

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in the Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 28 October 2019 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Inspector D Hall, Kirkwall Police.
- PC W Dingwall, Kirkwall Police.
- One member of the public.
- 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 Mr P Riley.

2. Adoption of Minutes

A. General Meeting – 26 August 2019

The minute of the meeting held on 26 August 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr S Weaver.

B. Special Meeting – 16 September 2019

The minute of the Special Meeting held on 16 September 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr S Weaver.

3. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that additional information was required to complete the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would liaise with Mr Seaton on information required to complete the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan.

B. Village Play Park

Members heard that the Vice Chair had received a brochure from a specialist play equipment manufacturer, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would circulate the brochure from the specialist play equipment manufacturer to members.

C. Standby Generator

Members heard that information on the circuits, considered as essential in the event of a power failure, had been forwarded to E Fraser Electrical (Orkney) Ltd and that there had been no response to follow up emails regarding installation of the standby generator hook up connection, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Clerk would continue to liaise with E Fraser Electrical (Orkney) Ltd on the installation of the standby generator hook up connection.

D. Vat o' Kirbuster Bench

Members heard that the original contractor planned to complete work, within the next few weeks, on the construction of a concrete base for a bench to be positioned at the Vat o' Kirbuster, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. Cemetery Extensions

Members heard that in response to members' concern over the burial depth restrictions in the new cemetery extensions, the Strategic Policy and Projects Manager had provided further information, which was read to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Rothiesholm Beach Car Park

Members heard that no tenders had been received to level and create a smoother surface to the Rothiesholm beach car park and approach track, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would request that Orkney Islands Council reconsider asking Stronsay's resident Roads Operatives to carry out the necessary repairs.
3. That Councillor Sinclair would also enquire into using Stronsay's resident Roads Operatives to carry out repairs and report back to the Clerk.

4. Housing Development – Community Council Support

Following a verbal presentation by a Stronsay resident outlining a proposal to provide a mixture of affordable housing with assistance from the Scottish Government Rural and Islands Housing Fund, it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That members would support a proposal to provide a mixture of affordable housing on Stronsay.

5. Police Matters

Members heard that PC Dingwall was the police representative for Orkney's North and South Isles and information was given on policing issues available to the community and how the Community Council could support these, with particular reference to road safety issues, Special Constables and reporting crime. The Chair thanked Inspector Hall and PC Dingwall for their input, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information given by Inspector Hall and PC Dingwall.
2. That Inspector Hall would forward posters to the Clerk for display on local notice boards.

Inspector Hall, PC Dingwall and the member of the public left the meeting at this stage.

6. Armistice Day

Consideration was given to this year's Armistice Day wreath laying ceremony, and it was:

Resolved that an identified ex-service resident would be asked to lay the community wreath at this year's Armistice Day ceremony.

7. Visit Stronsay Group

Consideration was given to a request to transfer grant funding held in the Stronsay Community Council General Fund Account to the Visit Stronsay Group bank account, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Clerk would be provided with details of the Visit Stronsay Group bank account and arrangements would be made to transfer £1,568.47 from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund Account into the Visit Stronsay Group bank account.

8. Fish Mart Report

Members heard that an email from the Community Development Officer to the Chair regarding Fish Mart funding had been forwarded to members, that Mr Weaver would request a quote from Hughes Heating (Scotland) to supply ground source heating, and that the Clerk would contact Steven R Paterson Ltd for a quote for ground and air source heating. Members had also previously been consulted and agreed to the Fish Mart:

- A. Being used as a venue for evening classes beginning in February 2020 and consideration was given on the charge to be levied.
- B. Being used as an area by the Companions Group during November, for which there would be no charge.
- C. Being used as a 'drop in' facility for two weeks during October for the Enhancing Community Wellbeing consultation, for which there would be no charge.
- D. Café to be open on Tuesday and Saturdays for visitors to make a hot drink and donate into an honesty box.
- E. The renewal of the Fish Mart Café and Hostel entry in the Orkney phone book.

Members also heard that consultation had taken place and agreement given to the purchase of a commercial oven and a tabletop fridge, and consideration was given to having an alcohol license and fitting an electric shower in the public shower room with a payment meter, and for minor repairs to the fixtures and fittings, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That The Chair and Mr Weaver would meet with the Community Development Officer to discuss further funding possibilities for the Fish Mart.

