

Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls School on Friday, 22 November 2019 at 18:45

Present:

G Robertson, A Clark, A Sinclair and J Traynor.

In Attendance:

- K Dobrzynski, Island Link Officer.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Colin Bates and Rachel Thomson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 20 September 2019 was approved, being proposed by A Sinclair and seconded by J Traynor.

3. Matters Arising

A. Island Link Officer (ILO)

The ILO provided a report updating members that contact had been made with both the Council and Housing Association regarding heating system queries at French Rd and St Colms, and that visits were to be arranged with both. The Health and Wellbeing event was delayed until January but the tabletop sale went ahead as planned. Members were advised that the service directory was still a work in progress, and that the ILO had attended the Orkney Zerowaste Island Impact Event for the Deposit Return Scheme, but the Orkney Marine Project Talk and Feedback Event had been postponed until the New Year. Members were also informed that Democratic Services had requested that a public meeting be held with the residents of Graemsay regarding the change to the ferry timetable and this was to be arranged in the New Year, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

B. James Smith War Memorial

Following consideration of correspondence from James Dowell & Son providing members with a quote to add the name of James Smith to the Longhope War Memorial it was:

Resolved to accept the quote provided and request that the work be carried out.

C. Replacement Flag for the Arctic Convoy Memorial

Due to the absence of R Thomson, no update was available to members and it was:

Resolved to request an update at the next Community Council meeting.

4. Correspondence

A. 2020 Island of Orkney Brochure Amendments

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding amendments to the Islands of Orkney Brochure for 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. OHAC Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025

Following consideration of correspondence from OHAC, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Orkney Mental Health Strategy for 2020-2025, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Scottish Water Newsletter

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding their newsletter, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Inter Islands Ferry Services Consultative Forum

Following consideration of the correspondence from Orkney Ferries, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Consultative Forum, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and discuss with C Bates.

E. Draft Burial Grounds Code of Practice

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the draft Burial Grounds Code of Practice, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan Consultation

Following consideration of the 2019 Verge Maintenance Plan comments received from Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the Consultation and request an earlier cut than May if possible.

B. Winter Service Plan Consultation

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Winter Service Plan comments received from Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the document.

C. Draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimizing Obtrusive Lighting

Following consideration of the Draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimizing Obtrusive Lighting Consultation, received from Democratic Services, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the information provided.
2. That the ILO was to raise the concerns of a member of the public regarding the issues experienced with the lights at St Colms Quadrant.

D. Transient Visitor Levy Bill Public Information Sessions

Following consideration of the Transient Visitor Levy Bill Public Information Sessions that are to be held, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the information provided.

E. Historic Marine Protected Areas – Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Following consideration of the Scottish Government consultation on the potential creation of two historic marine protected areas, in Scapa Flow and for the wreck known as Queen of Sweden, Shetland, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the information provided.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 21 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £13,641.14.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 21 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the OIC main capping limit was over allocated by £1,173.80, and the balances remaining for approval in the additional capping limit of £662 and the island capping limit of £539.82.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 21 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £4,935.04.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 21 November 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £3,658.47.

7. Publications

Resolved to note that the following publications were made available to members at the meeting:

- Orkney Ferry Statistical Reports.
- VAO Training and Funding Opportunities.
- OHAC Orkney Strategic Plan 2019/2022.
- VAO Newsletter 2019.
- VAO Volunteering Opportunities November 2019.
- Marinas on Hoy – Ron Bulmer.
- Better Local Communications and Engagement on Robin Road.

8. Any Other Competent Business

A. North Walls School Pupil Ferry Fare Discounts

After consideration of a request from the Head Teacher at North Walls School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting a discount for pupils when using Orkney Ferries for school trips, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact the Ferry Services Manager to request and arrange a meeting with the Chair to discuss this issue further.

B. British Red Cross

After consideration of ongoing correspondence from British Red Cross, requesting time at a meeting to do a short presentation to members, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact British Red Cross again to rearrange a visit to attend a Community Council meeting.

C. RSPB

After consideration of ongoing correspondence from RSPB, requesting time at a meeting do a presentation to members, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would arrange an invitation to RSPB to give a presentation at the next Community Council meeting.

D. Island Brochure

After consideration of correspondence from a resident with a concern regarding a business listed in the Island Brochure where the owner is not resident on the island, it was:

Resolved to follow the Council Policy of non-discrimination of inserts.

E. Changes of time to the Moaness Ferry

After consideration of complaints from some Graemsay residents regarding changes to the ferry timetable, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would arrange a public meeting with the residents so that they may raise their concerns.

F. Handrail at Moaness Pier

After consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the handrail at Moaness pier, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact the Ferry Services Manager to request a new handrail alongside the pier as the new one installed earlier this year had been placed on top of the existing one.

G. Road down to Groats Shop

After consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the unevenness of the road down to Groats shop, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns expressed and to ask Councillor M Thomson for an update of any progress made.

H. Road at Sandy Loch

After consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the sinking of the road by the pump house at Sandy Loch, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would report the issue to Democratic Services.

I. Wheelchair access on Stagecoach Buses

After consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the lack of wheelchair access on Stagecoach buses, especially at the Houton Terminal, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would contact Stagecoach and express mobility issues concerns.

J. War Memorial at St Colms

After consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the unsafe path, handrail and steps at the war memorial, it was:

Resolved that the ILO would obtain quotes for remedial work to be carried out.

K. White Goods Removal

After consideration of concerns raised by a member regarding the lack of co-ordination between council departments when disposing of white goods, it was:

Resolved to note the concerns expressed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Friday 17 January 2020.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:50.