

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 27 August 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mr P Riley, Mr S Weaver and Mrs S Whiteman.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- 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 C Fraser, Mr J Seaton and Mr D Stout.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 21 May 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr P Riley.

3. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members considered additional changes to the draft Community Emergency Plan, and it was resolved:

1. To note that additional changes would be added to the draft Community Emergency Plan.
2. That the draft Community Emergency Plan would be forwarded to emergency service providers for comment.

B. War Memorial

Members heard that a third volunteer was now involved in maintaining the War Memorial garden, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Bag the Bruck

Members heard that eighty-nine bags had been collected during this year's Bag the Bruck collection and that sponsorship payment had been made, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. St. Catherine's Bay Picnic Bench

Members heard that no progress had been made on relocating the picnic bench at St. Catherine's Bay and that following an inspection of the bench, repairs were not necessary, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. NHS Orkney Fundraising Group

Members heard that a nest of tables for the relatives' bedroom and a coffee table for a relatives' quiet/interview room had been bought from the Community Council's donation to the NHS Orkney Fundraising Group, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Accumulation of Scrap Cars

Members heard that the owner of scrap vehicles accumulating at a residential property had been contacted and details provided of the Scrap Car Scheme currently in operation. Information on the End of Life Vehicle Scheme had also been forwarded to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

G. Rothiesholm Beach Road

Members heard that repairs had been undertaken on the Rothiesholm beach access road, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Roads Department staff should be thanked for their work in repairing the Rothiesholm beach access road.

H. Bay Kirkyard

The Service Improvement Officer had advised that most of the work members had raised as a concern had been identified already as part of the 5-year programme and that all of the issues highlighted by members had been logged on the Council's project management system and had been passed on to one of the Council's Building Inspectors, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

I. Village Post Box

Members heard that the local MSP continued to communicate with Royal Mail for a substantive response on relocating the post box at Ebenezer Stores, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would forward photographs of the post box and the unused post box at the old post office site to the local MSP.

4. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Members had previously been notified of the electricity supplier's electricity rate change and that enquiries had revealed the existing supplier remained the cheapest, and it was resolved:

- A. To note the information.
- B. That electricity to the slaughterhouse would continue to be supplied by the existing supplier for the time being.

5. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that the final bill had been paid to the previous telephone/broadband supplier and that the Operators had been paid for cleaning and maintaining the public toilet and shower room. Members also heard there had been a problem with the water supply to the hostel ensuite bathrooms but that this was being addressed. Consideration was given to energy saving measures recommended in a recent Energy Report and to water seeping under the public shower room door, and it was resolved:

- A. To note the information.
- B. That enquiries would be made regarding grant aid and the installation of solar panels on the Fish Mart roof.
- C. That water seeping from under the public shower room door would be reported to the Council.

6. Transport Representative's Report

Consideration was given to appointing a new Transport Representative following the resignation of the previous post holder and the Chair gave feedback from the recently attended Air and Ferry Service Consultative Forum Meetings. Members also heard that the next stage of the Ferry and Air Service Review would start next month and that review documents had been circulated to members, and it was resolved:

- A. To note the information.
- B. That Mr P Riley be appointed as Transport Representative for Stronsay Community Council.
- C. That Stronsay Community Council was not prepared to part fund a separate Stronsay/Sanday Sunday flight.
- D. That the Clerk would liaise with the Stronsay Airfield Coordinator about check in times and baggage weight restrictions.
- E. That two ferry diversion requests for events occurring in 2019 had been approved.

7. Planning Representative's Report

Members heard that approval had been given on three planning applications previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

8. Correspondence

A. Community Conversation Meetings

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding Community Conversation Meetings, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Emergency Cable Installation

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, forwarded on behalf of Scottish and Southern Electricity and circulated previously, to advise that an emergency cable installation was to be carried out between Shapinsay and Stronsay, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Marine Licence Application for Emergency Replacement Submarine Cables

Members considered correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity, copies of which had been previously circulated, providing details of a marine licence application for an emergency replacement submarine electricity cable between Shapinsay and Stronsay, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Invitation to THAW'S AGM

Members considered correspondence from THAW Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated, inviting members to THAW'S AGM, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Unsafe Headstones

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, on safety work planned for kirkyards and an update of the headstone inspection process, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That unsafe headstones had been identified in Stronsay kirkyards and notices had been placed on the kirkyard gates advising the public of this.

F. Proposed Communications Installation

Members considered correspondence from WHP Telecoms Ltd, copies of which had previously been circulated, on a proposed communications installation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Meeting with Disclosure Scotland – PVG Consultation

Members considered correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting members to meet with a delegation from Disclosure Scotland to look at key areas of the current PVG consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Orkney Community Alcohol Partnership Survey

Members considered correspondence from Orkney Rape Crisis, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for help in distributing a survey, and it was:

Resolved to note the request.

I. Police Scotland – Community Resilience Planning

Members considered correspondence from the Chair of the Orkney Local Emergency Co-ordinating Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, to introduce Community Resilience Planning, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Community Council Conference – 2 October 2018

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services inviting the Chair and Clerk to a Community Council Conference, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That Mr P Riley and the Clerk would attend the Community Council Conference on 2 October 2018.

K. SSEN Consultation on Finstown Substation

Members considered correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding a one-day consultation on the Finstown Substation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

L. Presentations from Community Council Conference

Members considered written presentations from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, from the Community Council Conference held on 20 June 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

M. New Hospital and Healthcare Facility Naming Suggestions

Members considered correspondence from NHS Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting comments on the new hospital and healthcare facility naming suggestions, and it was:

Resolved to note the request.

