

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Monday, 5 October 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mr M Holbrook, Mr I Scott and Mrs S Wise.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mr M Grieve, Scottish Water.
- Ms S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mrs H Scott and Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

2. Appointment of Office Bearers

Following discussion with the members, it was proposed by Mr P Donnelly that all office bearers remain the same, seconded by Mr I Scott. As Mrs S Wise no longer wished to represent the Yarn Company, it was decided to defer this election until all members could be present.

A. Chairperson

Resolved to note that I Deyell be elected as Chairman for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Resolved to note that M Holbrook be elected as Vice Chairman for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

C. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that P Donnelly be elected as Transport Representative for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

D. North Ronaldsay Development Trust Representative

Resolved to note that Mrs A Duncan be elected as North Ronaldsay Development Trust Representative for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

E. North Ronaldsay Yarn Representative

Resolved to note that the election of a representative for North Ronaldsay Yarn should be elected at another time.

3. Presentation by Scottish Water

The Scottish Water representative present addressed the community council regarding a planned project on water quality. It was discussed that the renovation of the current water system to improve quality would be good for the island but could result in a significant loss in the pressure. The minimum requirement is 1 bar at the connection point, which Scottish Water's reports stated were being met. Members were of the opinion that this may not always be the case, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact Scottish Water requesting the results of recent water pressure tests undertaken on the island and if the tests prove unsatisfactory, the Clerk should then ask Scottish Water to fully pressure test the system.

4. Adoption of Minutes - 28 May 2018

The minute of the meeting held on 28 May 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs A Duncan and seconded by Mrs S Wise.

5. Adoption of Minutes - 26 July 2018

The minute of the special meeting of 26 July 2018 was not available for adoption at this meeting.

6. Matters Arising

A. Scrap Cars

After hearing a report that there was still £960 left in the OIC budget for the removal of scrap cars, it was:

Resolved to re-open the scrap car scheme for applications in April 2019 and the first 10 to 15 cars would be shipped.

B. Plastic Recycling

It was reported that discussions were ongoing and that the next meeting was due to be held in December. Members were advised that the Trust had funding to send two people to Edinburgh to be trained on speaking of plastic recycling and that they were also in discussion with Tesco to run a joint recycling venture, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. Air and Ferry meetings

It was reported that the Monday morning flight to Eday would continue past S1 and S2 pupils. Mr M Holbrook registered displeasure that this decision went ahead without discussion. It was reported that the Saturday flight was being brought forward from 16:00 to 15:00 for the summer timetable.

It was reported that the Sunday excursions can only be on certain days, so the Sheep festival would have to be planned around them. Orkney Ferries Manager was looking into a one-off drop-in visit if the vessel was berthed in another island, which was easier to accommodate than berthing on North Ronaldsay for hours. If the island required a special excursion, they would require to be advised by November of the year before for consideration.

The issue of baggage charges was also raised again, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the reports and to discuss the issue of baggage charges at a future meeting.

D. Request for Aggregates

Following discussion of the Community Council Aggregates Scheme, it was:

Resolved that applications for aggregates would open, after the present financial year, in April 2019.

E. Orkney Ferries and Loganair Statistics

Following discussion regarding the presentation of the statistics which it was thought to be unclear in the way they were presented, it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

F. Airport benches

It was reported that a member of the public would be willing to install the benches at the airport and that a quote for the job would be required, and it was:

Resolved to obtain a quote for the work.

G. Community Development Fund and Turbine Fund

Resolved to note that a cheque had been received for £9,000 from North Ronaldsay Trust from the CDF and Turbine Fund, and it was:

Resolved that a separate account should be set up for this money.

H. NRCC Follow ups

It was reported that the Monday flight to Eday had been once this summer, yet the flight still left North Ronaldsay at 08:00 even though it was not going to Eday anymore. Councillor Woodbridge advised that he was monitoring the situation. It was his understanding that the timetable would remain allocated to Eday in case the arrangement of students currently attending school in Sanday fell through and they needed to fly to Kirkwall again. He explained that the ruling was that if children are travelling then the flight would drop into Eday.

It was reported that if the morning flight in the darkest part of winter was delayed, it would be sent at 10:00 instead and that there had been complaints about the lateness of that flight as the working and school day was compromised. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

I. Aspiring Communities Fund

Following discussion regarding the recent application to Aspiring Communities for funding towards the provision of an Island Link Officer, it was:

Resolved to note that Community Councils were not eligible for funding.

J. Community Conversation Meetings

It was resolved to note that Mrs H Scott was not present to provide an update.

K. Dark Skies Funding

It was resolved to note that Mrs H Scott was not present to provide an update.

7. Correspondence

A. The Baird Family Hospital

Members discussed correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Baird Family Hospital, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Core Path

Following consideration of correspondence from Councillor Woodbridge regarding his passing on a comment about the dangerous stile at Doo Geo, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Removal of Old Airfield Noticeboard

Following consideration of the removal of the Old Airfield noticeboard, it was:

Resolved that Mr P Donnelly would remove the old noticeboard.

