

Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in the Flotta Community Centre on Thursday, 2 May 2019 at 16:00

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been intimated on behalf of Mrs H Howe and Councillors J Stockan and M Thomson.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr D Houston be appointed Chairperson of Flotta Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

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

C. Transport Representative

Following discussion, it was:

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

D. Planning Representative

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that Mrs P Gee be appointed Planning Representative for Flotta Community Council.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr M Howe and seconded by Mrs P Gee.

4. Kirkyard Grass Cutting

Members heard that the contractor who was maintaining the kirkyard was using his own equipment and that Mr M Howe would contact him to advise that any repairs required to his equipment would be paid for by the Community Council, and it was resolved:

A. That the Kirkyard sub-group would monitor the situation this year, with the possibility of new equipment being purchased. If new equipment was to be purchased, an application would be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance on the project cost.

B. That the Community Council would pay for any repairs required to the contractor's equipment during the current year.

5. 13 and 14 Burnside

Members discussed the tender documents, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was agreed to ask both tenderers to provide an updated quote with full details. It was hoped that the work would be undertaken in January to March 2020, and it was:

Resolved that Democratic Services would request updated tenders with full details and, once received, this would be emailed to all members in advance of the next meeting.

6. Matters Arising

A. Orkney Ferries – Car Park

Following discussion of details for proposed line marking which members had been asked to review, it was:

Resolved that members considered that larger vehicles would require more room to manoeuvre, such as the 7-tonne lorry that delivers to the island, and that the amended diagram should be submitted along with these comments to Orkney Islands Council.

B. Flotta Play Park

Members heard that the equipment had been ordered and that it would be shipped soon. Correspondence detailing the cost of installation of the equipment from a local contractor was circulated to members and, following discussion, it was resolved:

1. That Orkney Islands Council would be asked for permission, under Community Asset Transfer legislation, to purchase the area of land relating to the play area.
2. That the request would include permission to purchase the adjoining waste area, both for a nominal sum, as a matter of urgency.

C. Fly Tipping Update

Members were advised that a few vehicles at the pier had been moved or disposed of and that two more cars were ready to be moved. Repsol would transport these vehicles once space was available. A plastic item which had recently been washed up had also been removed. Members also discussed the cost and wording for signs warning against fly tipping and agreed on “No Dumping or Fly Tipping”, and it was:

Resolved to apply for CCGS funding for the purchase of a sign reading “No Dumping or Fly Tipping” on a cost of £400.

D. Your Island, Your Choice Application

Following discussion of the four projects to be funded through the Your Island, Your Choice initiative, it was resolved:

That Ms I Smith would check that the money for the four projects had been deposited in the Flotta Community Association bank account.

E. Flotta 10K

After discussion of last year's 10K and discussion on the feedback from participants, who were generally disappointed with the regulated approach adopted at the 2018 event, it was resolved:

1. That a public meeting would be held to discuss how to take this event forward and to source volunteers to help with the organisation.
2. That the Clerk would write to the Orcadian on behalf of Flotta Community Council apologising that the Flotta 10K had been postponed but advising that the CC would be planning a Fun Day later in the year and that a 10K run would be included as part of that event.

7. Correspondence

A. Inter-Isles Transport – Outline Business Case Progress

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transport Planner, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a meeting on Wednesday, 19 June 2019 to update on the Inter-Isles Transport Outline Business Case, it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would attend the meeting on 19 June.

B. Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forum

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transport Planner, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising of a meeting of the Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forum scheduled for Wednesday, 21 August 2019, it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would attend the meeting on 21 August.

C. Best Kept War Memorial Competition

Following consideration of correspondence from the War Memorial Trust, copies of which had previously been circulated, promoting participation in the Best Kept War Memorial annual competition, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members of the annual grant allocation for 2019-2020 and the capping limits available within the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 24 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £29,595.26.

B. Burnside Account

After consideration of the Burnside Account statement as at 24 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,305.96.

C. Flotta Wind Power Fund

After consideration of the Flotta Wind Power Fund as at 24 April 2019, it was resolved to note that the balance was £10,139.41 and that no annual payment had been received, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write Flotta Wind Power requesting that the annual payments be brought up to date.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 24 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was fully allocated in the main capping limit, £587 remained available in the additional capping limit and island capping limit was fully allocated.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 24 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining available for allocation was £5,980.51.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn fund statement as at 24 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining available for allocation was £3,161.00.9.

9. Financial Requests

A. Bag the Bruck – Flotta Heritage Trust

Following consideration of correspondence received from Flotta Heritage Trust requesting financial assistance to participate in the Bag the Bruck event, it was:

Resolved that a sum of £300 be granted to Flotta Heritage Trust towards the cost of participating in the Bag the Bruck event, to be funded from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

B. Burnside Parking

Following consideration of correspondence received from a local resident in relation to a previous financial application, it was:

Resolved to note that the application had been withdrawn.

10. Publications

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – March and April 2019.
- Glasdon Brochure.

11. Consultation - Housing in the Countryside

Following consideration of a consultation document from Orkney Islands Council regarding Supplementary Guidance on Housing in the Countryside, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the document.

12. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport

Resolved to note that there were no transport matters to report.

B. Planning

Resolved to note that there were no planning matters to report.

13. Any Other Competent Business

A. Community Council Newsletter

Members discussed local feedback that details of Community Council members were no longer available on the Council website, and whether more needs to be done by the Community Council to publicly advertise meeting dates and items being considered by the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved that members would give consideration to establishing an island newsletter and whether more notices should be put up locally and discuss again at the next community council meeting.

B. Putting Green Grass Cutting

Members were advised that Mr K Gee, who had undertaken the grass cutting of the putting green for several years in a voluntary capacity, was no longer able to provide this service. Following discussion, members considered whether this role should

continue on a voluntary basis and also whether funding could be made available for new equipment, and it was resolved:

1. That the Community Council would apply for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance towards the purchase of new putters and balls for the putting green.
2. That the Community Council would ask for local volunteers to cut the grass on the putting green.

14. Dates of Next Meetings

Following consideration of dates for the next meetings, it was:

Resolved that future meetings of Flotta Community Council would be held on Thursdays 18 July and 26 September 2019.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 18:35.