

# Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, on Wednesday, 29 August 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Hirst, Mrs S Sneesby, Mr M Lee, Mr K Rendall and Mr B Robertson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs H Flett, Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of R Thomson and Councillor N Craigie.

## **2. Police Matters**

Resolved to note that there were no police matters for consideration at this time.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 20 June 2018 was approved, being proposed by K Rendall and seconded by M Lee.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. East Mainland Tourist Brochure**

Following an update from M Lee on the East Mainland Tourist Brochure, it was resolved:

1. To note that local business were to be contacted to see if they would be willing to sponsor space in the new East Mainland Tourist Brochure.
2. That, due to the number of changes in the parish and storage issues, the Community Council's preference was for a print run of 20,000 brochures, to be available in Spring 2019.

### **B. Applications for Financial Assistance**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club and Orkney Gymnastics Club thanking the Community Council for financial assistance, copies of which had been circulated via email, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **C. War Memorial**

Following an update from S Sneesby regarding maintenance works at the war memorial, it was resolved:

1. To note that the Blide Trust had weeded and sprayed the area of the war memorial and would follow up by removing bedding plants from the planters and thereafter planting up with spring bulbs, at no cost to the Community Council.
2. That the Clerk should seek a quote from the Blide Trust in respect of maintenance and upgrading work to the one side of the memorial surround, in order to make future maintenance easier, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.
3. That, thereafter, the war memorial should be maintained twice per annum, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved, with the Clerk seeking a quote, annually, in respect of the works.

4. That the Clerk should write to the Blide Trust thanking them for the work undertaken to date, at no cost to the Community Council.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Community Resilience Planning**

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland regarding community resilience planning and the Community Asset Register operated by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that Councillor Drever would seek an update from the Community Safety Forum, which was due to meet on 30 August 2018, on what was expected from rural communities and report back to the next meeting.

### **B. Digital Champion Training**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding digital champion training, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney Islands Council's Community Learning and Development service, in partnership with Orkney College, was delivering a one-day free digital training the trainer session at Orkney College on 5 September 2018.

### **C. Headstone Inspection Process**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the headstone inspection process in Orkney's cemeteries, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Following consideration of arrangements for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, it was:

Resolved that the following arrangements be made:

A. An indoor tree lighting ceremony should be held in the Holm Community Hall on Saturday, 1 December 2018, or 24 November 2018, should the Kirkwall event take place on 1 December, at 18:30.

B. S Sneesby agreed to arrange refreshments, with J Hirst assisting.

C. The Clerk should order a 7 feet tree from William Shearer, Kirkwall, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved, to be collected by Councillor Drever on the Monday before the event.

D. The Clerk should contact the Salvation Army to see if they would be willing to play at the event.

E. The Clerk should contact L Thomson to see if she would be willing to assist with the set-up of the hall etc.

F. Councillor Drever should send a poster to Radio Orkney nearer the time and advertise the event on Holm News and in the local Post Office.

G. The Clerk should contact St Andrews Primary School to ask if they would nominate two children to switch on the Christmas tree lights and thereafter pass on the details to Councillor Drever.

H. The donations received in the charity boxes circulated on the night should be in aid of Orkney Drugs Dog.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General – 1 April to 16 August 2018**

Following consideration of a financial statement for the period 1 April to 16 August 2018 in respect of the Community Council's General Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 16 August 2018 of £10,944.00.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme 2018-2019**

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2018-2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval as at 16 August 2018 of £3,007.00 in the main capping limit and £662.00 in the additional capping limit.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Development Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation as at 16 August 2018 of £6,500.

### **D. Seedcorn Funding**

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Seedcorn Funding, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council**

Following consideration of correspondence from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council requesting financial assistance towards the bonfire and fireworks display to be held at Pickaquoy, Kirkwall, on 3 November 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £150 be made towards the cost of fireworks, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

## **B. Orkney Gymnastics Club**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Gymnastics Club requesting financial assistance towards participation in an invitational 2-piece competition to be held in Alvah, Banff, on 23 September 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 in respect of each of the two gymnasts from the Holm area be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

## **9. Consultation - Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a consultation on the Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to make no representation.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Accessible Transport**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding an event on accessible transport, and it was:

Resolved to note that Disability Equality Scotland, in partnership with Transport Scotland, was presenting an event on accessible transport in Orkney, to be held at The Pickaquoy Centre on 20 September 2018.

### **B. Road Surface Condition**

Following representations from two members regarding the condition of roads within Holm, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council highlighting the deteriorating condition of the road surface at the following locations:

1. The public road from the war memorial heading towards the junction at Wilderness, particularly adjacent to Netherton; and
2. The Graemeshall Road, particularly between Smiddy Cottage and Biggings.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

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

Resolved that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 10 October 2018 at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:20.