

# Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 20 May 2019 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:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

## Order of Business

1. Apologies.....	2
2. Election of Office Bearers .....	2
3. Adoption of Minutes .....	2
4. Matters Arising.....	2
5. Islands of Orkney Brochure .....	4
6. Fish Mart Report.....	4
7. Transport Representative’s Report.....	5
8. Consultation Documents.....	6
9. Correspondence .....	6
10. Financial Statements .....	7
11. Financial Requests .....	8
12. Publications .....	8
13. Any Other Competent Business.....	9
14. Date of Next Meeting .....	10
15. Conclusion of Meeting .....	10

## **1. Apologies**

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

## **2. Election of Office Bearers**

### **A. Chairperson**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr I Cooper be appointed Chair of Stronsay Community Council.

### **B. Vice Chairperson**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs S Whiteman be appointed as Vice Chair of Stronsay Community Council.

### **C. Planning Representative**

Resolved that the Island Link Officer be appointed as Planning Representative for Stronsay Community Council.

### **D. Transport Representative**

Resolved that Mr P Riley be appointed as Transport Representative for Stronsay Community Council.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

### **A. General Meeting – 1 April 2019**

The minute of the meeting held on 1 April 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr C Fraser.

### **B. Special Meeting – 7 April 2019**

The minute of the Special Meeting held on 7 April 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr S Weaver and seconded by Mrs S Whiteman.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Community Resilience Plan**

Members heard that no comments had been received from stakeholders to the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That Mr J Seaton would update information on the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan Telephone Tree.

3. That a copy of the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan would be kept in the Stronsay Community Centre.

## **B. Stronsay Healthy Living Centre**

Consideration was given to details of the operating/opening times of the Sanday Healthy Living Centre, previously forwarded to members, and to information from Councillor G Sinclair on new contracts for Healthy Living Centre staff, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **C. Village Play Park**

Consideration was given to a written response from the Stronsay Development Trust Operations and Development Officer, and members discussed how best to proceed in replacing equipment removed from the Village Play Park, and it was resolved:

1. That catalogues giving information on outdoor equipment would be forwarded to members, once received by the Clerk.
2. That external funding would be considered once appropriate replacement equipment had been identified.

## **D. Standby Generator**

Members heard that E Fraser Electrical (Orkney) Ltd proposed to install the standby generator hook up connection during week commencing 24 June 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **E. Scrap Car Scheme**

Members heard that letters had been sent to all vehicle owners who had yet to have a vehicle registered under the Scrap Car Scheme removed, and all confirmed continued registration, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **F. Bag the Bruck**

Members heard that one hundred bags, five wheels and one large container 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 provided.

## **G. 5G Trial**

The Chair informed members that he had spoken with the Strategic Advisor, Renewables and Connectivity, Orkney Islands Council, regarding the Stronsay 5G trial and would do so again if information on a public drop in session were not given within a reasonable time, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **5. Islands of Orkney Brochure**

Members heard that the proof of the final draft of the Islands of Orkney brochure had been previously circulated to members and one amendment had been made, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **6. Fish Mart Report**

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

Members heard that the Chair had kept members informed of his contact with parties who had shown interest in the Fish Mart Operator vacancy. Discussion followed, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information provided.

B. That the Chair would maintain contact with the interested parties.

C. That an amendment would be made to a new Operator Agreement changing the date the agreement would run to as September 2020.

The following was not held in private.

Members heard that the Chair had, that evening, forwarded a Resource Opportunity Assessment from Resource Efficient Scotland on identified energy saving measures for the Fish Mart. Consideration was also given to opening the Café for hot drinks on a Thursday and Friday, run by local volunteers, which Orkney Islands Council had been consulted over and had no objection to. Orkney Islands Council Development and Infrastructure had requested completion of a Waste/Recycling Survey form, and consideration was also given to a request from the previous Operator for payment for cleaning and maintaining the public toilets and shower room and the monthly payment of hostel bed hires to Stronsay Community Council. Members also considered the Community Council having the right to see the Operator accounts being included in a new Operator Agreement, having an additional key cut for volunteer use as access to the Café, checking the Fish Mart inventory, and confirmation from Orkney Islands Council of the Fish Mart Non-Domestic Rates Bill, and it was resolved:

D. To note the information provided.

E. That Mr S Weaver and Mr J Seaton would contact the Stronsay Development Trust Community Development Officer regarding external funding opportunities to install energy efficient heating and equipment, as recommended in the Resource Opportunity Assessment prepared by Resource Efficient Scotland, in the Fish Mart.

