

# Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in Eday Community School on Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr T McCabe, Mr M Scott, Mr M Tchaikovsky, Mrs S Thompson and Mr H Thomson.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor S Clackson.
- Miss L Merry, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr K Redwood, and Councillors G Sinclair and K Woodbridge.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 7 November 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Thompson and seconded by Mr M Scott.

## **3. Grass Cutting Contracts**

The Community Council discussed increasing the period of the current contract from 1 year to 3 years. Members agreed that an invitation to tender should be posted in the shop and the pier waiting room, and well as on the relevant Facebook pages, and it was resolved:

A. That the Clerk would enquire with Democratic Services as to the possibility of increasing the contract to a 3-year period.

B. That the Clerk would advertise the invitation to tender locally once terms had been finalised.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Kirkyard Maintenance Relating to Ditch Cleaning**

Mr M Scott advised that he had assessed the work to be done around the kirkyard, which included ditch cleaning and creation of improved accessible car parking. A part of the dyke also required mending and was included in the scope of work, but this had since been mended. Following discussion, it was resolved:

That an invitation to tender would be posted in the shop and the pier waiting room, and well as on the relevant Facebook pages.

### **B. NHS Orkney – Nurse’s House Refurbishment**

Members heard that information had been received from NHS after they had been contacted by the Chair, and it was:

Resolved to note that NHS Orkney were sending out a surveyor, who would be met by the Chair and Mr M Scott to discuss the renovations.

### **C. Scottish Water and Water Issue at the Pier**

Members heard that there had been an issue with communication between Scottish Water and OIC, leading to a considerable delay in the issue being addressed, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would continue to liaise with OIC and Mr M Scott with Scottish Water to try and resolve the situation.

## **D. Erosion of Eday Kirkyard**

It was reported that a recent storm had seen some more erosion of the old kirkyard on Eday, and it was:

Resolved the Clerk would advise Democratic Services of the situation and ask for action to be taken.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. North Isles Landscape Partnership**

The Community Council heard that there was a meeting being held for various projects for Eday, projects include new information boards outside the airport and pier and dyke building courses and it was:

Resolved that members were invited to the meeting being held on 17 January 2019 at the Heritage Centre.

### **B. Draft Air and Ferry Winter Timetables**

On discussion of the draft timetables for air and ferry services in the winter 2019/2020 season, it was reported that, during the refit period, people were not using the boats due to the time it took to get to town. It was also noted that there were no excursions planned for the summer. The Chair agreed to circulate the timetables to the members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. OIC Community Transport Grant**

Following discussion of correspondence regarding the Community Transport Grant, Councillor S Clackson mentioned a dial a bus service which runs on Sanday, and additional transport services provided on other north isles. The correspondence explained that there could be funding available for an extended bus service. Members noted that Eday currently had a Thursday-only bus, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided, and that the Clerk would forward a copy of the letter to the Eday Partnership for their information.

### **D. Orkney's Got Young Talent**

The Clerk advised that the Community Council had received a letter of thanks for their donation towards the event, and it was:

Resolved to acknowledge the letter of thanks.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement dated 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £15,401.10.

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

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances of -£837.85, £662 and -£899.15 were remaining for allocation in the three capping limits.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained available for allocation.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £3,258.51 remaining for allocation.

## **7. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Applications for Haulage Aggregates**

Members discussed the 10 requests for financial assistance towards Haulage Aggregates and, following discussion, it was resolved to award up to £150 to each applicant, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should to send a letter to each successful applicant, with the deadline set as the 30 June 2019 for the delivery of aggregates.

## **8. Consultation Document - Energy Supply Company – Our Power**

Following consideration of the consultation document on the Our Power Energy Supply Company, it was:

Resolved to note the document.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd – Statistics – October, November and December 2018.
- Loganair – Statistics – September and October 2018.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Briefing Note - Inter-Isle Ferry Fleet Replacement**

Members were provided with a copy of the briefing note issued by the Transport Manager on the work currently underway regarding the replacing of the current inter-isle ferry fleet. According to the briefing note, a survey would be taking place over the current months and the Chair encouraged members to complete the survey, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Wind Turbines**

The Chair informed members of a forthcoming meeting to discuss the proposal to erect turbines on the south end of the island. The meeting was due to be held on 12 February 2019, and would be open to everyone, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **C. Toilets at the Pier**

Members discussed that there had been a recent item in the Orcadian letters page, written by someone who had travelled around all the northern isles. He had said that the toilets at Eday pier were the worst of all the isles he had visited, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would ask Democratic Services to write a letter to Marine Services and try and resolve the issue.

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

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

Resolved that the next meeting of the Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 27 March, commencing at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:15.