

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 2 December 2019 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

Order of Business

1. Apologies.....	2
2. Adoption of Minutes.....	2
3. Matters Arising.....	2
4. Islands of Orkney Brochure 2020	3
5. Fish Mart Report.....	3
6. Consultation Documents.....	4
7. Correspondence	4
8. Financial Statements	5
9. Publications	6
10. Any Other Competent Business.....	6
11. Date of Next Meeting	6
12. Conclusion of Meeting	6

1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr C Fraser and Mr J Seaton.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The meeting of the minute held on 28 October 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Stout and seconded by Mrs S Whiteman.

3. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members were advised that updated information for inclusion in the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan had been received, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would amend and distribute the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan.

B. Village Play Park

Members were advised that a brochure from a specialist play equipment manufacturer was still being circulated amongst members, and it was:

Resolved that this item be carried forward to the next meeting.

C. Standby Generator

Members were advised that E Fraser Electrical (Orkney) Ltd would be available to carry out the installation of the standby generator hook up connection in week commencing 3 February 2020, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Vat o' Kirbuster Bench

Members were advised that the construction of a concrete base for a bench, to be positioned at the Vat o' Kirbuster, would be undertaken once access was possible, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Rothiesholm Beach Car Park

Further consideration was given to improving the Rothiesholm Beach car park and access track, and how best to finance this, and it was resolved:

1. That Councillor Sinclair would make further enquiries into the possibility of Orkney Islands Council financing the improvements.
2. That the Clerk would contact the landowner regarding the proposed work.

F. Island Events – Deposit Return Scheme

Mr Riley informed members that he had attended a recent presentation on the new Deposit Return Scheme due to be launched on 1 April 2021, and having shared and discussed information on the scheme, it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Clerk would write to the event organisers expressing members' concerns on the Deposit Return Scheme.

G. Post Box Issue

Members were informed that the Roads Support Manager had advised that a request for improvements to the post box access at KW17 2AT should be made to Royal Mail. Contact had been made with Royal Mail and a verbal assurance given that improvements would be undertaken, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

4. Islands of Orkney Brochure 2020

Members were advised that consideration had previously been given to the cost of the 2020 Islands of Orkney Brochure, and that notices had been displayed requesting amendments for inclusion in the brochure and that these had been received and forwarded before the deadline date, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That members had agreed to meet the Community Council cost of the 2020 Islands of Orkney Brochure, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

5. Fish Mart Report

A. New Operators

Members were advised that the new Fish Mart Operators had taken over the running of the Fish Mart Café and Hostel on 1 December 2019. Members also discussed various financial matters relating to the building and hydro, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Building Issues

Members were advised that the Works and Inspection Manager had offered advice on fitting an electric shower and payment meter in the public shower room, and that a quote had been received for an electrical connection to the commercial oven. The clerk also advised that Steven R Paterson Ltd had been contacted in order to provide a quote for ground and air source heating, but that this may not be for some time, and that Hughes Heating (Scotland) had not yet submitted a quote to supply ground source heating. An extended warranty cover had been offered on one of the Café's refrigerators, a request for repairs to a light in the main passageway and a leaking toilet in a bedroom had been forwarded to Orkney Islands Council, and advice had been sought on PAT testing the electrical items used. Discussion followed on alternative heating options. Finally, the Chair and Mr Weaver had been

unable to meet with the Stronsay Development Officer regarding funding and following discussion on alternative heating option, it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the approved contractor would be invited to submit a quote to fit a 9KW shower and coin operated meter in the public shower room.
3. That the approved contractor would be asked to carry out PAT testing on all the electrical items in the Fish Mart Café and Hostel, and to fit an electrical connection to the commercial oven, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme funding approval.
4. That Orkney Islands Council would be asked to fit a heat extractor fan in the Café's freezer room, as previously suggested by the Building Inspector.
5. That S Weaver would enquire into the possibility of using hydrogen to heat the Fish Mart premises.
6. That an enquiry would be made into whether ducting was used in the installation of street lighting and if this could be used to host a wind turbine cable.
7. That members had no objection to Councillor Sinclair mentioning the Fish Mart to the Energy Strategy Stakeholder Group.

6. Consultation Documents

A. Draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting

Members considered the previously circulated consultation document Draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make at this time.

7. Correspondence

A. Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Project Manager, Orkney Health and Care on the draft Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. National Islands Plan

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Development Officer at Scottish Islands Federation, on a submission being made to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on the proposed National Islands Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Draft Burial Grounds Code of Practice

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Strategic Policy and Projects Manager on the draft Burial Grounds Code of Practice – November 2019, previously circulated to members, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Chair would provide a written response to the draft Burial Grounds Code of Practice, which the Clerk would forward to Democratic Services.

D. Inter-Isles Ferry and Air Services Forums Draft Agendas and Minutes

Consideration was given to the Inter-Isles Ferry and Air Services Forums Draft Agendas and Minutes, previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 22 November 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £11,880.73.

B. Fish Mart Account

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 22 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,264.23.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 22 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,330.19.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,335.93.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 22 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £8,723.40.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 22 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance had been fully utilised.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

Orkney Ferries Statistics – October 2019.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Police Matters

Members were advised that in response to the police involvement at the last Community Council meeting, email requests had been made for posters detailing policing matters, but none had been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Poppy Wreath

Consideration was given to an invoice received for a poppy wreath used at Armistice Day, and it was:

Resolved that the cost of the poppy wreath would be paid from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund.

C. Vat o' Kirbuster Fencing Tender

Members were advised that two sealed tenders for repairs to field fencing at the Vat o' Kirbuster had been forwarded to Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. GP Retirement

Members were advised that one of Stronsay's resident GPs was planning to retire on 31 March 2020, and that a request had been made for the Community Council to notify residents of this, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Vice Chair would clarify with the retiring GP the wording to be used in order to notify residents of the retirement.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 9 March 2020 in the Stronsay Community Centre, commencing at 19:30, and that the remaining meetings during 2020 would be held on 27 April, 24 August, 12 October and 23 November.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:35.