N. Police Scotland – Public Contact Research

Members considered correspondence from Kirkwall Police Station, copies of which had been previously circulated, on public contact and engagement and on establishing a focus group, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

O. Digital Champion Training

Members considered correspondence forwarded from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, on Digital Champion Training, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

P. Removal of Redundant Street Lighting

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, on the removal of redundant street lighting, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

Q. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study – Outline Business Case Report

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, on links to the Orkney Inter Island Transport Study Strategic Business Case and original STAG study, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

R. Salmon Farming

Consideration was given to information, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, on the proposed Stronsay Salmon Fish Farm, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

S. Northwind

Consideration was given to information, which had previously been circulated to members, on the proposed Rothiesholm Head Wind Farm. Members were also updated on proposed changes to Northwind's initial proposal, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Orkney Ferries Statistical Reports for March, April and May 2018.
- The Orkney Partnership – Community Planning News May 2018.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Training and Funding Updates.
- Scottish Rural Action April Newsletter.
- NHS Orkney Patient Public Reference Group Papers.
- Garbology Newsletter.
- Air Passenger Statistics for June and July 2018.

10. Consultation Documents

A. Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan

Members considered the Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the consultation.

B. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Review of Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy

Members considered the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Review of Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the consultation.

11. Finance

A. Stronsay Community Council Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31 March 2018

After considering the Certified Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018, it was:

Resolved that copies of the Certified Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 would be displayed in public places in accordance with the Scheme for Community Councils.

B. Financial Statements

1. 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 £15,452.30, as at 17 August 2018.

2. Fish Mart Account

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

A. To note the estimated balance of - £42.73, as at 17 August 2018.

B. That £1,000 should be transferred from the General Account to the Fish Mart Account.

3. Slaughterhouse Account

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

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £1,213.08, as at 17 August 2018.

4. 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:

A. To note that a balance of £1,544.60 remained for approval in the OIC main capping limit.

B. To note that £557.76 remained for approval in the OIC island capping limit and that enquires would be made into the cost of scalping and haulage.

12. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Area Young Enterprise Team

The Clerk advised that a majority of members had previously agreed, via email, to award £30 to the Orkney Area Young Enterprise team towards travel, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, which had since been awarded, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Leaflet Holders

Members heard that the Promoting Stronsay Sub Group were proposing to publish another leaflet and had asked if leaflet holders could be purchased to accommodate these, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That the cost of providing leaflet holders would be met by the Community Council subject to more detailed information being provided.

13. Any Other Competent Business

A. Vat o' Kirbuster Bench

Members heard that a bench had still to be positioned at the Vat o' Kirbuster, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That Clerk would liaise with the contractor on positioning the bench at the Vat o' Kirbuster.

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

Members heard that both the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre and swimming pool had been closed for part of the school summer holiday period, and following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the closures of the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre and swimming pool for part of the school summer holiday should be brought to the attention of the officer concerned and a request made for an explanation on why this occurred and what action would be taken to ensure this did not happen again.

C. Overgrown Shrub in Village Playpark

Members heard that in response to a previously held consultation, Mr S Weaver and the Clerk removed part of an overgrown shrub at the village playpark, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. St. John's Viewpoint

Members heard that the perspex cover on the St. John's viewpoint interpretation board was damaged and needed replacing, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would enquire into the cost of replacing the perspex cover on the St. John's viewpoint interpretation board.

E. Dog Waste – Rothiesholm Beach

Members heard that in response to complaints about dog waste on Rothiesholm beach, the Chair had made a dog waste collection bin and positioned it in the Rothiesholm beach car park, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the use of the dog waste bin in the Rothiesholm beach car park would be monitored.
3. That the Council would be consulted over the positioning and emptying of dog waste bins if the Community Council were to provide these at specific locations.
4. That the situation would be reviewed and discussed at the next Community Council meeting.

F. Your Island, Your Choice Fund

Members heard that Voluntary Action Orkney had secured funding for another round of Your Island Your Choice projects, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

G. Promoting Stronsay

Members heard that the Promoting Stronsay Sub Group were proposing to be renamed and form a Visit Stronsay Group that would enable the group to apply for external funding without having to use the auspices of the Community Council. Members also heard that it was hoped the balance remaining from a previously

awarded grant could be made available to the new group with plans on how to spend this being shared with the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Armistice Day

Consideration was given to identifying a resident ex-service person to lay the community wreath at this year's Armistice Day ceremony, and it was resolved:

1. That Mr S Weaver would enquire of a newly arrived resident if they were an ex-service person and if they would be prepared to lay the community wreath at this year's Armistice Day ceremony.

2. That should the newly arrived resident be unable to lay the community wreath at this year's Armistice Day ceremony, the Clerk would invite an identified ex-service person to lay the community wreath at this year's Armistice Day ceremony.

I. Interpretation Centre Artefacts

Members heard that items previously displayed in the old Fish Mart Interpretation Centre and then stored in an unused residence had been moved to a business unit in Woods Yard, and that some items were still being stored elsewhere. Members also heard Stronsay Development Trust planned to open a new Heritage Centre to house the artefacts, set up a Heritage Group and catalogue the artefacts, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That Mr P Riley would consult the owners of the property housing some of the artefacts about their continued storage arrangements.

14. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next general meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 29 October 2018 at 19:30 in the Stronsay Community Centre.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 22:00.