D. Ad-hoc flights

Following information of the number and usage of ad-hoc flights, it was:

Resolved to note that there were 20 ad-hoc flights to be split between North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray and that six ad-hoc flights had been used or requested to date.

E. THAW - AGM

Following consideration of correspondence received from the THAW regarding their AGM, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Unsafe Headstones

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding updates on unsafe headstones, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Orkney Ferries Grocery Shipments

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Ferries, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing details of the status of information gathering regarding costings of grocery shipments, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Disclosure Scotland Visiting Orkney

Following discussion of the correspondence received from Disclosure Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

I. Orkney Community Alcohol Survey

Following discussion of correspondence received regarding the Orkney Community Alcohol Survey, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Community Resilience Planning

Following discussion of the correspondence received regarding Community Resilience Planning, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. PVG Workshop

Following discussion of the correspondence received regarding the PVG Workshop, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

L. Community Council Conference

Following discussion of correspondence received from Democratic Services, regarding the Community Council conference, it was:

Resolved to note that the conference had been postponed until 7 November 2018.

M. Weapon Surrendering

Following discussion of correspondence received from Police Scotland regarding weapon surrendering, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

N. Scottish Water – Shaping the Future

Following discussion of the correspondence received from Scottish Water regarding their Shaping the Future project, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

O. VAO – Twilight Changes

Following discussion of the correspondence received from VAO, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

P. National Platform for Every Community Group

Following discussion of the correspondence regarding a platform for community groups, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

Q. OHAL - Invitation to AGM

Following discussion of the correspondence received from OHAL regarding their AGM, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

R. Aspiring Communities Application

Following discussion of the correspondence received from Aspiring Communities Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that this item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

S. NILPS Job Opportunities

Following discussion of the correspondence received from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme, regarding vacancies, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

T. Isles Operations

Following discussion of the correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding Isles Operations, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £11,803.04 as at 26 September 2018.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS)

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,697.32, as at 26 September 2018.

C. Community Development Fund (CDF)

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,000 remained available for allocation as at 26 September 2018.

D. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £1,342.00 as at 26 September 2018.

9. Financial Requests

A. Request for Aggregates

Resolved to note that the matter had already been discussed at Matters Arising.

B. Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of a request from the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, for a donation towards their Emergency Services Fun day, it was:

Resolved not to give a donation.

C. Replacement Lawnmower for Kirkyard

Following consideration of a request from Mr D Scott to replace the kirkyard lawnmower, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would get prices for a replacement mower and ask if there would be any recompense for trading in the old machine.

D. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Following discussion regarding the funding of the 2019 brochure, it was:

Resolved to agree the funding for the Islands of Orkney Brochure and that an application should be submitted for assistance on the cost from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

10. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that Transport issues have been discussed earlier in the meeting.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative

Members heard that a newsletter was sent out to Trust members. The appointed CDM was progressing through projects. Funding for the Schoolhouse had been

secured. Cloudnet was going to be installed on the Schoolhouse after the exterior work has been finished, and it was:

Resolved to note that content of the report.

11. Consultations

A. Orkney Local Biodiversity Plan

Following consideration of the consultation document regarding the Local Biodiversity plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

B. Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which were previously circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

C. Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

D. SSEN Public Consultation

Following discussion of the correspondence received from SSEN regarding their public consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Scottish Water

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a consultation on shaping the future of water and waste services, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

12. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- Community Planning Newsletters.
- VAO – Newsletters.
- VAO – Training and Funding Updates.
- Loganair – Statistics for July – September 2018.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics for April – September 2018.

- Letter from School Place.

13. Any Other Competent Business

A. STAG Study – Consultation Meeting

It was noted that the Community Council had been invited to attend a STAG consultation workshop on the 24 October, to discuss the Outline Business Case, and it was:

Resolved that Mr P Donnelly had agreed to follow this up and collate information to take to the meeting.

B. Airfield Work

Mr P Donnelly advised that he wished to thank Orkney Isles Council, and all involved in the work of resurfacing the airfield, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would forward members' thanks on to Orkney Islands Council.

C. Petrol

The Chair suggested that although, at present, the island had enough petrol to last until Christmas, the situation could become a serious issue, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write a letter to Orkney Isles Council to highlight the potential issue.

D. Welcoming a new Community member

The Community Council agreed that they would like to welcome Lottie Thora Ann Scott to the island, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would arrange for a card to be sent.

E. Orkney Ferries Cancellations

Councillor Woodbridge raised that should the ferry be cancelled, North Ronaldsay should automatically get a freight plane and he was of the opinion that this issue needed to be reinforced. The Ferry Services Manager hoped to attend a community council meeting in the future, however Mr P Donnelly agreed to raise this at the next transport meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

F. New Skips

The Chair raised the issue of the need to buy new skips, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would shop around for slightly smaller, galvanised skips and liaise with Orkney Aggregates on the matter.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 26 November at 19:30.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting concluded at 22:27.