

Minute of the Meeting of Harray and Sandwich Community Council held in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 19:00

Present:

Mr G Brown, Mr I Flett, Mrs E Grant, Mr K Groundwater, Mr D Hamilton, Mr C Kirkness, Mrs K Ritch and Mr S Sinclair.

In Attendance:

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs N Phillips, Clerk.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mr A Stanger, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Three members of the public.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that there were no apologies.

2. Election of a new member

Mrs J Montgomery welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the procedure in order to elect a new member to the Community Council.

Mr I Flett proposed a member of the public, however given that the candidate was not present and had not forwarded a letter stating their consent to serve as a Community Council Member, the proposal could not go ahead.

Mr C Kirkness then proposed Mr Gary Sinclair which was seconded by Mr D Hamilton. No further nominations were received and Mr Gary Sinclair confirmed he was happy to stand as the new Harray and Sandwick Community Council Member and was welcomed by the Chair.

The other two members of the public left the meeting at 19:10.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the general meeting held on 21 August 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr I Flett and seconded by Mr G Brown. The minute of the special meeting on 11 September 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mrs E Grant and seconded by Mr C Kirkness.

4. Matters Arising

A. Speed Limits around Dounby

Members agreed that they hoped that speed limit reductions would be part of the general plan within the redevelopment of Dounby. They were also advised that the speed monitors had now been removed, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would ask Democratic Services to enquire with Roads for information on the findings of the speed monitors.

B. Land at Amenity Site in Dounby

Members were advised that there was still no solution to getting the grass cut at this location, and it was:

Resolved to note this item.

C. Dunsyre Corner

Members were advised that a 'Warning, School Bus' sign was to be erected at Dunsyre Corner, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Dounby Market Green

Members were advised that the Senior Planner had held a successful consultation at Dounby school recently. There were also further consultations planned with various Dounby stakeholders and that in the coming months, once all the information had been collated, another meeting with the Community Council members would be held, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Correspondence

A. Winter Service Plan 2019-2020

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, regarding the consultation document on the winter service plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, members did not agree that the Northbigging Road was not a priority, and it was resolved:

1. That councillors would bring up members concerns at their next meeting.
2. That the clerk on behalf of members would ask Democratic Services to contact the Roads Department to ask them to reconsider their decision.

B. Tourist Buses-Damage to Verges

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, regarding the damage to verges from Tourist buses, copies of which had been previously circulated, members were advised how there were no plans to widen any of the roads in the Parishes of Harray and Sandwick, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of members would write a letter enquiring with Destination Orkney to see if they could offer a solution.

C. Strathborg Picnic Area

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, regarding the liability insurance at Strathborg, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the insurance was adequate.

D. Potholes

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, regarding potholes in the Parishes, copies of which had been previously circulated, members discussed how a child had come off their bike on the Swartland Road after hitting a pothole. Members were advised how the potholes had been filled, however because of increased traffic and larger vehicles using the road the situation would only deteriorate again, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of members would ask Democratic Services to contact the Roads Department to request that the inadequate roads are resurfaced rather than surface dressed.

6. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan-2018

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the document detailed responses to the last consultation and members would wait for the new consultation document.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the General Fund statements, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £4,899.57 as at 15 October 2019.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that a balance of £1,821.51 remained available for approval as at 15 October 2019.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £9,640 as at 15 October 2019.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval of £2,500.00 as at 15 October 2019.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Sandwich Community Association-Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Declaration of Interest.

Mr Colin Kirkness declared an interest in this item and, although he was present during the discussion, he did not participate.

Following consideration of a financial request from Sandwich Community Association, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance

towards the senior citizens Christmas lunch on 12 December 2019 and the children's Christmas party on 29 December 2019, it was resolved:

1. To award a grant of up to £250 for the senior citizens lunch, subject to approval from the Community Council Grant Scheme.
2. To award a donation of up to £200 for the children's party, subject to evidence of expenditure.

B. Harray Scottish Woman's Institute- Bairns Halloween Party

Following consideration of a financial request from Harray Scottish Women's Institute, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the bairns Halloween Party, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of up to £200, subject to evidence of expenditure.

9. Publications

The following publication was made available to members and noted:

- VAO Local Training and Opportunities

10. Thanks

There were no letters of thanks.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Christmas

Members were advised that a Christmas Tree Lighting meeting had been held on 3 October and it was:

Resolved to note that:

- The clerk would order the tree from Shearers.
- Democratic Services would order two sets of lights.
- The clerk would ask the co-op for a donation towards the cost of the tree.
- The clerk would order 120 selection boxes for the children.
- The clerk would purchase a gift for Santa.
- All other arrangements were in place.

B. Strathborg Grass Cutting

Members were advised that the grass at Strathborg was too wet to cut and that it would be postponed until the Spring, and it was:

Resolved to the note the information provided.

C. Tourist Brochure

Members were advised that the Chair had received an email informing him that a meeting was to take place about the tourist brochure, and it was:

Resolved that Mr D Hamilton would enquire as to when that meeting would be held.

D. Harray Road

Members were advised that the ditches dug out by the cabling workmen at the end of the Harray road had been left filled with water and therefore creating a flooding issue, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would ask Democratic Services to write to roads to ask for a solution to be found to stop the flooding.

E. Quoyloo Road

Members were advised that there was flooding on the Quoyloo Road and that the ditches had not been dug out for 5 years, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would ask Democratic Services to write to Roads to request that the ditches be cleared.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

Following a discussion of dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next two meetings of Harray and Sandwich Community Council would be held at the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesdays, 15 January 2020 and 4 March 2020.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:30.