

# **Minute of the Meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council held in the North Walls School on Friday, 8 March 2019 at 18:45**

## **Present:**

M Groat, G Robertson, C Bates, A Clark, R Thomson, A Sinclair and J Traynor.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor M Thomson.
- T Avis, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors R Crichton and J Stockan.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 18 January 2019 was approved, being proposed by C Bates and seconded by G Robertson.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Island Link Office**

The Island Link Officer updated the meeting on the following:

- Community Resilience Plan – The Civil Contingencies Officer, Orkney Islands Council, was currently not available to attend a meeting so the last one had been postponed. The application to Your Island, Your Choice for partial funding on the satellite phone had not been successful, however it had been suggested that an application is made to the Island of Hoy Development Trust Community Fund. The Clerk also told members that no more quotes had been received for the hook up point for the generator.
- Recycling: Orphir School were now a Terracycle recycle point and they were willing to take items. The Clerk suggested that if a box was placed at Lyness waiting room for writing implements, then she would drop them off periodically to the school. The Clerk also told members that the plastic recycling trial on Stronsay had started and would run for a year.

Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To apply to the Development Trust Community Fund for the satellite phone funding.
2. To set up a recycle box at Lyness waiting room for writing equipment.

### **B. Ferry Service Consultative Forum**

The Transport Representative reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Ferry Services Consultative Forum meeting, and that the request for the round trip from Graemsay to Hoy on the morning run was still being considered but there would have to be consultation with parents and schools. However, the request that the late sailing on a Saturday and Sunday was changed to a 17:00 departure from Stromness throughout the year had been approved, commencing winter timetable 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information and monitor the situation.

### **C. St Colm's Grass Cutting 2019**

Councillor Thomson told the meeting that the cuts to grass cutting budgets had been reinstated for this year. However, members discussed that the grass cutting would

become the responsibility of the group who were currently trying to rent the playpark, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

#### **D. Energy Supply Company - Our Power**

After consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, advising that Our Power had ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

#### **E. Signs in the Road Verges**

Members considered information from the Roads Support Manager, and agreed that the Clerk should make a list of any signs being displayed in the road verges, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would report back to Democratic Services with information on signs in verges.

#### **F. Disabled Parking Space at Lyness Pier**

Members discussed correspondence from Democratic Services, advising that Marine Services would progress the installation of a disabled parking space at Lyness Pier, and it was agreed that the location, at the end of the waiting room, would be an ideal spot for a disabled parking space, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **4. Correspondence**

#### **A. Deputy Lord Lieutenants in Orkney**

Following consideration of correspondence from one of the Deputy Lieutenants, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their role and how Community Councils could assist with their duties, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

#### **B. The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust**

Following consideration of correspondence from Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, copies of which had been circulated, regarding self-build loans, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would pass the correspondence onto the Island of Hoy Development Trust and the Hoy Trust.

#### **C. Historic Marine Protected Areas – Marine Act 2010**

Following consideration of correspondence from Historic Environment Scotland, members discussed the effect that the designation of an SSSI to Scapa Flow would have locally, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

### **D. Bag the Bruck 2019**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, regarding Bag the Bruck 2019, members agreed that it should continue as in past years, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would apply to the Community Council Grant Scheme for £300 and advertise the scheme locally.

### **E. Bags of Help Centenary Grants**

Following consideration of correspondence from Tesco PLC regarding the Bags of Help Centenary Grants, it was:

Resolved to pass the information to the Island of Hoy Development Trust.

### **F. Police Scotland Consultation**

After consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland regarding a national consultation on shaping future direction and delivery, it was agreed that members could complete this, if they wished, prior to the 18 March deadline.

Members discussed if there had been a new local officer allocated to the island. The Clerk advised that there had been no confirmation.

Councillor Thomson told members that the local fire station was now back up to capacity, crew wise, and that they were awaiting the delivery of a new fire engine. Members discussed that it would be good if the fire service held an open day, and it was resolved:

1. To note the Police Scotland consultation.
2. To write to the Scotland Fire and Rescue Service regarding a fun day.

### **G. FROG - New Community Platform**

After consideration of correspondence from FROG, introducing their new community platform website, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **H. 15 Steps Challenge**

After consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a 15 steps challenge, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **I. Public Tours of the New Balfour Hospital**

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney, which provided information on upcoming dates for tours of the new hospital, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 15 February 2019 and discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. To note that the estimated balance was £13,186.
2. To note that this figure included two outstanding grants from SSEN.

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

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 15 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £630.40.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 15 February 2019, the Clerk confirmed that the Hoy and Walls Gardening Club would not be claiming the balance against CDF18, and it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £4,925.03 and that the Clerk would inform Democratic Services that the remaining balance in CDF18 could be cancelled.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 15 February 2019, it was:

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

## **6. Financial Request**

Resolved to note that no financial requests had been received.

## **7. Publications**

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- THAW – Open Day.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - News.
- Scottish Health Council – News - January 2019.

## **8. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Scottish Water**

After consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water regarding the new water plant in Hoy, Councillor Thomson informed members that the residents of Rackwick were installing a new tank in the hills above Rackwick in order to comply with new legislation, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Osmandwall Kirkyard**

Councillor Thomson informed members that Democratic Services had been in contact with the Clerk regarding a headstone that had been taken down in the kirkyard, and it had been confirmed that this would be put back up and the grass cut prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Service due to take place on 17 March. Members asked when the other headstones would be reinstated, and it was:

Resolved to write to Democratic Services regarding this.

### **C. Lyness Museum**

Members believed that a contractor had still not been chosen to do the work at Lyness. There was then a discussion regarding the decision to close the museum prior to finding a contractor, members highlighted the effect that this has had on folk visiting the island and the loss of business locally, and it was:

Resolved to write to the Head of Education - Leisure, Culture and Inclusion, Orkney Islands Council via Democratic Services regarding this.

### **D. Moaness Pier**

Councillor Thomson told the meeting that there were to be improvements to the path and a handrail installed down to Moaness Pier, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

### **E. Cantick Road Repairs**

Members discussed that the state of the road leading up to Cantick Head had recently been highlighted in social media. Councillor Thomson told members that he was hoping to find a long-term solution to this issue, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

### **F. Role of the Community Council**

The Chair told members that she had been to a couple of meetings recently where the role of the Community Council had been questioned now that there was a Development Trust. There had been comments that the Community Council were only here to approve what Orkney Islands Council wanted. The Chair felt that, despite information being available on the community page and the local newsletter,

the Community Council should promote more of what they do. Members agreed, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would make a list of things and submit it to the local newsletter.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council would be held on Friday, 17 May 2019 in the North Walls School, commencing at 18:45.

Further dates for 2019 were also set, as follows:

- Friday, 21 June - Finance meeting at North Walls School.
- Friday, 16 August - General meeting at Graemsay Community Hall.
- Friday, 22 November - General meeting at North Walls School.

## **10. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:05.