

# Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 21 January 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

Jacqui Hirst, Shelagh Sneesby, Martin Lee, Kenny Rendall and Bill Robertson.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.
- Sergeant Simon Hay, Police Scotland.
- Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.

## Chair:

- Jacqui Hirst in the Chair.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Robbie Thomson and Councillor Steve Sankey.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

After hearing an update from the Police Scotland representative on policing matters, including Police Scotland's response to COVID-19 and changes in policing procedures, the Orkney Drugs Dog and the Orkney Scam Action Group, referred to later in the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the presentation.

The Police Scotland representative left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 4 November 2020 was approved, being proposed by Shelagh Sneesby and seconded by Jacqui Hirst, subject to the following amendment:

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Although the date of the next meeting was correct as Wednesday, 21 January 2021, the time should be amended from 19:00 to 19:30.

Kenny Rendall joined the meeting at this point.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Policy on Financial Assistance**

As Martin Lee had focussed on progressing matters with the tourist brochure, no further progress had been made on updating the policy on financial assistance, and it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting.

### **B. Tourist Brochure**

The Clerk advised that, following the previous meeting, Martin Lee had provided a draft letter for circulation to businesses in the Holm area, for sharing with the other two Community Councils, following which there appeared to be a difference in opinion on what had been agreed at the Tourist Sub-group, and it was:

Resolved that the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer was reviewing the position and, if any further decisions were required, this could be undertaken via email prior to the next meeting.

### **C. Donations from Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Foodbank and the Salvation Army thanking the Community Council for donations in lieu of the tree lighting ceremony, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Connecting Scotland Phase 2**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the Connecting Scotland programme, which was set up in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and provided iPads, Chromebooks and support to develop digital skills for people who were digitally excluded and on low incomes, together with further correspondence advising that the deadline for submitting applications had been extended to 29 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Orkney Scam Action Group**

Following consideration of correspondence from Sergeant Simon Hay advising of the Orkney Scam Action Group, which had been set up with a view to tackling online scams, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Fair Start Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from Fair Start Scotland advising of its services which provided help to people who found themselves unemployed and looking for work, together with specialist provision for those who may also have health issues or disabilities, together with an offer to meet the community council via a virtual meeting, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Chair should contact Fair Start Scotland advising that they should promote their services more widely, rather than just to community councils.

### **D. Liam McArthur MSP - R100**

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur MSP regarding the R100 (Reaching 100%) roundtable event, to facilitate a discussion on the Scottish Government's rollout in Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the event would be held online, via Zoom, on Friday, 5 February 2021 between 13:00 and 14:30.

### **E. Scottish Water - Annual Consultative Meeting**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water regarding arrangements for its annual consultative meeting, which had taken place online, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 8 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 8 January 2021 of £13,553.51.

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

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 8 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the balance remaining for approval of £2,863.23.
2. That the Clerk should cancel the remaining balance on 81902 relating to reprinting the East Mainland Tourist Brochure.

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

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 8 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note:

1. The balance remaining for approval of £6,500.
2. That the Community Council's contribution towards the Loch of Ayre Walkway improvements would be funded from the Community Development Fund allocation, thereby reducing the balance remaining for approval.

### **C. Seed Corn Funding**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Funding Statement as at 8 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

## **7. Kirkyard Maintenance**

Following discussion of arrangements for kirkyard maintenance for 2021, it was:

Resolved:

A. That, subject to confirmation from Orkney Islands Council that arrangements remained the same as in previous years, the Clerk should advertise the grass cutting for the Holm Kirkyard in "The Orcadian" newspaper, with a closing date for tenders of Monday, 8 March 2021.

B. That any tenders received should be opened at the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 10 March 2021.

C. That Shelagh Sneesby and Kenny Rendall be appointed to the Kirkyard Sub-committee.

D. That the Clerk should confirm amended wording on the contract specification regarding the first cut in the old part the kirkyard with the Kirkyard Sub-committee.

## **8. Consultation Document - Police Scotland – Meeting the Policing Needs of a Diverse Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland regarding its equality outcomes for 2021 to 2025, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications had been received by the Clerk and were circulated to members via email:

- VAO Newsletters – November and December 2020.
- VAO –Training and Funding Update – November 2020.
- VAO Volunteering Summary – December 2020.
- Carnegie UK Trust – November 2020 News.
- Liam McArthur MSP – Coronavirus: Latest Information and Advice – 27 November, 4, 8, 11, 18 and 22 December 2020 and 5, 13, 15, 19 and 22 January 2021.

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

### **A. Clear Your Head Campaign**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Healthcare Improvement Scotland regarding the Clear Your Head campaign, a national campaign to support the mental health of people in Scotland during the coronavirus pandemic, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Orkney Kickstart Scheme**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Scottish Government's Kickstart Scheme, which had been established to support young people into employment and help grow business, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council should be held on Wednesday, 10 March 2021 commencing at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:15.