3. That the Chair would notify the enquirer of the charge to be levied for the use of the Fish Mart as a venue for evening classes beginning in February 2020.

4. That £22 deposited in the Café honesty box would be kept to purchase future supplies.

5. That the cost to renew the Fish Mart Café and Hostel entry in the Orkney phone book would be paid from the Stronsay Fish Mart Account.

6. That the Clerk would submit an application to the Seed Corn Fund, reference SC1, for £600 to purchase a commercial baking oven.

7. That the Clerk would submit an application to the Seed Corn Fund, reference SC1, for £70 to purchase a tabletop fridge.

8. That having an alcohol license was not considered high priority and may be looked at again in the future.

9. That the Clerk would consult Orkney Islands Council over the fitting of an electric shower and payment meter in the public shower room.

9. Planning Representative's Report

Members heard that their attention had been previously brought to two new planning applications, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

10. Correspondence

A. Northwind Project

Members heard that in response to a previously circulated email invitation for members of the Community Council to attend a detailed update from Northwind Associates, the Chair and Mr Riley had attended a meeting on 17 September 2019 and the Chair gave members some facts and figures pertinent to the proposed Northwind Wind Farm development on Stronsay, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information given.

2. That members supported the proposed Northwind Associates Stronsay Wind Farm Development.

B. Scrap Vehicles

Consideration was given to an email from a resident regarding scrap vehicles left for collection in Whitehall village, and it was:

Resolved to note the email from a resident regarding scrap vehicles left for collection in Whitehall village, which the Chair would respond to.

C. Orkney Health and Care Visit

Members heard that consideration had been given to a request for a representative from Orkney Health and Care to attend this meeting but that this had since been postponed to a future meeting date, yet to be decided, and it was:

Resolved to note the information

D. Island Events – Deposit Return Scheme

Following consideration of an invitation for members to attend an event on a proposed new Deposit Return Scheme, which Mr Riley attended, it was:

Resolved that in the absence of Mr Riley this item be carried over to the next meeting.

E. Winter Service Plan Consultation

Members heard that following on from the Winter Service Plan Consultation, the Roads Support Officer in Development and Infrastructure had forwarded the relevant responses from Community Councils, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Verge Maintenance plan Consultation

Members heard that following on from the Verge Maintenance Plan Consultation, the Roads Support Officer in Development and Infrastructure had forwarded the relevant responses from Community Councils, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

11. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

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

Resolved to note that the balance was £13,452.24.

B. Fish Mart Account

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

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,429.52.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

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

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,330.19.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 15 October 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,794.93.

E. Community Development Fund

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £8,723.40.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 15 October 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance had been fully utilised.

12. Financial Requests

A. Stronsay Community Association

Members heard that consideration had been given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance towards the cost of fireworks for the annual firework display, and it was:

Resolved to note that members had agreed to award £600 to Stronsay Community Association and that this had been granted Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. Stronsay Community Association

Members heard that consideration had been given to a request from Stronsay Community Association for financial assistance to purchase a Christmas tree for use at the annual tree lighting ceremony, and it was:

Resolved to note that members had agreed to award £165 to Stronsay Community Association and that this had been granted Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

13. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Inter Isles Air Passenger Figures – March to August 2019.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – July to September 2019.

14. Any Other Competent Business

A. Ferry Diversion Request

Consideration was given to a request, previously emailed to the Transport Representative, for a ferry diversion to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend 2020 and in Mr Riley's absence it was not known if this had been attended to, and it was:

Resolved to note the request which the Clerk would forward to Orkney Islands Council.

B. Post Box Issue

Consideration was given to a request to improve access to the post box located within postcode KW17 2AT, by having a concrete slab laid at its base, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact Orkney Islands Council to request a concrete slab be laid at the base of the post box located within postcode KW17 2AT.

C. Vat o' Kirbuster Fencing Tender

Members heard that the Roads Services Technician had been in touch regarding the Vat o' Kirbuster core path and the complaints received regarding the condition of the fence. A tender invitation notice had been prepared and displayed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

15. 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, 2 December 2019 in the Stronsay Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

16. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:05.