

# Minute of the meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Saturday, 31 October 2020 at 10:15

## Present:

Mr Angus Firth, Mrs Christina Cox, Mrs Zoe Flaws, Mr John Garson and Mrs Carole Maguire.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Stephen Clackson.
- Councillor Graham Sinclair.
- Councillor Heather Woodbridge.
- Mrs Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr Robert Friel.

## **2. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the meeting held on 27 June 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mrs Christina Cox and seconded by Mrs Zoe Flaws.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets**

The Chair advised that at the last meeting, members had agreed to continue with the Inter Island Ferry Ticket Scheme, and that islanders had to pay for the tickets up front and then claim back the funds. The Interim Clerk advised that no claims had been made since the last meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Scrap Car Scheme**

The Interim Clerk advised that it was thought that there were still vehicles to collect, but that she would check with the contractor and the Clerk, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this item again at the next meeting.

### **C. Notice Board**

Members were advised by the Chair that the board was being stored at his property and that he was waiting for a local contractor to put it up, and it was:

Resolved to continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

### **D. Kirkyard Matting**

Mrs Carole Maguire reported that she had met with the Burial Grounds Officer recently, who had advised that the Community Council could put down matting at Wester and Brinian kirkyards, but that an agreement would need to be put in place to outline who would be responsible for maintenance. She also advised that she had taken the officer to Scockness and that it was very overgrown. Members also noted that some of the headstones in St Mary's kirkyard were close to becoming a hazard, and that rabbits had done damage there. It was agreed to try and ascertain who had responsibility for these kirkyards, and that Mrs Carole Maguire would make enquiries regarding the cost of matting and infill, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Mrs Carole Maguire would ascertain the price of matting and infill.
2. That the Interim Clerk would enquire as to who held responsibility for Scockness and St Mary's kirkyards.

3. To keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **E. Access Within Kirkyards**

Mrs Carole Maguire advised that Orkney Islands Council were going to replace the gate at Brinian kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

#### **F. Booking at Tingwall Office**

Members discussed previous difficulties with making bookings for the ferry, and it was agreed that the most effective way of contacting the office was via email. The Transport representative agreed to check whether this was on the Orkney Ferries website, and it was agreed that the advice to email enquiries should be put in the Review, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would send the advice on emailing Orkney Ferries for inclusion in the review.

#### **G. Isles Recycling**

Members advised that the recycling containers had been getting emptied and replaced on a regular basis recently and that everyone seemed happy with the current arrangements, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

#### **H. Memorial/Path at Rousay Kirkyard**

The Interim Clerk advised that the Burial Grounds Officer had been supportive of the idea of a memorial at Brinian kirkyard, providing the local authority were given details of what was proposed and where the Community Council wished to place it. It was also advised that the Community Council would be responsible for funding and for taking the project forward. It was also suggested that there was stone in the quarry that belonged to the Community Council, and members agreed that this could be used in any potential project. Mrs Zoe Flaws agreed to take the project forward, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this item at a future meeting.

### **4. Correspondence**

#### **A. CLAN Support and Wellbeing Centre**

After consideration of correspondence and an information leaflet from the CLAN Cancer Support Services Area Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the Support and Wellbeing Centre in Kirkwall had reopened for face-to-face appointments.

## **B. Liam McArthur MSP – Virtual Visit**

Members considered correspondence from Liam McArthur, MSP, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising that he would not be able to visit any of the islands as usual, but would be willing to meet with community groups or individuals online, if this was something the community wanted. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would respond to Liam McArthur thanking him for the offer and put something in the Review to let people know that this opportunity was available.

## **C. Briefing Note - Waste and Recycling Services**

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing an update on the delivery of waste collection services in the Covid-19 period, it was reported that islanders seemed happy with the current arrangements, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **D. Acts of Remembrance**

Members considered information from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, on guidance from the Scottish Government on Remembrance Events. Mrs Christina Cox advised members of arrangements being held on Egilsay, and advised that Mr Robert Friel was organising the Rousay event, with details being advertised in the Review, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **E. Web Workshop on Rural Connectivity**

Members considered information, which had been emailed to all members prior to the meeting, on an upcoming web workshop to discuss rural connectivity, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents and pass this information on to the community as necessary.

## **F. Conversation with the People of Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Health and Care Project Manager, copies of which had been emailed previously, regarding a national initiative to capture people's experience of health services during the pandemic, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

# **5. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Account**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 20 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £21,934.30.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £2,562.05, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £669, and the Island capping limit was £648.

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

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 22 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 22 October 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

## **6. Financial Requests**

### **A. D and D Brand – Vermin Eradication**

Members considered an application from D and D Brand for financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing rat poison, copies of which had previously been circulated, and discussed the regulations around purchase of poison. The Interim Clerk advised that there was still funding left in CCGS for this purpose but advised that she would check on what had been agreed in terms of awarding funding. The Chair proposed that, subject to the terms and conditions of the scheme, funding of 50% up to a maximum of £50 should be awarded, which members agreed to, and it was:

Resolved to award funding of 50% of the costs, to a maximum of £50, subject to confirmation that this was in line with the conditions of the scheme which had been originally set up.

### **B. Rousay Community School – Christmas Presents**

Following consideration of an application from Rousay Community School, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for assistance with the cost of purchasing Christmas presents for the children in the school and nursery, and it was:

Resolved to award funding of £250, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

### **C. Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Community Association - Fireworks**

Members considered correspondence from Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising that due to Covid-19 restrictions they would not be able to utilise the CCGS funding of £600 previously provided for a firework display. They asked whether the grant could be carried over to fund a firework display on Burns Night. Members agreed that the association could use the funding for a future event, providing it was done within the relevant regulations at that time, and it was:

Resolved that the previously awarded CCGS funding of £600 could be carried over to fund a future event.

### **D. Remembrance Day Wreath**

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr Robert Friel, copies of which had previously been emailed, requesting funding of £70 to cover the purchase of wreaths and poppy crosses for Remembrance Sunday, it was:

Resolved to grant funding of £70, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

### **E. Rousay Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - Various**

Members considered correspondence from Rousay Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting funding of £108.15 to cover members becoming Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, plus the purchase of badge books, bookmarks and activity cards. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to grant funding of £108.15, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

## **7. Consultations**

### **A. Local Housing Strategy**

Following consideration of the survey which had been issued by OIC Housing, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for completing the survey had passed.

### **B. Islands Communities Impact Assessment**

Members considered the consultation document from the Scottish Government's Islands Team on the guidance and templates for completing an Island Communities Impact Assessment, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation document.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Planning**

The Planning Representative was not present at the meeting, but the Chair advised that he had not noticed anything of significance for the Community Council on recent planning lists, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Transport**

Members were advised that the Transport representative had met with the consultants in Egilsay and discussed various matters. Mr Richard Tipper had also met them in Rousay, and it had been suggested that new piers would need to be put in before new boats were put on the routes. The Interim Clerk advised that a report was due in the new year and that Democratic Services would keep the Community Council informed when any new information was available, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications had been previously emailed to members, and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – September and October 2020.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – September and October 2020.
- Letter from School Place – September and October 2020.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – June and July 2020.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business – New Councillor**

The Chair congratulated Councillor Heather Woodbridge on her election to the role of Councillor for the North Isles and said that he hoped to see her on the island soon, once restrictions allowed, and it was:

Resolved to note the well wishes of the Community Council.

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

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on 12 December 2020, at 10:15 via Microsoft Teams.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 11:00.