F. That the Chair would contact the Energy and Utilities Officer, Orkney Islands Council and discuss the Resource Opportunity Assessment prepared by Resource Efficient Scotland.

G. That the Clerk would notify Democratic Services of the recommended energy saving improvements in the Resource Opportunity Assessment prepared by Resource Efficient Scotland and seek advice on whether Orkney Islands Council would have any objections to these being installed.

H. That Mr J Seaton would contact the Stronsay Development Trust Chair and Community Development Officer over the suggestion that as the Fish Mart is a community benefit/resource, its running costs be met from the Community Wind Turbine Fund.

I. That as an interim measure, until a new Operator is appointed, the Fish Mart Café would be open on a Thursday and Friday to provide hot drinks to visitors, run by volunteers.

J. That the Clerk would complete and forward the Waste/Recycling form sent by Orkney Islands Council.

K. That the Clerk had completed and forwarded the Fish Mart public toilets and shower room payment details, owed to the outgoing Fish Mart Operator, to Democratic Services.

L. That the Clerk would seek advice from Democratic Services on how best to receive and record hostel bed hire payments made to Stronsay Community Council.

M. That the Clerk would arrange for a Café entrance key to be cut.

N. That the right for Stronsay Community Council to see the Fish Mart Operator accounts will be included in a new Fish Mart Operator Agreement.

O. That the Chair will make arrangements with the outgoing Operator to check the Fish Mart inventory.

## **7. Transport Representative's Report**

Members heard that the next Inter-Isles Ferry and Air Services Consultative Forums were due to be held on 21 August 2019 and that both the Chair and Transport Representative had been invited to attend the Inter-Isles Transport - Outline Business Case Progress meeting on 19 June 2019. Members were also informed that it had been proposed that an on-island exhibition style event on the ferries and Outline Business Case work be held on Stronsay on 22 June 2019, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the Clerk would prepare and display a notice regarding the Air and Ferry Consultative Forums with a request that changes or comments on the air and ferry services be made to the Transport Representative before 3 August 2019.

C. That dates for the proposed on-island exhibition style event on Stronsay on 22 June 2019 be included on the Stronsay diary event page and in the Stronsay Limpet.

## **8. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Orkney Partnership Board – National Islands Plan Consultation**

Members considered the consultation on the Orkney Partnership Board – National Islands Plan, and it was resolved:

1. That members had no comment to make on the Consultation Document Orkney Partnership Board – National Islands Plan Consultation.
2. That the Clerk would arrange for the National Islands Plan Consultation scheduled to be held on Stronsay on 2 July 2019 to be included on the Stronsay diary event page.

### **B. Supplementary Guidance - Housing in the Countryside**

Members considered the consultation on the Supplementary Guidance: Housing in the Countryside, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the Consultation Document Supplementary Guidance: Housing in the Countryside.

### **C. Winter Service Plan 2018/2019**

Members considered the consultation on the Winter Service Plan 2018/2019, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the Consultation Document Winter Service Plan 2018/2019.

### **D. Orkney Health and Care Draft Strategic Plan 2019/2022**

Members considered the consultation on the Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan 2019/2022, and it was:

Resolved that members would forward any comments on the Orkney Health and Care Draft Strategic Plan 2019/2022 to the Clerk before the 9 August 2019 closing date.

