

# Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Hirst, Mrs S Sneesby, Mr M Lee, Mr K Rendall, Mr B Robertson and Mr R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor A Drever.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs H Flett, Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Norman R Craigie.

## **2. Police Matters**

Resolved to note that there were no police matters for consideration at this time.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 27 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by S Sneesby and seconded by R Thomson.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. East Mainland Tourist Brochure**

M Lee reported that, although the sub-committee had not yet met, the brochure required to be updated, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

### **B. Kirkyard Grass Cutting Tenders**

Councillor Andrew Drever advised that, although the previous contractor had been contacted, they had indicated they were not a position to carry out the work this year. No tenders had been received in response to the latest advert. Councillor Drever had contacted the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, Orkney Islands Council, to ascertain whether the Council's grass cutting team could undertake at least the first cut. After further discussion, it was:

Resolved that Councillor Drever should contact the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, Orkney Islands Council, again, seeking a response as soon as possible and, if the Council was unable to carry out the work, the Community Council would thereafter immediately consider what action to take, given that the grass required cutting in the very near future.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Calor Rural Community Fund**

Following consideration of correspondence from Calor advising of its Rural Community Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that Councillor Drever should pass on the information to the Community Association, advising that the closing date for applications was 21 May 2018.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General – 1 April 2017 to 25 April 2018**

Following consideration of a financial statement for the period 1 April 2017 to 25 April 2018 in respect of the Community Council's General Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note the estimated balance as at 25 April 2018 of £8,187.17.
2. That, in future, a short explanation should be provided in respect of the payments, particularly where an organisation received more than one payment over the period of the financial statement.

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme 2017-2018**

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2017-2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Development Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

## **D. Seedcorn Fund**

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Seedcorn Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the financial statement.

# **7. Applications for Financial Assistance**

## **A. NHS Orkney**

J Hirst declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion. S Sneesby took the Chair for this item.

Following consideration of further correspondence from the NHS Orkney Fundraising Group regarding funding and/or sponsorship of various aspects within the new hospital and healthcare building, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that no assistance be provided.

## **B. THAW Orkney**

Following consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney requesting financial assistance towards Year 2 of the WellBeing Orkney project, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that no assistance be provided.

## **C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance toward a swimmer competing in the Thurso Mini-Meet on 5 May 2018, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

## **D. Year of Young People – Youth Concert**

The Clerk had received correspondence from a group of “Year of Young People” Ambassadors in Orkney requesting financial assistance toward costs associated with holding a youth concert in August in the Orkney Theatre, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should respond seeking further information on the event and requesting Ernie Skea, Community Learning and Development Officer, to attend a future meeting.

## **E. Netball Orkney**

B. Robertson and R. Thomson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion thereof.

The Clerk had received correspondence requesting financial assistance toward three girls participating in a netball competition in Perth on 13 May 2018, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 per person be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

## **8. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework**

Following consideration of the Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework consultation issued by Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation.

## **9. Publications**

The Clerk had received the following publications which would be made available to members:

- THAW Orkney – Report on first 9 months of WellBeing Orkney.
- VAO Newsletter – April 2018.
- Liam McArthur MSP – Holyrood Highlights 20 April 2018.

## **10. Meetings Attended by Members**

The Community Council had been invited to attend a meeting with Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister for Transport and Islands, in the Ayre Hotel, Kirkwall, on 27 April 2018, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information provided by M Lee, who had attended the meeting.

B. That M Lee should draft a letter to the Minister, supporting the tendering of the Northern Isles Ferry Services, rather than taking in-house and awarding the contract direct to CalMac, for approval by email, following which the Clerk would submit the correspondence to the Scottish Government.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 20 June 2018.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:35.