

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R McEwen, Mr I Balcombe, Ms T Drayak and Mr D Woodcock.

In Attendance:

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

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr R Smith, Mr J Townsend, Mr M Woolham, Councillor N Craigie and Sergeant S Hay.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Members discussed the election of office bearers and enquired if this could be done by email as not all members were present, and it was:

Resolved to request that Democratic Services email members to ascertain who would be willing to be an office bearer and to discuss the election of office bearers by email to be confirmed at the next meeting.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 8 August 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mr I Balcombe and seconded by Ms T Drayak.

4. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelters

Members were advised that a quote for the repair of the bus shelter at Quoyangry was still awaited. Members received copies of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council giving advice about planning requirements for the provision of a bus shelter and picnic bench in St Margaret's Hope, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To contact the Glass Shop and request a quote for the Quoyangry bus shelter repairs in time for the next meeting.
2. To note the information contained in the correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council.

B. St Margaret's Hope – Bench and Picnic Table

Members heard that a picnic bench could be provided by the Community Payback Scheme at an approximate cost of £60. Members discussed whether there were other locations in South Ronaldsay and Burray that would benefit from the provision of a picnic bench and considered where these could be stored when not in use, and it was:

Resolved to enquire about possible other locations for benches and storage and discuss the matter again at a future meeting.

C. Smiddy Museum – Tourist Road Signs

Members received copies of Orkney Islands Council's Tourist Signposting Policy. They heard that road signs could be produced by Art Machine Graphics and that the sign would be eligible for funding through the Orkney Islands Council CCGS scheme, and it was:

Resolved to contact Orkney Islands Council Roads Department and Art Machine Graphics and make enquiries about the cost of a brown tourist road sign.

D. Tourist Leaflets

Members heard that those businesses who had previously expressed an interest in advertising in the East Mainland Tourist Leaflet had been contacted and all still wished to place an advertisement. Members discussed the production of separate leaflets for South Ronaldsay and Burray and for the Smiddy Museum, and it was:

Resolved to hold a separate meeting in the spring to discuss the production of new leaflets and other matters relating to local tourism.

E. St Margaret's Hope – Household Waste and Recycling Centre

Members heard that the recycling centre in St Margaret's Hope had reopened, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

5. Correspondence

A. Road Repairs

Members had previously received correspondence by email regarding road repairs and requesting that details of any problem areas on the roads be reported to Democratic Services by end of day on Thursday, 10 December 2020. Members heard that details had been forwarded to Democratic Services, who had passed them to the relevant department, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Orkney Ferries

Members received correspondence from Robert Leslie concerning the replacement of the Orkney Ferries fleet, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Festive Lighting

Members received correspondence from Democratic Services, advising that with regards to their concerns over Festive Lighting arrangements, the Roads Support Manager had advised that the comments had been noted and would be included as part of a review that would be carried out and reported to committee in 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

D. Connecting Scotland

Members received correspondence advising that, although the programme was closed to the public, it had been extended for any organisations in Orkney until 29 January 2021, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Orkney Kickstart

Members received correspondence concerning the Kickstart Scheme, which aimed to support young people into employment and help grow businesses, requesting that they circulate the attached information leaflet and promote this scheme as widely as possible, and it was:

Resolved to publicise this scheme on social media.

6. Consultations

Resolved to note that no consultations had been received.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 13 January 2021 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £4,798.43.

B. Smiddy Account

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 13 January 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,517.28.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 18 January 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,790.38.

D. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 13 January 2021 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the total remaining available for allocation was £5,000.

E. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 13 January 2021, it was:

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

8. Financial Requests

A. St Margaret's Hope School Parents Council

Members had previously agreed by email to award a CCGS grant of £100 to St Margaret's Hope School Parents Council towards the cost of hiring the Cromarty Hall and showing a Christmas film for school children. Members heard that the grant had been approved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

B. Burray Bairns

Members had previously agreed by email to award a CCGS grant of £100 to Burray Bairns towards the cost of the purchase of solar lights for Burray Playpark. Members heard that the grant had been approved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Virtual Tour of Smiddy Museum

The concept of a virtual tour of the Smiddy Museum was discussed, and it was:

Resolved to consider this at the meeting to be held in the spring to discuss the production of new leaflets and other matters relating to local tourism.

B. Orkney Native Wildlife Project

Members heard that the latest figures for the catch of stoats and rats for South Ronaldsay and Burray were 156 stoats and 1999 rats, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Churchill Barriers

Members were advised that the Development and Infrastructure Committee would discuss wave overtopping on the Churchill Barriers on 2 February 2021, and that the responses to the Churchill Barriers Wave Overtopping Survey were now available, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this at a future meeting.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- SRCA Minutes and Agenda.
- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Updates.
- Triage Highlands and Islands Newsletter.
- DYW Newsletter.

- Stakeholder Toolkit - Clear Your Head Winter Campaign.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 7 April 2021 commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:00.