

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in the Eday Community School on Wednesday, 7 November 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr T McCabe, Mr K Redwood, Mr M Scott, Mr M Tchaikovsky, Mrs S Thompson and Mr H Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Miss L Merry, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Members expressed disappointed that no Councillors were present, and it was:

Resolved to note that no apologies had been received.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 29 August 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Scott and seconded by Mr T McCabe.

3. Matters Arising

A. Kirkyard Maintenance Relating to Ditch Cleaning

It was understood by members that OIC had looked into the cost of ditching around the Kirkyard and creating an accessible car parking space, but that the cost of doing so would be prohibitive and the works therefore unlikely to be taken forward. Community Council members agreed that they would be willing to offer funding towards these works, in order to get them procured before winter progresses further. Mr M Scott agreed to find out who owned the land around the Kirkyard, and the Chair would contact Democratic Services to discuss funding of and implementation of the works, and it was:

Resolved to carry this item forward for discussion at the next meeting.

B. NHS Orkney – Nurse’s House Refurbishment

Members heard that the Chair and Mr M Scott had looked around the property, and that the house would require some work, but that many of the rooms were in good order. Work required comprised a full renovation of the kitchen (ceiling and walls, new kitchen units and appliances), ceiling and walls in one small bedroom upstairs, ceiling and some walls in the hallways, a new bathroom, and decoration throughout. The Chair and Mr M Scott estimated that it could cost in the region of £40,000 to bring the house into a liveable condition, thus futureproofing accommodation for nurses for Eday. Following discussion, it was agreed that members were willing to put money towards the renovations but a guarantee from NHS would be needed to ensure that they would not sell the house once renovations are completed and that it would indeed be used for nurses’ accommodation, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would contact the Chief Executive, NHS Orkney, to discuss further what the NHS plans were for the accommodation.

C. Scottish Water and Water Issue at the Pier

Mr M Scott has been in contact with Scottish Water regarding the ongoing issue with a pipe leaking underneath the cattle pens at the pier. There had been an issue with communication between Scottish Water and OIC, leading to a considerable delay in the issue being addressed, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would continue to liaise with OIC and Mr M Scott with Scottish Water to try and resolve the situation.

D. Ferry and Air Services - Outline Business Case Workshop

Mr M Scott advised that he had attended a workshop where the future configuration of air and ferry services for the Northern Isles was discussed. He advised that the ongoing Outline Business Case work suggests that there may be three planes in the future. It was also reported that consideration was being given to repositioning the pier on Stronsay to the west side, which would mean shorter journey times. The Outline Business Case was due to finished by April 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Eday Telephone Directory

The Clerk reported that a draft copy of the telephone directory had been placed in the shop to collect the remaining numbers. Members discussed charging £1 per copy, with all proceeds going to the Eday Community School Fund. It was agreed that once the telephone directory had been finalised, it would be available to purchase at the shop, and it was:

Resolved that a final copy would be ready for purchase in the shop before Christmas and that the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

4. Correspondence

A. Isles Operations – Review of Systems of Work and Training Programmes

The Community Council had received a letter regarding Isles Operations, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would request specific information regarding Eday via Democratic Services.

B. Remembrance Day

Following discussion of correspondence from the Arts Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding plans for Armistice Day, it was:

Resolved to note that Mr K Redwood had organised a reading by the S1 pupils from Eday Community School.

C. Headstone Inspections

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was noted that work had been carried out on the unsafe headstones on Eday with the affected ones laid flat. It was noted that all families affected by the work on unsafe headstones should all have been contacted, where available, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Orkney Islands Brochure 2019

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the Islands Brochure, members agreed that £600 should be set aside from the

Community Council Grant scheme towards funding the brochure. The Vice Chair agreed to read over the brochure and come back to the Clerk with any amendments by 15 November 2018, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would apply to use CCGS funding of £600 towards the 2019 Islands of Orkney brochure.

E. Bird Hide Maintenance

Following the discussion of correspondence relating to the Bird Hide, it was:

Resolved to note that Mr M Scott had carried out maintenance on the bird hide.

F. Your Island, Your Choice

Members discussed correspondence from VAO, which advised that just over £5,500 had been awarded to Eday from Your Island Your Choice, and that there was to be a meeting on 17 November to discuss upcoming projects and ideas. The meeting would be open to everyone, and project ideas should to be sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information and that ideas should be forwarded to the Clerk.

G. Lower Speed Communities Workshop

Following consideration of correspondence regarding a Lower Speed Communities workshop to be held in Kirkwall on 28 November 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Fireworks Display

The Chair reported that she had organised a firework display for 10 November 2018 at the school, and that volunteers from the Community Council would be welcome. A raffle would be organised, with proceeds donated to the Eday Community School Fund, and it was:

Resolved to update the Community Council with how much has been raised for the Eday Community School Fund, following the event.

I. Scrap Cars

It was reported that ten scrap cars remained to be collected, and it was:

Resolved to update the Community Council again before the next meeting.

5. Finance

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement dated 24 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £16,191.80.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 November 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances of £2,831.37, £662 and £414.84 were remaining for allocation in the three capping limits.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 November 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained available for allocation.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 7 November 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £3,258.51 remaining for allocation.

6. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Eday Community School

Members considered a request from Eday Community School for financial assistance towards a new Christmas tree and decorations. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to award £100 towards a Christmas tree and decorations for the Eday Community School.

B. Eday Community Association

Members considered a request from Eday Community Association for financial assistance of £300 towards Christmas presents for 15 children, and it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £300 should be awarded to the Eday Community Association for the purchase of Christmas presents.

7. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Transport

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

8. Consultation Documents

A. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

Following consideration of the consultation document on the Verge Maintenance Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, Members agreed that there should be no conservation verges and that all verges should be cut, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would draft a response to the Clerk before submitting it to the Community Council for further comment.

B. Orkney Islands Area Licencing Board – Gambling Policy

Members noted a consultation regarding Orkney Islands Area Licencing Board reviewing their Gambling Policy, and it was:

Resolved to note that any comments should be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 23 November 2018.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd – Statistics – June, July and August 2018.
- Loganair – Statistics – April, May, June, July and August 2018.
- Community Planning News – Autumn 2018.
- VAO – Training Courses and Training and Funding Update – October 2018.

It was requested that all publications to be sent to all members through email, with printed ones on request if required, through the Clerk.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Assistance with Haulage of Aggregates

Mr M Scott suggested that funding for aggregate haulage was made available again to the community, via a CC Roads Scheme. Members agreed that this was a good idea and that £1,500 should be made available for the scheme, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would apply to use Community Council Grant Scheme funding of £1,500.
2. That the Chair would prepare and display a notice publicly, inviting members of the community to apply through the Clerk.

B. Meeting to discuss Island Resilience

The Chair informed members of a forthcoming meeting to discuss island/community resilience. Mr M Scott advised that he could attend, representing the Community Council. The meeting will be held on 21 November 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of the Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday 16 January, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.