

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 29 October 2018 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.
- Ms Shona Croy, Strategic Advisor (Renewables and Connectivity).
- Senior Distribution Engineer, BBC.
- Lead Research Engineer, BBC
- Cloudnet Representative.

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1. Apologies

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

2. Stronsay 5G Trial – Presentation

The Chair welcomed representatives from the BBC, Cloudnet and Orkney Islands Council who provided members with details of a proposed 5G trial about to take place in Orkney, and it was:

Resolved to note the information presented to members.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 27 August 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Riley and seconded by Mr S Weaver.

4. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that additions were being made to the draft Community Emergency Plan, that a quote had been received for the stand by generator link up and that a grant had been awarded for a satellite telephone connection and, following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That on completion the draft Community Emergency Plan would be forwarded to emergency service providers for comment.
3. That additional quotes would be requested for the installation of the standby generator.
4. That the grant offered for the installation of a satellite telephone be declined.
5. That a letter of support would be written in favour of the Stronsay Community Association's grant application for an improved communication network.

B. Village Post Box

Members heard that the village post box had been relocated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Unsafe Headstones

Members heard that further communication had been received on the headstone inspection process, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Community Council Conference

Members heard that the Community Council Conference due to have been held on 1 October 2018 had been rescheduled to 7 November 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. Removal of Redundant Street Lighting

In response to a request for additional information on the proposed removal of a redundant street light within Whitehall Village, Members heard that Roads Support had advised that the column was not located on a public road, that it was on a private footpath which was not the responsibility of the Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Salmon Farming

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

Resolved to note the information.

G. Leaflet Holders

Members heard that the Promoting Stronsay Sub Group had ordered and received new leaflets and new leaflet holders had been ordered, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Vat o' Kirbuster Bench

Members heard that further discussion had taken place with the contractor to position the bench at the Vat o' Kirbuster and following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That Mr S Weaver would liaise with a sub-contractor to install the bench at the Vat o' Kirbuster.

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

Members heard that the Sport and Leisure Service Manager had provided information on the recent closure of the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre and Swimming Pool, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That an update would be requested on issues affecting the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre and Swimming Pool.

J. St. John's Viewpoint

Members heard that in response to previously held consultations, a replacement Perspex cover had been purchased and was waiting to be fitted, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

K. Dog Waste

Members heard that the Roads and Environmental Operations Manager had advised that, as far as he was aware, there was no 'policy' for locating, erecting and emptying dog waste bins, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That "No Dog Fouling" signs would be purchased and placed at strategic points.
3. That notices advising dog owners of their responsibility to remove dog fouling would be displayed locally.
4. That the Chair would supply a receptacle for empty dog poo bags and position this at Mill Bay.

L. Your Island Your Choice

Members heard that a public meeting had been arranged for 19 November 2018 to discuss and consider the Your Island, Your Choice projects, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

M. Armistice Day

Members heard that arrangements were in hand to invite an ex-service person to lay the wreath at this year's Armistice Day ceremony, and consideration was also given to correspondence received from the Arts Officer regarding arrangements to mark the centenary of the armistice, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

N. Interpretation Centre Artefacts

Members heard that interpretation artefacts could remain stored in their current locations and that it was hoped these could be moved to a container within Woods Yard, once available, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

O. Air Passenger Information

Members heard that, following liaison with the Stronsay Airfield Coordinator, notices had been displayed advising air travellers of the check in times and baggage weight restrictions, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

P. Scalpings

Members heard that in response to previously held consultations, thirty-nine tons of scalpings and the associated haulage cost had been approved for Community Council Grant Scheme funding. It had been ordered and would be stored in the north quarry, by kind permission of the landowner, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

5. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that following previously held consultations, arrangements were in hand to enter into a two-year electricity supply contract. It was also reported that the main entrance door to the slaughterhouse was in need of repair. Members also heard that a request had been made for information on the use of the slaughterhouse by non-residents and that the Slaughterhouse Operator had verbally tendered his resignation, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That a 2 year Protect Contract with Scottish Southern Electricity would be opened with quarterly payments by Direct Debit.

C. That the Chair would inspect and repair the slaughterhouse door.

D. That the vacancy for a Slaughterhouse Operator would be advertised locally.

E. That following consultation with the Chair, the Clerk had responded to the request for information on the use of the slaughterhouse by non-residents.

6. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that previous consultations had taken place on renewing the electricity supply contract, and to the Operators' request for ten new mattresses. Work had been authorised to supply and fit secondary glazing to the skylights. Following consultation and agreement, new longer curtains had been purchased for use in the public shower room and repairs to the public shower room door had been authorised. Members were also informed that enquiries had been made into grant aid availability to fit PV solar panels on the Fish Mart roof, but that this could not be progressed without additional information being made available, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That a new two year Protect Contract with the existing electricity supplier, commencing 1 January 2019, would be opened.

