

Minute of the Meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council held in Stenness Community School, on Thursday, 8 November 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Ms W Dunnet, Mr M Lynch, Mr V Muir and Mrs A Stevenson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr J Horrocks and Ms M Murray, and Councillors H Johnston and D Tullock.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council held on 6 September 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs A Stevenson and seconded by Mr V Muir, subject to the following amendment:

Item 10(b) AOCB - Named Person Scheme, should be amended to show, "In response to the recent GRA1 consultation, Orkney Islands Council consider it appropriate for a named person/lead professional to support a trans young person under the age of 16 who has been refused parental consent, and not, "A member had reported that he observed that Orkney Island Council had become part of the Named Person Scheme".

3. Matters Arising

A. Repairs to War Memorial

After hearing from the Clerk that the weather and other events were preventing work from going ahead, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk should continue to be in contact with CS Services and that the issue be revisited at an appropriate time.
2. That the Clerk should give the required two weeks' notice to the War Memorials Trust before work commences.

B. Stenness Village Septic Tank

Members heard from Councillor King that Environmental Health had only received one completed form concerning the septic tank problem. She explained that the forms were available from and to be sent to Environmental Health about the septic tank, smells etc, it was:

Resolved that members would resume consideration of this issue at the next meeting.

C. Standing Stones Car Park

Members heard that legal proceedings had progressed and that work would begin on car park repairs in due course, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

D. SSE Sub Station

Members heard that, in response to their query about PV panels on the roof of the SSE sub-station, the Feed in Tariff scheme was due to stop in March 2019 and it

was unlikely that the building would be completed by then so there would be no benefit to the community, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

E. Kirkyard Issues

Members noted work already completed and that the point of contact should be Orkney Islands Council Customer Services, and it was

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Picnic Benches

Advice had been provided from Democratic Services on behalf of the Community Service Supervisor, who had asked for the location of the benches requiring attention. Members informed the Clerk that there were three benches at the toilets on the shore front in Finstown and two benches in Firth Park that needed some repair. Members also expressed a need to know regarding costs of maintenance, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact Democratic Services advising of the location of the benches and asking for costs.

4. Armistice Day

As events had been planned and wreaths supplied, it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

5. Correspondence

A. Community Council Conference - 7 November 2018

Members were given feedback from the Chair, and heard that the roles of Clerk, Chairperson, Democratic Services etc. had all been explained. She also advised that the question of what more can Community Councils do was discussed, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

B. St Magnus Way

Members heard that a letter of support was being requested, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should send a letter of support to the secretary of Orkney Pilgrimage Trustees.

C. West Mainland Tourist Brochure

Members agreed on information provided by Democratic Services regarding costs of brochure, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

D. Lower Speed Communities Workshop

Following discussion of an invite to a workshop on Lower Speed Communities to be held on 28 November, it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

E. Orkney Heritage Society

Members discussed the issues, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 24 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance was £8,261.70.

B. Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund

After consideration of the Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund statement as at 24 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £3,000.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as 24 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,027.60.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 24 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,534.95 was available for allocation.

7. Financial Requests

A. Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence received from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost hosting a fun day on 7 October 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 should be made towards the cost of the fun day, totalling £100.

B. Ms I Linklater – Grangemouth Athletics Finals

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms I Linklater, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son attending an athletics event in Grangemouth held on 29 July 2018, it was:

Resolved to grant a donation of £25.

C. Ms M Flett – Aberdeen Netball Trip

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms M Flett, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter attending an event in Aberdeen on 15 September 2018, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £25.

D. Stenness Community Association – Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Following consideration of correspondence received from Stenness Community Association, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the tree lighting ceremony and Christmas Party to be held in December 2018, it was:

Resolved to donate £100 to the party and £100 towards the tree lighting, totalling £200.

E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso Open

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of six swimmers attending the Thurso Open in September 2018, it was:

Resolved to make a donation of £25 to each competitor, totalling £150.

F. Friends of Firth School – Netball Equipment

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms M Nicolson, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of new netball equipment for the school, it was:

Resolved to make a donation towards the cost of netball equipment of £100.

G. Glaitness School – Nethybridge Trip

Following consideration of correspondence received from Glaitness School, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of pupils attending the Nethybridge trip in April 2019, it was

Resolved that the Clerk would ask the applicant to request a donation nearer the date of the trip.

H. Aberdeen Netball Festival - Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs McIntosh, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of a trip to Aberdeen for a netball festival on 3 November 2018, it was:

Resolved to make a donation of £25.

I. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Gibson Cup

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one swimmer attending the Gibson Cup in Wick in November 2018, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £25.

8. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

Following a discussion on the Verge Maintenance plan 2018, members stated that they thought they had requested that the verge cutting conservation areas on the Lyde Road only start after Fiold, not at Netherhouse, for safety reasons, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should communicate members' comments to Democratic Services.

B. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of the consultation document on the review of the Gambling Policy, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments.

C. Cursiter Quarry

A discussion was held on the application for planning permission for a site extension to Cursiter Quarry. It was reported that members were encouraged to attend public consultations to voice interests in issues such as the scale of the project, dust suppression and blasting times, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Friends of Firth School

Members discussed information that had been provided by Friends of Firth School regarding safety around the school. This included information on the School Safety Travel Plan and the possibility of a 20mph zone around the school, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should communicate with Friends of Firth School and inform them that the community council understood their concerns.

B. Broadband Speed - Stenness

A member reported that the broadband speed in the area of Bridge of Waithe to Stenness village was very poor, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should communicate with Liam McArthur MSP and express the members concerns.

C. Christmas Tree Lighting - 2018

Members discussed the Christmas tree lighting ceremony due to be held in Finstown on Friday, 7 December 2018 at 18:30. It was agreed that donations should be made to those involved, namely Kirkwall Town Band and Church of Scotland, Finstown, as follows:

- A donation of £50 will be given to Kirkwall Town Band.
- A donation of £75 to Finstown Church of Scotland.
- In the event of the band not being able to play then £100 to Church of Scotland, Finstown.

And it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact Kirkwall Town Band regarding their availability to play at the event, and Church of Scotland regarding use of the kirk after the tree lighting.

D. MARS Representative

Members discussed the need to have someone appointed as the MARS representative for the community council so that they can keep in touch with events, and it was:

Resolved that Mr M Lynch be the appointed MARS representative for the Community Council.

10. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved a meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council would be held on Thursday, 14 February 2019 in Firth Community Centre at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 22:00.