## **9. Correspondence**

### **A. Non-Domestic Rates Bill**

Members heard that Orkney Islands Council had provided information on the Non-Domestic Rates Bill for Stronsay Fish Mart and Stronsay Slaughterhouse, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **B. Stronsay Airfield Weed Spraying Tender Notice**

Members heard that the Airfield Superintendent had provided the Island Link Officer with notices inviting tenders for the Stronsay airfield weed spraying and that these had been displayed on local notice boards and on the Limpet Facebook page, and it was:

Resolved to note the information

### **C. SSEN Transmission Submits Planning Application for Finstown Substation**

Members heard that SSEN Transmission had submitted a planning application under the Country Planning Act to Orkney Islands Council for its proposed new substation at Finstown, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **D. Outline Business Case – Isles Community Council Invite**

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Transport Planner, Orkney Islands Council, inviting the Chair and Transport Representative to an Inter-Isles Transport - Outline Business Case Progress meeting on the 19 June 2019, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the both the Chair and Transport Representative would attend the Inter Isles - Outline Business Case meeting on 19 June 2019.

### **E. Royal British Legion Scotland – Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2019**

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Branch Secretary Legion Scotland on the Royal British Legion Scotland – Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **F. Islands Plan Consultation Event**

Consideration was given to correspondence on the consultation for the National Islands Plan and the proposal to hold a public event on Stronsay on 2 July 2019, and it was resolved:

1. To note the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk would arrange for the public event on the Island Plan Consultation arranged to be held on Stronsay on 2 July 2019 to be included in the Stronsay event diary.

## **10. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 15 May 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £11,564.29.

## **B. Fish Mart Account**

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 15 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £772.38.

## **C. Slaughterhouse Account**

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 15 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,332.14.

## **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 1 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note a balance of £3,322.00 remained for approval in the OIC main capping limit.

## **E. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 15 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the total remaining available for allocation was £8,723.40.

# **11. Financial Requests**

## **A. Stronsay Marlins' Swim Club**

The Clerk advised that a majority of members had previously agreed, via email, to award £81.70 to the Stronsay Marlins' Swim Club towards travel costs to the Longhope Gala, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **B. Travel Grant**

The Clerk advised that a majority of members had previously agreed, via email, to award £79.75 to Mrs M Dennison requesting a travel grant to assist with the return travel costs to two athletic events, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

# **12. Publications**

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Orkney Ferries - Statistics for March and April 2019.
- Loganair - Statistics for March and April 2019.
- Voluntary Action Orkney - Training and Funding Updates.

## **13. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Salmon Farming**

Consideration was given to a request for an update on the planning applications submitted for two fish farms within Stronsay coastal waters, and it was:

Resolved that no further information was available on the planning applications submitted for two fish farms within Stronsay coastal waters.

### **B. Vat o' Kirbuster Bench**

Members heard that shuttering for a concrete base had been prepared for the bench to be positioned at the Vat o' Kirbuster but it was not known when this would be ready for use, and it was:

Resolved that Mr S Weaver would liaise with the contractor over the concreting of the base and positioning of the bench.

### **C. Broken Wooden Slat on Vat o' Kirbuster Path**

Members heard that a wooden slat on the Vat o' Kirbuster path was broken and needed replacing, and it was:

Resolved that the Island Link Officer would report the damaged wooden slat to Democratic Services and request that this be replaced.

### **D. Abandoned Vehicle**

Members heard that it appeared a vehicle had been abandoned on the public road in Whitehall Village, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **E. Signage**

Consideration was given to concern over the appearance of hand-written signage within Whitehall Village advising motorists that 24-hour access was required, and it was:

Resolved that the Island Link Officer would seek advice from Democratic Services on action that could be taken to have the hand-written signage in Whitehall Village removed.

### **F. Replacement Street Lighting**

Consideration was given to concern expressed over the lack of public information on work to replace the street lights in Whitehall Village, and it was:

Resolved that information on work to advertise the replacement of street lighting in Whitehall Village had been advertised in the local press and to households in Whitehall Village.

## **G. Dog Defecation**

Consideration was given to a complaint by a resident about dog defecation in her vegetable patch, and it was resolved:

1. To note the complaint.
2. That dog defecation on private property was regrettable but that there was nothing the Community Council could do about this.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 26 August 2019 in the Stronsay Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

## **15. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:47.