

Minute of the Meeting of Birsay Community Council held in the Birsay Community Hall on Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Delday, Mr D Scarth, Mr A Spence and Mr S Spence.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor D Tulloch.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Mrs N Phillips, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Miss K Coghill, Mr M Hay, Mr K Spence, and Councillor H Johnston.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 4 April 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr S Spence and seconded by Mr D Scarth.

3. Matters Arising

A. Foreshore from Ministry Huts to Zanzibar

Members discussed approaching alternative contractors as only one quote had been received, and it was:

Resolved that members would approach alternative contractors with a view to obtaining a quote.

B. Slip at Buckquoy

Members discussed that they were still waiting to hear back from Historic Environment Scotland, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would follow this up.

C. Headstone Inspections

Members were advised that work was due to start in November to re-erect the Birsay headstones, weather permitting, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Birsay Marker Stone

Members heard that Mr A Spence had looked at the marker stone and thought he may be able to fix it, and it was:

Resolved that Mr A Spence would attempt to fix it.

E. Pontoon at the Geo

Members had not heard back from Mr M Hay about plans to remove the pontoon from the Geo, and it was:

Resolved to wait to hear back from the Executive Director and Mr Hay, and to discuss at the next meeting.

F. Sabiston Mill Corner Flooding

Members heard that the Roads Support Manager had been advised, that it was to be investigated further and any identified works attended to, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

4. Correspondence

A. Land at the Palace

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services about the liability of the benches they own, and heard there would not have been a need to have any agreement for the telephone box as it was not within the boundary of the project. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would clarify the liability.

B. Invoice - Mr M Johnston

Members agreed to pay Mr Johnston's invoice of £170.00 for fixing the broken pillar at the Palace and also discussed getting him to fix the gable end of the fisherman's hut, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would ask Mr Johnston to do the work, and that the clerk would arrange for the bill to be paid.

C. Invoice-Birsay Community Association

Members agreed to pay Birsay Community Association £90 for the use of the Hall for its general meetings from November 2018 to September 2019, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would arrange to have the bill paid.

D. West Mainland Newsletter

Following consideration of the correspondence from the Development Officer asking if the members would like the East and West brochure leaflets on the Orkney.com website, it was:

Resolved that the clerk would respond on behalf of the members to say it was very much in favour of this.

E. Thankyou Letters

Members were advised by the Clerk that letters of thanks for financial assistance provided had been received from Alana Smith-Saville for help towards attending the Dance School of Scotland, Alan and Paula Spence for help with Tegan's athletic competitions and Taylah's trip to the Island Games, and from Dounby school for this year's P6 trip to Hoy.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

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

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £1,238.37 as at 17 September 2019.

B. Birsay Energy Fund

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

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £16,771.42 as at 17 September 2019.

C. 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 £662.00 remained available for approval as at 17 September 2019.

D. Community Development Fund

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

Resolved to note that £8,138.37 remained available for approval as at 17 September 2019.

E. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note that £21.64 remained available for approval as at 17 September 2019.

6. Financial Requests

A. Pickaquoy Bonfire and Fireworks

Members considered a request for financial assistance which had been received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council for financial assistance towards the annual bonfire and fireworks display, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to donate £100 towards the event.

B. Stromness Academy- Swiss Alps Trip June 2020

Members considered a request for financial assistance for 8 pupils towards a Geography trip to the French Alps in June 2020, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved that £100 each would be awarded from the Energy Fund to all except one, who had already received the maximum allocated award for this financial year.

C. Orkney District U15 Netball Squad Member

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance from an Orkney Netball Squad Member, a copy of which was provided at the meeting, towards the cost of competing in a netball game in Elgin on 29 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to award £50 towards the Birsay competitor's attendance at the game.

D. Girlguiding Orkney

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance from Girl Guiding Orkney, a copy of which had been previously circulated, towards the cost of 10 girls attending the Tartan Gig concert on 31 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to award £50 each towards the girl guiders trip.

E. Birsay Kids Club-Christmas Party

Mrs N Phillips declared an interest in this item but stayed in the room as clerk.

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance from Birsay Kids Club towards the children's annual Christmas party, it was:

Resolved that £300 would be awarded towards the cost of the party.

F. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC)-Wick ASC Far North Meet

Members considered a request for financial assistance from OASC, a copy of which was provided at the meeting, towards the cost of attending the Wick ASC Far North Meet on 25 August 2019 for two swimmers, and it was:

Resolved to award £50 each towards the costs of the trip.

7. Consultations

A. Crown Estate Scotland

Following consideration of the consultation document on local management pilot schemes, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Orkney Marine Planning Update 2019

Following consideration of the consultation document on development and marine planning, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Boundary Commission-Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration of the consultation document on the 2019 review of electoral arrangements, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

8. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications had been received:

- VAO Newsletters/Training and Funding Updates – June and July 2019.
- Community Planning news- Summer 2019.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Market Green

Members heard that the Senior Planner was attending parents' evening on 8th and 10th October to talk to parents about their views on the community plan for Dounby, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided

B. Potholes

Members reported potholes on the Hillside road and Goethe's road, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk would, on behalf of the members, report this to Democratic Services.

C. Contractors workmanship

Members discussed how impressed they were with the speed and tidiness of the contractors employed to lay down the cables throughout Dounby, and it was:

Resolved that the Councillor's would mention this at their next meeting.

D. Overnight Campervan parking

Members heard how some campers were being inconsiderate by taking up too much space at the Broch of Birsay. Members discussed if a sign could be displayed and campervan parking areas designated. It was also discussed if they really wanted to stop wild camping, and it was:

Resolved to continue this discussion again.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next two meetings of the Birsay Community Council would be held in Birsay Community Hall on Thursday, 9 January 2020 and Thursday, 2 April 2020 at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:00.