and their inability to make a home visit.

G. Stronsay Island Ranger

Consideration was given to a request from the Stronsay Development Trust Community Council Representative regarding support for a Stronsay Ranger; and it was resolved:

1. That members were happy to support the proposal of Stronsay having an Island Ranger.
2. That members would give some thought to the duties a Ranger could be asked to do.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 19 March 2018 at 19:30 in the Stronsay Community Centre.

18. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 23:00.