

Minute of the Meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council held in Firth Community Centre, on Tuesday, 21 June 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Ms W Dunnet, Mr V Muir, Ms M Murray and Mrs A Stevenson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tulloch.
- Local Officer, Police Scotland.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr N MacLeod and Councillor H Johnston.

2. Police Scotland Update

The Police Officer present updated members on issues from the Policing Report June 2018, which included that the Orkney area inspector was now in post. There had also been a parking ticket rollout in Kirkwall, taser training for officers, and the percentage of crime detection was 80%, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

The Police Officer left the meeting at this point.

3. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chair

Resolved that Ms W Dunnet should be appointed Chairperson of Firth and Stenness Community Council.

B. Vice Chair

Resolved that Mrs A Stevenson should be appointed Vice Chairperson of Firth and Stenness Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that Mr V Muir should be appointed Planning Representative of Firth and Stenness Community Council.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 19 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr V Muir and seconded by Ms M Murray, subject to the following amendments being made:

- In attendance should show Councillor H Johnston from Item 7.
- Item 3 (f) Future Donations - Should be amended to show that, "future donations should increase 'to' and not 'by' £25 for UK and £35 for foreign activities.
- Item 6 (b) 1st Firth Brownies – Bag the Bruck - Should be amended to read 'applying for funding for the event' and not 'participating in the event'.

5. Matters Arising

A. Repairs to War memorial

After hearing from the Clerk that the War Memorial Trust had granted funds for both the Firth and Stenness war memorials, members discussed various issues with the project, and it was resolved:

1. To note that, although the Clerk has contacted CS Services twice to try and ascertain a date and time for a meeting to sign contracts, no date or time has been secured. The Clerk would again contact CS Services to gain a date/time.
2. That the Clerk would ask Democratic Services to advise regarding the remainder of amounts yet to be funded.
3. To note that the contract required to be signed by both CS Services and a representative for Firth and Stenness Community Council. The representative must also sign to claim the funds on standard of work done at project completion. The Clerk stated that he has no expertise in this field and would ask Democratic Services to assist in this matter.

B. Orkney Flag

After hearing that two quotes had been ascertained for a new Orkney flag - one from an online site and one from a local shop, members discussed flag size and price, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact the local shop for a quote for an outdoor quality, larger sized flag, and arrange purchase.

C. Stenness Village Septic Tank

Members heard that some work had been in progressed at the site. However, as there was no informative feedback, it was:

Resolved that members would resume consideration of this issue at the next meeting.

6. Correspondence

A. Standing Stones of Stenness Car Park

After discussing correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the car park at the Standing Stones, and discussion of the current situation, it was resolved:

1. That members would continue to monitor the situation.
2. That the Clerk would ask Democratic Services if there are plans for the current pot holes to be filled in.

B. Scottish Transport Awards 2018

After consideration of correspondence from the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the isles airfields being nominated for a national award, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Finstown Micro Asphalt and Footway Treatment

Members discussed correspondence which had been received from Democratic Services and distributed previously, regarding planned work on Finstown's footways. Members queried whether there would be adequate safety barriers and traffic lights to ensure pedestrian access whilst the footway was being repaired. Members also wondered whether the work could be carried out in one operation rather than staggered, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Democratic Services and follow up on members' queries.

D. Community Council Annual Grants 2018/2019

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members that the annual grant awarded to Firth and Stenness Community Council for 2018/2019 was £4,269.12, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Letters of Thanks

After hearing from the Chairman that messages of thanks for donations had been received from Orkney Folk Festival for events within the Firth and Stenness area, Rachel Boonzaier for a climbing event and NHS Orkney for donation towards new hospital facilities, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letters.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £9,332.63.

B. Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund

After consideration of the Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £3,000.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,121.20.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,534.95 was available for allocation.

8. Financial Requests

A. Bag the Bruck 2018

Following consideration of correspondence received from 1st Firth Brownies and Stenness PTA, and in accordance with members' decision of 19 March 2018 to divide the £300 funds equally between all groups applying for funding, it was resolved:

1. To award £150 each to 1st Firth Brownies and Stenness PTA.
2. That the Clerk would alter the entry form for 2019 to show the date of the event and deadline for application.

B. Mrs R Boonzaier – Aberdeen Climbing Event

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs R Boonzaier, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two climbing trips to Aberdeen in June and September, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 towards the cost of the trip in June and £25 towards the cost of the trip in September be given, totalling £50.

C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC) - Thurso Mini Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from OASC, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the travel costs of seven participants to a meet in Thurso in May 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 each be given towards the cost of seven participants attending the event in March, totalling £175.

D. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC) - Pentland Trophy

Following consideration of correspondence from OASC, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs of two participants attending an event in Thurso in May 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 each be given towards the cost of two participants attending the event in May 2018, totalling £50.

E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC) - Time Trials Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence from OASC, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs of one participant attending an event in Aberdeen in May 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given towards the cost of one participant attending the event in May 2018, totalling £25.

F. West Mainland Strathspey and Reel Society – Banchory Trip

Following consideration of correspondence from West Mainland Strathspey and Reel Society, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs of two participants attending an event in Banchory in May 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 each be given towards the cost of two participants attending the event in May 2018, totalling £50.

G. Mrs M Flett – Netball Competitions

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs M Flett, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs of two participants attending an event in Glasgow in April 2018 and one participant attending an event in Perth in May 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 each be given towards the cost of two participants attending the Glasgow event and the one participant attending the Perth event, totalling £75.

H. Orkney's Year of Young People – Youth Concert

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney's Year of Young People Ambassadors, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards hosting a youth concert in Orkney in 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be given.

I. Mr A Torbet – Training Sessions

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr A Torbet, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the travel cost of one competitor in a squash event in Scotland in April 2018 and two squash events in Nantes and Stockholm in May 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given for the event in Scotland and that £35 be granted for each of the two events in Europe, totalling £95.

J. THAW Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of continuing THAW's projects into year 2, it was:

Resolved that no donation would be given at this time.

K. Firth Primary School – Hoy Trip

Following consideration of correspondence from Firth Primary School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs of eight pupils attending an outdoor activities trip to Hoy in June 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 each be given towards the cost of eight pupils attending the Hoy event in June 2018, totalling £200.

L. Mrs I Linklater – Athletics Trips

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs I Linklater, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs for her son attending two meetings in Inverness and Aberdeen in May 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given towards each of the events, totalling £50.

9. Consultations

A. Finstown Post Office

Following consideration of consultation documents from Post Office Ltd, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding changes at the local office, it was:

Resolved to note information provided and that any comments could be forwarded to Post Office Ltd.

B. Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-2022

Following consideration of the consultation on the Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved that any comments should be forwarded to the Clerk prior to the deadline of 26 July 2018.

10. Publications

Members considered the following publications, copies of which were made available at the meeting:

- Community Planning News.
- Seafarers UK.
- THAW Orkney – WellBeing Orkney Report.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that a public meeting to fill the vacancies on Firth and Stenness Community Council would be held, followed by a general meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council, on Thursday, 6 September 2018 in Firth Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:25.