

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the Community Centre on Monday 30 September 2019 at 19:30

Present:

I Deyell, M Holbrook, P Donnelly and A Duncan.

In Attendance:

- S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ms H Scott, Mr I Scott, Councillor S Clackson, Councillor G Sinclair and Councillor K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 12 August 2019 was approved, being proposed by A Duncan and seconded by P Donnelly.

3. Matters Arising

A. Scrap cars

After discussing the scrap car scheme, it was:

Resolved that the clerk would write to Democratic Services and ask if they can procure another scheme to run again next year.

B. Plastic wrap

Councillor Woodbridge was not present to provide an update.

C. Plastic benches

After hearing from M Holbrook, it was:

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

D. Loose Cattle

After hearing from I Deyell, it was:

Resolved to note that the issue was ongoing.

E. Road Aggregates

After hearing from the clerk that a batch of aggregate was ordered in error, it was:

Resolved that the clerk would order the correct aggregate and put up a notice selling the other bags on a first come first served basis.

F. Mooring buoys and storehouse door

After hearing from the clerk, it was resolved:

1. To note that there was nothing new to report.

2. That the clerk would write to Democratic Services to hurry Harbours for a response.

4. Correspondence

A. VAO - Micro volunteering

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO regarding the idea of micro volunteering, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the clerk would write back stating that the members feel it is a good idea and the island has been micro volunteering for some time.

B. Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration of correspondence from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland regarding the review of electoral arrangements taking place, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Financial Statements

A. Turbine Fund

After consideration of the Turbine Fund as at 23 September 2019 and the discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. To note that the clerk's phone rental removal was a mistake which has been rectified.
2. To note that the balance was £9,026.00.

B. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 23 September 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £14,014.20.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 23 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was over allocated.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 23 September 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 23 September 2019, it was resolved:

1. To note that the balance remaining for approval was £122.
2. That the clerk email Democratic Services to ask if there will be another tranche of funding after this one is used up.

6. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Members heard that M Holbrook attended the meeting on the 21st August 2019. The issue of the unbalanced distribution of resources was raised resulting in the island being more and more cut off. It was discussed that the Golden Mariana may be trialled to do a trip to North Ronaldsay in an effort to improve transport links.

M Holbrook also raised the issue of weight restrictions and the lack of consistency in what is charged and what isn't, and it was:

Resolved to note the above information.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that the planning representative had nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative

Members heard that the dyke warden had been appointed and this person will be in place by the end of October with an official announcement to be made shortly.

Members heard that Cloudnet installations were complete but bills have not been issued yet. BT email addresses can be hosted for free in order to retain access to them should an individual move from BT to Cloudnet.

7. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO – August Newsletter.
- VAO – training and funding update.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics.
- Loganair – statistics.
- Letter from School Place.

8. Any Other Competent Business

A. Plastic Waste

Following discussion by the members regarding the disposal of plastic waste on the island, it was:

Resolved that the clerk would ask the council if there were bigger domestic waste bags available for the disposal of plastic from the beach.

B. Mobile Phone Signals

Following a discussion regarding the Vodafone and 02 signals on the island being inadequate, it was:

Resolved that M Holbrook had raised the issue with Liam McArthur, which he will take further.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on 25 November 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:37.