

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 21 January 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mrs S Whiteman, Mr P Riley, Mr J Seaton, Mr D Stout and Mr S Weaver.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from C Fraser.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 3 December 2018 was approved, being proposed by D Stout and seconded by S Whiteman.

3. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that amendments had been made to the Community Emergency Plan and that this was now ready for forwarding to emergency service providers. It was also reported that a new battery would be purchased for the stand-by generator, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Your Island, Your Choice

After hearing that applications were now open for the Your Island, Your Choice funding projects, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Loganair

Consideration was given to a written response received from the Transportation Manager to members' request for a stand-by booking system on inter islands flights. and it was:

Resolved to note the response from the Transportation Manager to members' request for a stand-by booking system on inter islands flights.

D. Community Conversation Report

After hearing that the Head of Executive Support had responded to members' concern over the Orkney Islands Council Community Conversations – Feedback Report, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

E. Stronsay Healthy Living Centre

After hearing that changes had been introduced to the Healthy Living Centre opening hours and access arrangements, it was resolved:

That a request would be made for information on why changes had been made to the Healthy Living Centre opening hours and access arrangements.

4. Grass Cutting Contracts

Members considered arrangements for advertising the 2019 grass cutting contracts, and it was resolved:

A. That the 2019 grass cutting contracts would be advertised at the beginning of April 2019.

B. That advice would be sought on the funding status for one of the grass cutting contracts.

5. Plastic Recycling Skip Trial

After hearing that the Chair had been a signatory on a statement of intent prepared by Orkney Islands Council for a plastic recycling skip trial and that arrangements were in hand for the trial to commence later that month, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

6. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Consideration was given to transferring funds from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund to the Stronsay Community Council bank account to meet the quarterly direct debit hydro charge, and it was:

Resolved that money would be transferred annually at the start of the financial year from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund to the Stronsay Community Council bank account to meet the quarterly direct debit hydro charge.

7. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that replacement skylights had been fitted to the Fish Mart roof and that repairs had been completed on reported faults. Consideration was also given to the disposal of the hostel mattresses, once the new ones had been received, a faulty microwave oven, a pay as you use shower in the public shower room and a thermal imaging camera survey and energy efficiency advice, and it was resolved:

A. That on receipt of the new hostel mattresses the old ones would be advertised as being free for collection.

B. That the Clerk would enquire into fitting a pay as you go shower meter in the public shower room.

C. That S Weaver would continue to liaise with Resource Efficient Scotland regarding energy efficiency advice.

8. Transport Representative's Report

Members heard that copies of the draft proposed Air Services Winter 2019/2020 timetable and proposed North Isles Winter 2019/2020 draft timetable and draft refit timetable 2019/2020 had been displayed on local notice boards for public comment but none had been received. Members considered and made suggested changes to the draft timetables, and it was resolved:

A. That members requested a change be made to the 2019/2020 refit ferry timetable to give Stronsay a shorter Saturday sailing time, alternating with other islands as in previous years.

B. That the winter Inter-Island Air Services timetable 27 October 2019 – 1 March 2020 be changed to allow Stronsay passengers a longer stay in Kirkwall on a Saturday during the ferry refit timetable.

9. Planning Representative's Report

Members heard that their attention had been previously brought to a planning application to erect a house with a detached garage and an air source pump on land at Whitehall Farm, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

10. Correspondence

A. Cemetery Extensions Update

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council on cemetery extensions update 12 December 2018 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence from the Group Coordinator (Orkney) Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, informing members of a new date and venue for and Emergency Services Fun Day, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Community Council Consultation – Energy Supply Company – Our Power

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services on the consultation letter Energy Supply Company – Our Power, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That members agreed to participate with the suggested proposal in the Energy Supply Company – Our Power consultation.

D. Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Response to Orkney Transmission Connection Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks on the response to the Orkney Transmission Connection Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Orkney Islands Council Community Transport Grant

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services on the Orkney Islands Council Community Transport Grant, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Orkney Housing Association – New Committee Members

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Housing Association Limited requesting new volunteer committee members, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Orkney Inter Isle Transport Study: Outline Business Case

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transportation Manager providing an update on the Orkney Inter-Isle Transport Study: Outline Business Case, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Police Scotland – Change of Isles Officer

Following consideration of correspondence from the Kirkwall Police Station updating members on a change of Isles Officer, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. NILPS Settlement Project – Whitehall, Stronsay

Following consideration of correspondence from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme in which members were given a Settlement Project: Whitehall Village report, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. THAW Orkney – Funding Support

Following consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney providing members with information on funding support available for households with a cancer diagnosis, it was, resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That information on funding support available for households with a cancer diagnosis had been displayed on local notice boards and on the Stronsay website.

11. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 7 January 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £13,119.62.

B. Fish Mart Account

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was -£72.19.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,171.89.

D. Stronsay Community Council Bank Account

After consideration of the Stronsay Community Council Bank account statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £734,67.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £427.41.

F. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,930.86.

G. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance had been fully utilised.

12. Financial Request - Stronsay Junior High School Parent Council

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Chair, Stronsay Junior High School Parent Council, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of return ferry travel between Stronsay and Kirkwall for thirteen children, four adults and one car, it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £214.10 be given towards the cost of providing return ferry travel between Stronsay and Kirkwall for thirteen children, four adults and a car, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

13. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Orkney Ferries Statistical Reports for October, November and December 2018.
- NHS Orkney Patient Public Reference Group Agenda and Minute.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Newsletters and Training Updates.
- Draft Air Services Meeting Minute and Proposed Air Services Winter 2019/20 Timetable.
- Draft Ferry Services Minute and North Isles Winter 2019/20 Draft Timetable and Refit Timetable 2019/20 Draft.

14. Any Other Competent Business

A. Village Play Park

After hearing that storm damage had broken equipment in the Village play park and that this had been reported to Orkney Islands Council, a repair had been undertaken but it was not known if the damaged equipment would be replaced, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That J Seaton would notify Stronsay Development Trust, who had provided and installed the play park equipment, of the sustained damage.

B. Community Centre Play Park

A concern was raised over the closure of the play park located beside the community centre, and it was resolved:

1. To note the concern raised over the closure of the play park located beside the community centre.
2. That materials had been sanctioned to carry out a repair to the play park located beside the community centre and that this was being addressed.

C. Standby Generator

Consideration was given to the suggestion the stand-by generator be offered to Stronsay Development Trust to power their cardboard log making machine, and it was resolved:

1. To note the suggestion that the stand by generator be offered to Stronsay Development Trust to power their cardboard log making machine.
2. That J Seaton would consult with Stronsay Development Trust over members' offer for the stand by generator to be used to power the cardboard log making machine.

D. Damaged Fence Behind Properties in Whitehall Village

Members heard that a repair had not been carried out to a damaged fence behind properties within Whitehall village despite permission being given for a local contractor to carry out the repair, and it was, resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Clerk would notify Democratic Services of the outstanding repair.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 18 March 2019 in the Stronsay Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

16. Conclusion of Meeting

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