C. That additional information on replacement mattresses would be presented to members and consideration would be given into how many should be replaced and how these should be funded.

D. That a further request would be made for information on the PV solar panels to be fitted on the Fish Mart roof.

7. Transport Representative's Report

Members heard that the Chair and Transport Representative had attended the Orkney Inter Island Transport Study – Outline Business Case Workshop. A detailed summary of recommendations arising from the study was presented to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

8. Planning Representative's Report

Members heard that their attention had been previously brought to a planning application to erect an agricultural shed. and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

9. Correspondence

A. Accessible Travel Event

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding an Accessible Travel Event that had taken place on 20 September 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Orkney Inter Island Transport Study

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, previously circulated to the Chair and Transport Representative, inviting them to a workshop to discuss the Orkney Inter Island Transport Study, which both had attended, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Ferry Services – Special Events

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services of an updated form being used on a trial basis for requests from communities for amended sailings to accommodate special events, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That notices had been displayed advising residents that requests for an amended sailing during 2019 should be submitted by the end of November 2018.

D. Stronsay Development Trust Grant Allocation Reports

Members heard that in response to correspondence received from Stronsay Development Trust, three end of grant reports had been completed and submitted, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Invitation to Orkney Housing Associations Ltd.'s AGM

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services forwarded on behalf of Orkney Housing Association, copies of which had been previously circulated, inviting members to the Orkney Housing Association AGM, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Orkney Coastal Flood Warning Scheme Launch

Members considered correspondence from SEPA's Flooding Communications and Customer Services Team, copies of which had been previously circulated, inviting members to the launch of Orkney's new coastal flood warning service, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Community Conversations' Report

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, on the Community Conversations' Report, and the Chair informed members he would consult the Head Teacher, Stronsay Junior High School, on details in the Report that might have implications for Orkney's Junior High Schools, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Scottish Rural Action - Invitation to be a Director

Members considered correspondence from Scottish Rural Action, copies of which had been previously circulated, informing members that the process for appointing new directors to the board of Scottish Rural Action was now live, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

I. Container Storage Request

Members heard that correspondence had been received and previously circulated and considered, requesting permission to temporarily store a container in front of the slaughterhouse, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That members had no objection to a container being stored in front of the slaughterhouse provided it did not obstruct the entrance to the slaughterhouse door and was removed within one to two weeks.

J. Recycle Week

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, which included a poster for public display, regarding Recycle Week, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Invitation – Orkney Tourism Networking Meeting

Members considered correspondence from Visit Scotland, copies of which had been previously circulated, inviting members to an Orkney Tourism Networking Evening, and it was:

Resolved to note the invitation.

L. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme – Job Opportunities

Members considered correspondence from the North Isles Landscape Partnership, copies of which had been previously circulated and displayed locally, providing information relating to three job opportunities within the North Isles Landscape Partnership, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

M. Isles Operations – Review of Systems of Work and Training Programmes

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, on Isles Operations – Review of Systems of Work and Training Programmes, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

N. NHS Orkney Patient Public Reference Group Agenda and Associated Documents

Members considered correspondence from NHS Orkney Patient Public Reference Group, copies of which had been previously circulated, which included an agenda and associated paperwork, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

O. Scottish Rural Parliament Invitation

Members considered correspondence from Scottish Rural Parliament, copies of which had been previously circulated, inviting members to book a place at the Scottish Rural Parliament, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

P. Liam McArthur MSP and Andy Moir, Scottish Air Ambulance Service – Visit to Stronsay

Members heard that information from correspondence received from Liam McArthur MSP had been previously circulated, and that a public meeting had taken place with Liam McArthur MSP and a representative from the Scottish Air Ambulance Service. Mr S Weaver had represented the Community Council at the meeting and gave feedback on the proceedings, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

Q. Liam McArthur MSP Correspondence re Flood Risk

Consideration was given to correspondence from Liam McArthur MSP, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding flooding in Orkney and information from the Chief Executive of SEPA, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

R. Grass Cutting at Council Houses

Consideration was given to correspondence from Democratic Services regarding grass cutting behind 7 and 8 Whitehall and how this might be affected next year, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

S. Plastics Recycling

Members heard that correspondence from the Waste Strategy Officer had been previously circulated and that a rearranged meeting by video conference had taken place at which the Community Development Officer Stronsay Development Trust, the Chair, Mr J Seaton and the Clerk were present. Information on a plastic recycling trial on Stronsay was shared with members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

T. Invite to Workshop – Lower Speed Communities

Consideration was given to correspondence from Democratic Services which had been previously circulated, on a Lower Speed Communities Workshop, and it was resolved:

1. To note the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk would represent Stronsay Community Council at the Lower Speed Communities Workshop on 28 November 2018.

