

Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held in the Garden Room, King Street Halls, Kirkwall on Monday, 30 April 2018 at 19:00

Present:

Tom Rendall, James Currie, Christine E Harcus, Robert F Leslie, Rikki A Lidderdale, Alastair M MacLeod, Steven Metcalf, John R Mowat and Alan Rynie.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy G Cowie.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Duncan Clarke, Aquatera.
- Sergeant Hugh Mooney, Police Scotland.
- One member of the local press.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of David L Flett, Christopher Gee and Cathleen A Hourie and Councillors Norman R Craigie, Dave Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes and Steve Sankey.

2. Police Matters

Following a presentation from Sergeant Hugh Mooney on crime detection rates, training and parking, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

Sergeant Mooney left the meeting at this point.

3. Kirkwall BID

The Chair reported that, as Kirkwall Business Improvement District (BID) was also meeting, no representative was present, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided in an email from Dawn Flett advised that, following a successful ballot, the Kirkwall BID would operate for a further five years, the Annual General Meeting would be held towards the end of May, Kirkwall BID was looking for new Directors and a Project Officer would be appointed to take forward the business plan.

4. Orkney Cloud Forum

After hearing a presentation from Duncan Clarke, Aquatera, regarding the Orkney Cloud Forum, it was:

Resolved to note that the Orkney Cloud Forum was a community forum established to discuss and develop the needs and novel ideas for an “Orkney Cloud” service.

5. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the Meeting held on 12 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by Alastair MacLeod and seconded by Christine Harcus, subject to the following correction:

Matters Arising – Defibrillators.

The name of the group was Orkney Heart Support Group and not Orkney Heart Group as quoted in the minute.

6. Matters Arising

A. Scotland’s Tree of the Year

The Chair provided an update on the information board, award and certificate which would be placed in the Tree Shop during May, then at Orkney Museum from June for approximately three months and finally in the Linen Cupboard, potentially during September, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair, Christine Marcus and Robert Leslie should give further consideration to ideas for using the £1,000 care grant and report back to the next meeting.

Rikki Lidderdale joined the meeting at this point.

B. Defibrillators

The Clerk had received an email from Councillor Andrew Drever advising that the matter had been discussed at the Community Safety Partnership and, although not much progress, there was a willingness to move forward, including more publicity, raising awareness and encouraging registration of the machines, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Bag the Bruck

The Clerk confirmed that two applications had been received from organisations wishing to participate in the Bag the Bruck event and accordingly, the grant of £300 would be split equally, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. St Magnus Lane Toilets

The Clerk advised that no further correspondence had been received from Orkney Islands Council in response to the Community Council's support for the toilets to remain open on a 24/7 basis, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

E. Paths in Warrenfield Area

Councillor John Richards advised that he was not aware of any works commencing on upgrading the paths in the Warrenfield area, but would seek an update from the relevant officer within Orkney Islands Council and advise the Clerk accordingly, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

F. Green Plaques

The Clerk advised that she had been provided with details of the company who had provided the original green plaques and, on contacting them, discovered they still held the community council's details on file, and it was:

Resolved that, following confirmation of the wording for the two plaques, an order should be placed.

G. Planting at Cattie Maggie's

The Clerk advised that the trees and shrubs had been ordered and delivered and would be passed to Alastair MacLeod to arrange planting, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

7. Correspondence

A. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries Out Reach

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Sustainable Fisheries Ltd advising of local fisheries research in Orkney and engaging with the local community, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Scottish Transport Awards 2018

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that their airfields service had been shortlisted for a national award, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Memorial at Gallow'ha

Following consideration of correspondence from H Woodsford-Dean on behalf of the group developing a discrete memorial to the victims of the witchcraft trials in Kirkwall, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should respond to H Woodsford-Dean advising of the Community Council's continued support for the project and suggesting that consideration be given to raising the memorial flagstone slightly, in a similar design to the Ba' plaque on the Kirk Green.

D. Funding Application to Upgrade Path at Arcadia Park

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council requesting community support to accompany funding applications to various external bodies in respect of a project to upgrade the path within Arcadia Park, the area of open space alongside Holm Branch Road, Kirkwall, to accessibility standards, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should respond advising of the Community Council's support to the project to upgrade the path within Arcadia Park to accessibility standards.

8. Financial Statements

A. General – 1 April 2017 to 20 April 2018

Following consideration of a financial statement for the period 1 April 2017 to 20 April 2018 in respect of the Community Council's General Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 20 April 2018 of £7,092.43.

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.

9. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. NHS Orkney

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 a grant of £125 be given in respect of a piece of wall art.

B. Netball Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from K Brown requesting financial assistance towards her daughter's participation in netball competitions on 9 and 10 March and 16 and 18 March 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, as the application was retrospective, no assistance be provided on this occasion.

C. Kirkwall Squash and Racketball

Following consideration of correspondence from Kirkwall Squash and Racketball requesting financial assistance towards two junior players representing Highland in the Scottish National Inter-regional competition on 21 and 22 April 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 per player be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

D. Kirkwall Grammar School – Pupil Support

Following consideration of correspondence from the Pupil Support Teacher requesting financial assistance towards a young person undertaking a trip to Edinburgh and London, between 18 and 25 May 2018, taking in Holyrood and the Houses of Parliament, as part of S5 studies, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards a swimmer competing in the University of Aberdeen Long Course meet held in the Aberdeen Aquatics Centre on 28 and 29 April 2018, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

F. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

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

Resolved that a grant of £30 per swimmer be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

G. THAW Orkney

The Clerk had received correspondence from THAW Orkney requesting financial assistance towards Year 2 of the WellBeing Orkney project, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £150 be given towards the match funding required for Year 2 of the WellBeing Orkney project.

10. Consultation Documents

A. Amended Core Paths Plan

Following consideration of the Amended Core Paths Plan consultation issued by Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to make no response.

B. 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 make no response, although should any member wish to make an individual response, they should indicate that they were a community council representative.

11. Meetings Attended by Members

A. Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE)

SSE had arranged a series of public consultations on Orkney Transmission Infrastructure Projects, with one held in the Ayre Hotel, Kirkwall, on 30 April 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided by Robert Leslie and John Mowat, who had both attended the event.

Councillor Steven Heddle left the meeting at this point.

B. Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister for Transport and Islands

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 to note the information provided by the Chair, who had attended the meeting, along with Robert Leslie.

12. Any Other Competent Business - Resurfacing of Junction Road

Although J Currie was appreciative of the speed of undertaking the resurfacing works on Junction Road to allow the junction with Union Street to be reopened ahead of schedule, the resurfacing works had retained the “pond” on the south side of Union Street, and it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor John Richards would raise this with Orkney Islands Council to ascertain whether a track could be provided to drain standing water and report back to a future meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting should be held on Monday, 18 June 2018.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:00.