

Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre on Wednesday, 23 January 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Jacqui Hirst, Martin Lee, Kenny Rendall, Bill Robertson, Shelagh Sneesby and Robbie Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.
- Police Constable Alastair Inverarity, Police Scotland.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Norman Craigie and Steve Sankey.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Following a presentation from the Police Constable on Police Scotland matters, including the winter road safety campaign and “Mad Friday”, it was resolved:

- A. To note the information provided in the presentation.
- B. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting that cats’ eyes be installed on the bends coming into St Mary’s Village from Kirkwall.

The Police Constable left the meeting at this point.

3. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 20 November 2018 was approved, being proposed by Shelagh Sneesby and seconded by Jacqui Hirst.

4. Matters Arising

A. War Memorial

Members were informed that the Blide Trust had not yet provided a quote for upgrading works at the war memorial, and it was:

Resolved to carry forward the item to the next meeting.

B. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Drugs Dog thanking the Community Council for the donation received from collection takings at the event, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

C. Orkney Transmission Reinforcement Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Heritage Society inviting representatives from Holm Community Council to attend a meeting on 17 December 2018 regarding SSEN’s transmission reinforcement project, together with correspondence SSEN containing frequently asked questions arising from the latest round of public consultation, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Martin Lee had attended the meeting on 17 December 2018 and would keep the Community Council advised of any further meetings and/or developments with the project.

D. Thank You Letter

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence thanking the Community Council for financial assistance provided towards participation in the Gibson Cup held in Wick on 3 November 2018.

5. Correspondence

A. PSYV Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence from the PSYV Co-ordinator regarding the Emergency Services Fun Day, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the event, which had been postponed from a date in October 2018 due to adverse weather, had been rescheduled to 3 March 2019.

B. Kirkyard Extensions

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council informing members of progress with the extension at Holm kirkyard, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. OIC Community Transport Grant

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Community Transport Grant Scheme, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the closing date for applications from constituted community groups and trusts for assistance from the Community Transport Grant Scheme of 1 February 2019.

6. Kirkyard Maintenance

Following discussion of arrangements for kirkyard maintenance, it was resolved:

A. That the Clerk should advertise the grass cutting tender for the Holm Kirkyard in "The Orcadian" newspaper, with a closing date for tenders of Monday, 4 March 2019.

B. That any tenders received should be opened at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 5 March 2019.

C. That Shelagh Sneesby and Kenny Rendall be appointed to the Kirkyard Sub-committee.

D. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting that new gates be provided at the main entrance to the existing kirkyard.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £9,822.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,891.50.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £6,500.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 7 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

8. Financial Requests

A. Holm Seniors Christmas Meal

Following consideration of correspondence received from L Thomson, Over 70s Organiser, requesting financial assistance towards the Holm Seniors Meal, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, as the request for financial assistance was retrospective, the Clerk should write to L Thomson requesting further information, following which the request would be reconsidered at the next meeting.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards participation by one member in the North District Age Group Championships to be held in Aberdeen on 2 and 3 February 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be awarded, subject to confirmation of attendance.

9. Consultation - Energy Supply Company – Our Power

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a proposal for making payments to community councils as part of partnership

arrangements for an energy supply company in Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council advising that the Community Council supported the proposal.

10. Publications

The Clerk had circulated the following publications via email:

- VAO Training and Funding Updates – November 2018 and January 2019.
- VAO Newsletters – November and December 2018.
- Climate Challenge Fund Newsletter.
- OHAL – Management Committee recruitment.
- THAW Orkney – Funding – Homeowners with Cancer Diagnosis.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Vacancy

Following discussion of the current vacancy on the Community Council, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting a public meeting be held immediately prior to the next meeting on 5 March 2019.

B. Policy for Financial Assistance

Following discussion of the existing policy for financial assistance, it was resolved:

That, with effect from 1 April 2019, the policy be amended as follows:

- £25 grant per event, up to a maximum of 4 trips in any financial year (£100 cap).
- If the applicant was required to use air rather than boat to attend the event, consideration should be given to a higher level of grant.
- An application for assistance towards participation in a national squad be considered on its own merits, with assistance granted on proof of attendance.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council be held on Tuesday, 5 March 2019 in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:35.