

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the Community Centre on Monday, 12 August 2019 at 19:30

Present:

M Holbrook, I Scott, I, Deyell, P Donnelly, H Scott and A Duncan.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor S Clackson, Councillor G Sinclair and Democratic Services.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 30 May 2019 was approved, being proposed by P Donnelly and seconded by M Holbrook

The minute of the special meeting held on 19 July 2019 was approved, being proposed by P Donnelly and seconded by M Holbrook.

3. Matters Arising

A. Display Boards for Island Map

After hearing from I Scott that the maps were finished and ready to put up around the island it was:

Resolved that M Holbrook would speak to the Airfield Superintendent about the precise position of the map.

B. Road Aggregate

Following discussion of regarding the road aggregate scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that the order for aggregates had been placed and should arrive soon.

C. Scrap cars

Following discussion of the scrap cars, it was resolved:

1. To note that the present budget had been fully used.
2. That the community council would reapply for next year.
3. To note that members were of the opinion that it was a good scheme and greatly appreciated.

D. Plastic and Silage Wrap

Following discussion of plastic and silage wrap recycling, it was:

Resolved to note that there was nothing new to report.

E. Plastic benches

After hearing an update from M Holbrook regarding the plastic benches, it was resolved:

1. To note that plastic benches were £470 per bench but if there was a larger order it could be brought down to £300.

2. That M Holbrook would have further updates for the next meeting.

F. Kirkyard lawnmower

I Deyell submitted a verbal bid of £60, declared an interest and left the room.

Vice Chair M Holbrook took the meeting. The bids were read out and after discussion, it was:

Resolved that members agreed to accept the highest bid for the lawnmower.

I Deyell rejoined the meeting at this point.

G. Loose Cattle

After discussing correspondence from Democratic Services and Papay Community Council regarding a special meeting to discuss the shipment of loose cattle, it was resolved:

1. To note that I Deyell would attend the meeting on behalf of the community.
2. That Members of the community had raised concerns regarding the lack of consultation on the loose cattle.
3. That Members agreed that the clerk would put up a notice asking members to submit any questions or thoughts to the clerk before the meeting on the 21 August.

4. Presentation by Red Cross

Members listened to a presentation by Calum Swanson from the Red Cross regarding enhancing resilience in rural community. C Swanson reported that the Red Cross were investigating what the island would need before there was a crisis. The Red Cross would come to the island, speak to residents, provide training e.g. First Aid, Mental Health Awareness, Emergency Awareness Training etc, they would also provide information packs on what to do in an emergency and look into funding for satellite phones etc.

Members agreed that communication was most important, if the island was not able to phone out, we are unable to ask or inform anyone of any emergencies. Also members raised the issue that if we miss ferries and the weather is bad on consecutive scheduled days the ferry is not redirected from another island in the middle of the week, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the presentation.

5. Correspondence

A. Application for Consent – Billia Croo Wave Test Site

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms Marine Renewable, regarding permission to operate an existing wave test site at Billia Croo, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. North Ronaldsay WTW Quality

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the water quality works to take place on the island, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 2 August 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10663.93.

B. Turbine Fund

After consideration of the Turbine Fund as at 2 August 2019 and the discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. To inquire why the clerk's phone rental came off the Turbine.
2. To note that the balance was £8,810.12.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 2 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was over allocated.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 2 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 2 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £122.

7. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Following discussion regarding the Air and Ferries Consultative Forums to be held on 21 August, P Donnelly advised that he would be unable to attend the meeting, but M Holbrook would go instead, and any issues should be raised with P Donnelly and/or M Holbrook.

Members raised concerns about baggage weight on flights and the weighing of passengers and being completely cut off due to fog. Members would like a precedent set for when we implement some sort of back-up system, whatever that system may be.

Resolved to note the M Holbrook would attend the meeting.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that the planning representative had nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative

Members were advised that the Island Conference and the opening of the Schoolhouse had been very successful. There had been a lot of interest in the post of dyke builder. VAO would be out in the next days to assist with creating a shortlist. During the Sheep Festival, 130 meters of dyke was built plus 100 meters of new fencing erected at Howar. A Coffee morning would be announced in early September, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

8. Consultations

A. Orkney Harbours Masterplan Consultation

Following consideration of the consultation received from Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed.

B. Orkney Learning Disability Strategy

Following consideration of the consultation received from Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had passed.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO – Newsletter from June and July.
- VAO – Training needs analysis from June and July.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics from June and July.
- VAO – training and funding update from June and July.
- Letter from School Place – May.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Mooring Buoys

Following discussion by the members regarding a member of the community advising that four yachts had berthed in the bay over the summer therefore having only one mooring was inadequate, it was resolved:

1. That the clerk would write Orkney Islands Council, including photographs of the yachts.
2. That the clerk would ask if there had been a survey done of the pier and if there was any money available for maintenance e.g. the cattle pens at the pier are rusty.
3. That the clerk would report that a new door was needed on the storehouse.
4. That should the Clerk of Works be visiting the island, members would like to invite him to attend a community council meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on 30 September 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:41.