

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in the Community Room, Hope School on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Smith, Mr A Rosie, Mr D Woodcock, Ms J Woodhead and Mr R McEwen.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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1. Election of Member

Following a public election, Mr R McEwen was duly elected as a new member of the Community Council.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr I Balcombe and Councillor N Craigie.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 4 September 2019 was approved, being proposed by Ms J Woodhead and seconded by Mr A Rosie.

4. Matters Arising

A. East Mainland Leaflet

It was noted that another meeting of the subgroup was to be arranged but no date had yet been set for this, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Model Farm Implements – Display Cabinet

Members were advised that the display cabinet for the model farm implements in the Smiddy Museum discussed at the last meeting was no longer available, and after discussion it was:

Resolved to go ahead and purchase the cabinet from Argos at a cost of £195 plus delivery costs of £6.95, and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £201.95.

C. Sands of Wright Information Board

Members were advised that the posts supporting the current information board had been inspected and were in good order. A quote of £275 for a new panel and stainless steel frame was received, and it was:

Resolved to order the new panel and frame at a cost of £275.

D. St Lawrence's Kirkyard and Hope Play Park – New Benches

Members received new quotes for replacement benches and agreed to purchase two Forest Saver Benches at a cost of £395 each plus VAT. The delivery cost would be £275, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would enquire if a local firm could collect the benches at a lower cost.

2. To order two benches at a cost of £848 plus the delivery cost.

E. Cromarty Square Toilets

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that they were unable to provide waste bins for the inside of any public toilets as this can present a fire hazard, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

F. Road Signs

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that there were no plans at present to install name signs on any roads in the area, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

G. Road Markings

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, advising that work on the road markings on the stretch of the main road into Kirkwall which has recently been resurfaced, was being carried out. Members were advised that the markings have now been reinstated, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

H. Number 4 Barrier Toilets

Members were advised that the toilets were to be rebuilt and the arrival of the contractors was imminent, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Correspondence

A. Smiddy Museum SSE Account

Members received correspondence advising that the new rate for the standing charge would be 42.42 pence per day and the new all-day rate would be 19.09p/kWh as of 1 November 2019. Members discussed whether cheaper options were available and heard that there were problems with getting cheaper deals as many were only available when payment was made by direct debit, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To enquire if Orkney Islands Council could suggest any way of getting a lower price for electricity.

2. To suggest that a better price would possibly be obtained if a deal was agreed for all properties owned by the various Community Councils together, and to ask if Orkney Islands Council would be able to assist with organising this.

B. Local Electricity Bill

Members received correspondence from Power for the People asking the Community Council to support their campaign for the Local Electricity Bill which they authored to become law in the UK. It was noted during discussion that the Scottish Government has its own energy supply policy, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

C. Islander – Smiddy Advert

Members received correspondence advising that the deadline for placing an advertisement for the Smiddy Museum in the Islander magazine this year was 31 January and the cost would be £66 plus VAT. Members discussed whether to charge an admission fee for the Smiddy and alterations to the text for the advertisement. Possible other places to advertise the Smiddy were also discussed, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That an admission fee of £2 per person be charged for this season.
2. That this be added to the text of the advertisement which would otherwise remain the same as last year.
3. That the Clerk would look for places where the Smiddy Museum could be advertised free of charge.

D. Headstone Reinstatement

Members received an update from Orkney Islands Council on the progress of the headstone reinstatement programme, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

E. Adopt a Kiosk

Members received correspondence asking if they would be willing to adopt the red BT telephone kiosk on the Lythes Road, South Ronaldsay from BT under their Adopt a Kiosk scheme, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council would be willing to adopt the kiosk and that the Clerk would contact BT for further information.

F. Burray Bus Stop

Members received correspondence concerning the provision of a bus stop with a hard stand area for the southbound bus in Burray village. Members were advised that provision of this was currently being considered by Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

G. My Place Awards

Members received correspondence giving information about the My Place Awards for community-led built environment initiatives, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

H. Netball Orkney

Following discussion of correspondence, advising that Netball Orkney was not able to apply for funding on behalf of all team members travelling to competitions, and requesting that the Community Council accept applications from each individual directly, it was:

Resolved that the Community Council would accept applications for funding from individuals in future.

I. Peedie Breeks

Members received correspondence expressing the concern of parents about the imminent closure of Peedie Breeks and the lack of alternative childcare facilities. Following discussion of this matter it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Orkney Islands Council expressing members support for the provision of alternative childcare.

J. VE Day

Members received correspondence concerning celebrations being organised for the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

K. Regional Marine Plan

Members received correspondence advising that in the next few months Scottish Ministers are due to confer powers to Orkney Islands Council to prepare a statutory Regional Marine Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 17 January 2020 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,286.31.

B. Smiddy Account

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 17 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was overdrawn by £327.23 and that the Clerk would request that sufficient funds to cover this be transferred from the general fund.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 17 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £129.55.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 17 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.00.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 17 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £155.83.

7. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan

Members considered the consultation document on Verge Maintenance, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make on the consultation document.

B. Winter Service Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council detailing responses to comments on the Winter Service Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

C. Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy

Members considered the consultation document Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make on the consultation document.

D. Review of Polling Districts and Places

Following consideration of correspondence concerning the Review of Polling Districts and Places, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

8. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, requesting financial support towards the cost of travel to the Thurso Open for one swimmer residing in the South Ronaldsay and Burray area, it was:

Resolved to give a donation of £30 from the general fund towards the cost of the trip.

B. Orkney Gymnastics Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Gymnastics Club, requesting financial support towards the cost of travel to competitions in Aness and Inverness for one gymnast residing in the South Ronaldsay and Burray area, it was:

Resolved to give a donation of £30 from the general fund towards the cost of each trip.

C. Cromarty Hall

Following consideration of a request for funding towards the purchase of a new sign for the external wall of the hall at a cost of £104.52, a microwave at a cost of £72.99 and a slow cooker at a cost of £25.99, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Community Council would give a donation of £98.98 from the general fund for the purchase of the microwave and slow cooker.
2. That a grant award of £104.52 be given towards the cost of purchasing a new sign and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme additional capping limit on a project cost of £104.52.

D. Burray Community Association

Following consideration of a request for funding towards the cost of installing blackout roller blinds in the Burray Hall, it was:

Resolved to give a donation of £225.00 from the general fund.

E. Travel Grants

Following discussion concerning the length of time applicants were waiting for travel grants to be awarded, it was:

Resolved:

1. That in cases where the funding would be a fixed sum previously agreed for club and school trips, members could agree to this by email and the decision could be minuted at the next meeting in order to reduce delays in the provision of funds.
2. That the travel policy should be reviewed at the next meeting.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Scottish Health Council Newsletter.
- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Agenda.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Minutes.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Culture Fund

Members were advised that the Clerk had submitted an application to the Culture Fund for the Smiddy Museum, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Bus Shelter at Quoyangry

Members were advised that the bus shelter at Quoyangry was in a poor state of repair. Members discussed whether the bus shelter was much used in its current position and if it would be possible to move the shelter as some members of the public had expressed a wish for a bus shelter at the stop for Honey's Geo and Grimness, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To request that Orkney Islands Council make repairs to the bus shelter.
2. To enquire if there was any possibility of the bus shelter being moved.

C. X1 Bus – Traffic Commissioners

Members were advised that no further correspondence had been received from the Traffic Commissioners since acknowledgement of the letter sent in June, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact the Traffic Commissioners again.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 22 April 2020 in the Community Room, Hope School, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:25.