

Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in the Flotta Community Centre on Thursday, 18 January 2018 at 16:00

Present:

Mrs H Howe, Mr N Cheeseman, Mrs P Gee, Mr D Hourston, Mr M Howe, Mr C Mullins and Ms I Smith.

In Attendance:

- Councillor M Thomson.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Councillors R Crichton and J Stockan.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs H Howe be appointed Chairperson of Flotta Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs P Gee be appointed Vice Chairperson of Flotta Community Council.

C. Transport Representative

Following discussion, it was agreed that the status quo should be retained, and it was:

Resolved that Ms I Smith be appointed Transport Representative for Flotta Community Council.

D. Planning Representative

Following discussion, it was agreed that the status quo should be retained, and it was:

Resolved that Mr D Hourston be appointed Planning Representative for Flotta Community Council.

3. Flotta Community Council Constitution

Following consideration of the draft Constitution for Flotta Community Council, it was:

Resolved to adopt the constitution for Flotta Community Council.

4. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the meeting held on 28 August 2017 was considered by members, and subsequently approved, being proposed by Ms I Smith and seconded by Mrs H Howe.

5. Flotta Kirkyard - Grasscutting

Members discussed the grasscutting contract for Flotta Kirkyard and agreed that it should be put out to tender for another one-year contract, with a closing date a few days before the next meeting so that tenders could be opened at the next meeting, and it was:

Resolved to advertise the grasscutting tender with a closing date of 9 March 2018.

6. Matters Arising

A. Flotta Play Park

Members provided an update on the play park, and the Chair reported that the Burray play park slide had been made by a blacksmith in Finstown. It was agreed that she should continue to ask for a quote for making a slide for Flotta play park, and that the relevant Council officer should be asked about procedures for installation. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. That the Chair would obtain a quote for a metal slide to be made.
2. That the Interim Clerk would ask the relevant Council officers for information on installation and maintenance of equipment if purchased by the Community Council.
3. That the Sport and Leisure Service Manager should be invited to the next meeting of Flotta Community Council to discuss the play park.

B. Upgrades to Local Exchanges (BT)

Mr C Mullins provided members with a detailed update on what the situation was regarding the roll out of high-speed broadband. It was noted that upgrades were not due to be commenced until December 2018 at the earliest. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

C. 13-14 Burnside

It was reported that a new television had been installed in the family house, and the hostel house aerial had been realigned. Members agreed that a donation of £100 should be made to the RNLI on the request of the late Mary Lockett's family, who had donated the television. The need for a new dining table and chairs was discussed, as well as the requirement for a new single bed and pillows. It was subsequently agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to deal with issues specific to the Burnside houses and that any subsequent issues could then be presented to the next meeting of the Community Council, and it was resolved:

1. That CCGS would be applied for on a cost of £1,500 for the furniture and furnishings required for the houses.
2. That the Burnside Sub-committee would be made up of Phyllis Gee, Martin Howe and Nigel Cheeseman.

3. That a general fund donation of £100 would be made to the RNLI.

D. 13-14 Burnside – Solar Panels

Members discussed the solar panels which had been fitted to the roofs of the Burnside houses some time ago, and questioned whether they assisted with the utility costs, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact the relevant Council department and ask for information on the solar panels and whether they contributed to the reduction in energy costs.

E. Wind Turbine Generator at Flotta School

A response had been received from the Energy and Utilities Officer regarding repair of the turbine at Flotta School. Mr C Mullins provided information on the EON Energising Communities Fund, applications for which were due to close at the end of the month, and it was:

Resolved that Mr C Mullins would contact the Energy and Utilities Officer regarding an application to the EON Energising Communities Fund for funding towards turbine repair/replacement.

7. Correspondence

A. Municipal and Roads Services (MARS) Representatives

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been previously circulated, informing members of changes in the reporting system for MARS issues, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Requests for Financial Assistance – Travel Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been previously circulated, informing members of the various travel grant rates set by different Community Councils, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that rates could be reconsidered at any time, if necessary.

C. Fair Ferry Funding

Following consideration of correspondence from the MSPs for Orkney and Shetland, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding internal ferry services, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Ferry Service Consultative Forum Meeting – 14 February 2018

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the forthcoming meeting of the Ferry Service Consultative Forum, it was:

Resolved that any issues to be taken to the forum should be sent to the Transport Representative.

E. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme Development Officer, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding amendments to the Islands of Orkney brochure for 2018, it was:

Resolved that no amendments were required and that members could put forward new photographs if they wished.

G. Your Kirkwall

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding community engagement events for the new plan for Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Flotta School

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, a copy of which was read at the meeting, regarding criteria for any re-opening of Flotta School, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Repairs to 13 Burnside

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, a copy of which was read at the meeting, regarding recent repair works that had been carried out on all the Burnside houses following the remedial works done at number 13, it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council did not agree with Orkney Islands Council's response on this matter.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the General Fund statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £37,055.35 as at 8 January 2018.

B. Burnside Account

Following consideration of the Burnside Account statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £4,743.91 as at 8 January 2018.

C. Wind Power Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Wind Power Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,082.41 as at 8 January 2018.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,002.41 as at 8 January 2018.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £12,825.31 as at 8 January 2018.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £3,161.00, as at 8 January 2018.

9. Financial Requests

A. Orphir Community School – Abernethy Trip

Following consideration of a request from Orphir Community School, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards a residential school trip to Abernethy in April 2018, members noted that two Flotta pupils were due to attend, and it was:

Resolved to make a general fund donation of £100 towards the trip.

B. Screen Machine

A further invoice had been received for £155, which was to cover the difference in the cost of tickets which had been sold at a reduced rate during the Screen Machine visit. Members agreed that this should have been included within the £200 donation which had previously been awarded, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact the Screen Machine for clarification.

C. Christmas Tree

It had been previously agreed, via email, to purchase a Christmas Tree and to apply to CCGS to cover the cost, and it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed via email to purchase a Christmas Tree and apply to use CCGS on the cost.

D. Senior Citizens Christmas Presents

It had been previously agreed, via email, to purchase Christmas presents for senior citizens and children resident in the island, and fund this from the Community Council's general fund, and it was:

Resolved to note that gifts to the value of £15 had been purchased following agreement by members via email.

E. Minibus Hire

It had been previously agreed, via email, to cover the cost of hiring a minibus to take Flotta residents to the pantomime in Kirkwall, and it was:

Resolved to note that it had been agreed via email to pay for the minibus hire and apply to use CCGS on the cost of £120.

10. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport

Resolved to note that there were no issues to report.

B. Planning

Resolved to note that there were no issues to report.

11. Publications

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- Orkney Ferries – Statistical Reports – June to November 2017.
- Orkney's Creative Future.
- Orkney Policing Report – November 2017.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Flotta 10K

It was reported that the 10k event would go ahead again this year, and it was:

Resolved that this should be added as an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

B. HMS Vanguard – Ensign and Book of Remembrance

It was reported that Flotta Heritage Trust had asked if the Community Council would be happy for the HMS Vanguard Ensign and remembrance book to be displayed at the Flotta Heritage Centre and looked after by the Flotta Heritage Trust, and it was:

Resolved to note that members agreed with this proposal and felt it would be an honour for the items to be held in Flotta at the Heritage Centre.

13. Date of Future Meetings

Following a discussion regarding possible dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Flotta Community Council would be held on Thursday, 15 March 2018 at 16:00.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 18:45.