

# Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held on Monday, 30 November 2020 at 19:00 via Microsoft Teams

## Present:

Rikki A Lidderdale, Robert F Leslie, Kim Burns, Christopher Gee, Moyra Gordon, Christine E Harcus, Cathleen A Hourie, John R Mowat and Tom Rendall.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy G Cowie.
- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.
- 1 member of the local press.
- Sergeant Martin Arbuckle, Police Scotland.
- Maureen Spence, Democratic Services Manager, Orkney Islands Council.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from David L Flett.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

Sergeant Martin Arbuckle provided an update on Police Scotland matters, including the White Ribbon campaign, which involved men in prominent positions speaking out about violence, and the town centre CCTV system, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

Sergeant Arbuckle left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 5 October 2020 was approved, being proposed by Cathleen Hourie and seconded by Moyra Gordon.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. HIAL – ATMS Plans: Independent Impact Assessment**

Following discussion at the previous meeting regarding the independent impact assessment relating to HIAL's ATMS plans, the Clerk had submitted the Community Council's response to the independent consultant, Tom Matthew, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council's response had been acknowledged.

### **B. Town Centre Funding – Tankerness House Gardens**

Following consideration of the proposed project details and costs considered by the Finance Sub-committee, in consultation with The Yard and the Sport and Leisure Service Manager, Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to support the proposed project details for improvements within Tankerness House Gardens for submission to the Town Centre Fund.

### **C. Big Belly Bins**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the possibility of replacing litter bins with big belly bins, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that, although Orkney Islands Council was not in a position to add any more litter bins to the list of assets which it currently managed, it would support reducing the number of litter bins across Kirkwall through close liaison with the Community Council and the operational team, as one big belly bin could replace two or more litter bins.

2. To note that big belly bins were generally preferred in remote locations as they needed emptied less frequently, due to the compacting process, and could be monitored remotely, therefore only emptied when required.
3. To note that fast food vendors were required to provide bins at their location for use by their customers.
4. That the Clerk should write Orkney Islands Council suggesting that Operational Environmental Services apply to the Town Centre Fund to purchase big belly bins to replace existing litter bins at various locations, to be identified.

#### **D. Recycling bins at Kirkwall Pierhead**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the recycling bins at Kirkwall Pierhead, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the recycling bins were installed as part of the Places and Spaces initiative, with the current bins not able to be emptied by the recycling vehicles due to their structure.
2. To note that a caged wagon required to be set out specifically to empty the bins at the Pierhead, therefore it was not always possible to service them as frequently as necessary.
3. To note that, as a result, an alternative design of bin had now been identified and replacements ordered, which could be emptied by the recycling vehicles and therefore emptied more frequently, with a litter bin also moved from a nearby location to assist with any overspill.

#### **E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club thanking the Community Council for financial assistance towards coaches undertaking Coach Education Courses, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **A. Awards for Community-Led Built Environment Projects**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Civic Trust regarding the My Place Awards, which celebrated community-led built environment projects that transformed their locality, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

#### **B. Conversation with the People of Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a series of events billed as Conversations with the People of Scotland, a national

initiative to capture people's experience of health services during the pandemic, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the Orkney events had been held on 4 November 2020.

### **C. Help Shape the Future of Papdale**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the commencement of the detailed design stage for improvements to the Papdale area, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Harrison Stevens Landscape Architects, supported by Etive Engineering, had been appointed to develop conceptual ideals through to a detailed design stage, with a solution to deliver the following outcomes:

- A community space with improved accessibility for people of all ages and abilities.
- Natural play features, improved biodiversity and a reduced maintenance burden for Orkney Islands Council.
- De-culverting of the Papdale burn and management of surface water flooding within the park.
- A layout which facilitated opportunities for more formal play equipment to be installed into the space in future, subject to fundraising by PEPA.
- An active travel path network connecting the park to Kirkwall Grammar School.

### **D. Festive Lighting**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding festive lighting, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that an initial review of existing street lighting columns and festive lighting/decorations had been completed, resulting in the shooting star type decorations not being erected for the 2020 festive season, as they no longer met windage requirements of column manufacturers.
2. To note that consideration was being given to all existing decorations being replaced with smaller, lighter decorations for 2021, which met windage requirements and which would be handed over to the relevant community council to maintain in perpetuity.
3. To note that the Clerk had received further correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the outcome of the testing of the anchor points for catenary wires and festoons, including a number of failures, which, due to COVID-19 restrictions, could not be addressed.
4. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council seeking clarification on implications for Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council arising from matters raised in the two emails relating to festive lighting.

## **E. Waste and Recycling Services**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council providing an update on the delivery of waste and recycling services during the COVID-19 period, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. Reporting of Roads Issues**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that, following reports from community councils of various roads issues and queries regarding repairs, five categories of defects were used for safety inspections, with only category one defects being addressed meantime, and it was:

Resolved that any problems with roads in the area should be reported, including those that had previously been reported, with as much detail as possible to ensure easy identification of the areas, to Orkney Islands Council by 10 December 2020.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 22 November 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 22 November 2020 of £13,139.66.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 November 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,158.19.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 22 November 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,688.42.

## **7. Financial Request - Women's Alcohol Dependency Support Group**

The Clerk had received further correspondence from Women's Aid Orkney advising that they still intended to get the Women's Alcohol Dependency Support Group up and running in early 2021, and would be contacting all community councils regarding potential funding, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Women's Aid Orkney advising of the date of the next meeting of the Community Council and requesting that the information previously requested be provided in order for their request to be reconsidered at the next meeting.

## 8. Publications

The following publications had been sent to the Clerk and were forwarded to members via email:

- VAO Newsletter – October 2020.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – November 2020.
- VAO Volunteering Summary – November 2020.

## 9. Any Other Competent Business

### A. Shrub Bed at Scapa Junction

Christine Marcus reported that she had spent two afternoons tidying up the shrub bed at the Scapa junction, and advised that a local resident had offered to remove the bench, undertake some refurbishment work and replace the bench, facing the other way, in due course, and it was:

Resolved to extend thanks to both Christine Marcus and the local resident for works undertaken.

### B. Connecting Scotland

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding Round 2 of the Connecting Scotland scheme, which focussed on supporting digitally excluded, low income families and young care leavers, with 30 devices allocated to Orkney, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council enquiring how the devices would be allocated.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council should be held on 25 January 2021, commencing at 19:00, noting future dates for 2021 as follows:

- 15 March 2021.
- 10 May 2021 (Appointment of Office Bearers).
- 28 June 2021.
- 16 August 2021.
- 4 October 2021.
- 29 November 2021.

## 11. Conclusion of Meeting

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