U. Women's Aid Orkney – Talks/Drop-In

Consideration was given to correspondence received from Women's Aid Orkney on a programme of talks being developed on Women's Aid Orkney and domestic abuse, and it was resolved:

1. To note the correspondence.
2. That the correspondence would be forwarded to the Stronsay SWRI group and be publicised locally.

Mrs S Whiteman gave her apologies and left the meeting at this point.

V. Orkney Heritage Society – Community Letter

Consideration was given to correspondence from Orkney Heritage Society, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting members' support and action on

the Scottish Southern Electricity Network proposals to place a network to export electricity generated by renewables, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence and to take no further action.

W. Ferry Service Special Event Diversion Request

Consideration was given to correspondence received from a Stronsay resident requesting a ferry service special event diversion on two dates in September 2019, and it was resolved:

1. To note the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk would complete and submit a ferry service special event form requesting an amendment to the ferry service on Sunday 22 and Sunday 29 September 2019.
3. That a copy of the request for an amended ferry service on Sundays 22 and 29 September 2019 would be forwarded to the Transport Representative.

X. Climate Challenge Fund Awards

Consideration was given to correspondence from Keep Scotland Beautiful, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding nomination information to the Climate Challenge Fund Awards, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

Y. Big Lottery Event

Consideration was given to correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney on a presentation to be given from representatives from The Big Lottery on their current funding streams, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Voluntary Action Orkney Newsletters and Training Needs Analysis.
- Orkney Ferries Statistical Reports for June, July and August 2018.
- Loganair Passenger Figures - 2018.
- Scottish Water in the North Newsletter.

11. Consultation Documents

A. Scottish and Southern Electricity Transmission Asset Development

Members considered the SSEN's Orkney Transmission Connection and Infrastructure Project public consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

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

B. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

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

Resolved that the Verge Maintenance Plan consultation be included as an item for discussion on the next agenda.

C. Public Consultation – Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy

Members considered the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board Public Consultation on the Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy, previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board: Public Consultation Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy.

12. 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 £13,469.01 as at 15 October 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 £1,230.33 as at 15 October 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 15 October 2018.

D. 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 £1,441.41 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.

13. 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. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers

Members heard that in response to a previously held consultation £25 had been awarded to Police Scotland Volunteers Emergency Services Fun Day and that this donation had been made from the General Account, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Stronsay Community Association

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance towards the cost of fireworks for annual firework display, and it was:

Resolved that £600 would be awarded to Stronsay Community Association for the cost of fireworks for the annual firework display, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

D. Stronsay Community Association

Consideration was given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance towards the cost of cleaning and maintaining the public toilets at the Community Centre, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £400 would be made to Stronsay Community Association towards the cost of cleaning and maintaining the public toilets at the Community Centre, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

E. Christmas Tree

Consideration was given to the purchase of a Christmas tree for use at the annual tree lighting ceremony. and it was:

Resolved that a Community Council Grant Scheme application would be submitted for a Christmas tree for use in the annual tree lighting ceremony.

F. Screen Machine Visit

Members heard that previous consultation had taken place regarding a proposed visit by Regional Screen Scotland. and it was resolved:

1. To note that the Screen Machine would be visiting Stronsay on the 13 and 14 November 2018.
2. That an application for Community Council Grant Scheme funding to assist with the Screen Machine travel costs had been made and approved.

G. Islands of Orkney Brochure 2019

Consideration was given to information received from Democratic Services regarding publication of the Islands of Orkney Brochure 2019. and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That members agreed to support the project financially, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval
3. That members preference was for 15,000 copies of the Islands of Orkney brochure to be printed.

14. Any Other Competent Business

A. Community Council Vacancy Enquiry

Consideration was given to an enquiry that had been made as to whether there was a vacancy for a Community Councillor on Stronsay Community Council, and it was resolved:

1. To note an enquiry had been made as to whether there was a vacancy for a Community Councillor on Stronsay Community Council.
2. That there were no vacancies at the present time for a Community Councillor on Stronsay Community Council.

B. Rubbish Collection

Consideration was given to a complaint Mr J Seaton had received about filled rubbish bags being left out early for collection, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the complaint.

C. Housing

Members heard that Stronsay Development Trust were looking at addressing housing issues on Stronsay, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved that Mr J Seaton would convey members' willingness to meet with directors from Stronsay Development Trust to discuss housing issues on Stronsay.

D. Heimatmann – One Man Show

Members heard that previous consultation had taken place regarding an individual's request to stage a one man show on Stronsay, and that in response to a public consultation, the show had taken place at no expense to the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

15. 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, 3 December 2018 at 19:30 in Stronsay Community Centre.

16. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 23:05.