

# Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the Community Centre on Monday, 27 January 2020 at 19:30

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair, and Clerk S Moore.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 25 November 2019 was approved, being proposed by P Donnelly and seconded by M Holbrook.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Scrap Cars**

Members were advised that following the advert four people had been in contact showing interest in the disposal of scrap cars. It was also noted that a £30 gate fee had been implemented at Orkney Aggregates, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should collect information on the full cost to the community council for shipping a scrap car, including all transport costs and gate fee, and report back to the next meeting.

### **B. Waste Disposal**

#### **1. Deposit Return**

Following consideration of correspondence by R Cunningham MSP, to L McArthur MSP, advising on the proposed process of the deposit return system, members were of the opinion that this would be a difficult scheme to operate, however if it was to be operated on the Mainland the Islands should receive the same level of service, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

#### **2. Bins for Plastic and Domestic Waste**

After hearing a verbal report advising members that the provision of a large bin for collection of plastic for disposal could be done, however the community council would have to be responsible for the transfer and emptying to Chinglebraes along with subsequent costs, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should advise Orkney Islands Council that this response was unacceptable as the authority should be providing the services Orkney wide, which included all the islands.

#### **3. Silage Wrap**

After hearing a report from H Scott advising members that arrangements were being made to hold a skype meeting between H Scott, S Moore and D Stuart of Zero Waste, Elgin, regarding recycling of silage wrap and that once this had taken place she would report back to the community council, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **C. Plastic Benches**

M Holbrook advised members that he had received quotes from various companies for plastic benches which started from £504 plus VAT delivered to Aberdeen. There would also be a requirement for providing a cement base for the benches to stand on, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the cost of a bench was in the region of £440 plus VAT.
2. To note that delivery cost to Aberdeen of two benches would be in the region of £300 plus VAT.
3. To note that an estimated cost of £500 should be allowed for the concrete bases.
4. That M Holbrook should liaise with the Clerk regarding the purchase of two benches.
5. That purchase and installation costs should be met from the Community Council Grant Scheme funds.
6. That the purchase of the benches should be left until the 2020 financial year.

## **D. Pier Maintenance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising on the repairs requested at the pier, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that one door had been repaired and refitted.
2. To note that the door had not been repaired however members wished their concern regarding health and safety issues be reported back to Orkney Islands Council.
3. That members were delighted to be advised that the cattle pens were to be replaced.
4. To note the repairs to be undertaken next year.

## **E. Nurse Practitioner Post**

Members were advised that a meeting was due to be held in the island on 13 February, with 3 members of staff from NHS Orkney attending, to discuss the Nurse Practitioner vacancy on the island. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that this item could be discussed at the local coffee morning on 1 February.
2. To note that NHS Orkney staff were to visit the island on 13 February.

3. That the Clerk ask NHS Orkney if there was a minute of the meeting held in North Ronaldsay around August 2010 when this was last discussed.
4. To note that the post had been re-advertised by NHS Orkney.
5. That the Clerk contact G Peters asking if he could attend the meeting.

## **F. Stiles**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding Coastal Path Ladder Stiles and that the NILPS Project Officer was in North Ronaldsay checking stiles, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. To note that the Project Officer had been in contact with S Tarrant, Sheep Dyke Warden, regarding the stiles.
3. That A Duncan should advise the Project Officer that some stiles needed attention and to ask if a report could be issued to the Community Council on her findings.
4. To discuss this item further once a report had been received.

## **G. Verge Maintenance Plan 2019**

Members noted that their comments had not been included in the document and requested the following be forwarded for the Consultation Document, and it was:

Resolved that the following comments should be forwarded for the Consultation Document:

1. That members would like the first cut to be earlier around mid-June.
2. That the last cut should be no later than the end of August.

## **H. Archived Community Council Minutes**

Members were advised that the Clerk had received the Community Council minutes from 1987 onwards and was in the process of printing and collating them for the archives folder, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Social Outreach Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding outreach support to the island, it was:

Resolved that the correspondence was more relevant to the Community Association.

## **B. Self-Directed Support**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding holding a meeting in North Ronaldsay about self-directed support, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence and that it was a Community Association matter.

## **C. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2020**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the polling districts and polling places 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the contents and that members had no comments to make.

## **D. Preparation of the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the preparation of the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan, 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 14 January 2020 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,765.81.

## **B. Turbine Fund**

After consideration of the Turbine Fund as at 14 January 2020 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,026.00.

## **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme Statement as at 14 January 2020, it was resolved:

1. To note the balance in the main capping limit was over allocated.
2. To note that the Additional Capping limit had £524 remaining for allocation.
3. To note that the Island Capping limit had £642 remaining for allocation.
4. That the remaining balance in CCGS 101707 and 101904 should be cancelled.
5. That CCGS 101609 septic tank emptying should be advertised advising that a grant of £50 was available towards the cost of emptying septic tanks.

## **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 14 January 2020, it was:

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

## **E. Seedcorn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seedcorn Fund Statement as at 14 January 2020, it was:

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

## **6. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Members were advised that the Air and Ferry Consultative Forum was due to be held on 12 February and that they should contact the Transport Representative with any items they wished raised at the meeting. A request had been forwarded asking if consideration could be given to the Monday morning flight being taken forward from 08:00 to 07:30 at either side of the November to January restriction when operation was during the hours of darkness.

It was also asked if Loganair would consider paying compensation to passengers when they were unable to have their baggage on the plane, even though it was under the stated allowance.

A request should also be put forward for the last daylight flight being made for North Ronaldsay, and it was:

Resolved that the Representative would take the above points to the Consultative Forum meeting.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Members were advised that there were no applications to consider.

### **C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative**

Members were advised that there would be a coffee morning on 1 February and that there were plans to make amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of the Trust, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **7. Consultations**

Resolved to note that the Verge Maintenance Consultation had been discussed at Item 3G above.

## **8. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Voluntary Action Orkney – December Newsletter.
- Voluntary Action Orkney – Training Course update.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – September - November.
- Loganair – Statistics.
- Letter from School Place - December.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Airfield Internet**

Following discussions regarding there being no internet access at the Airfield prior to 08:00, it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council why internet access was not available at the Airfield before 08:00 in the mornings.

### **B. Hut at Kirkyard**

Members reported that various items of equipment required replacing or repairing at the Kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To contact Orkney Islands Council requesting if the following could be attended to:

- New stainless-steel hinges on the Kirkyard Hut.
- Painting of Kirkyard Hut.
- Provide two strong plastic buckets.
- Provision of galvanised braces for the earth box.
- Provision of scaffold boards to place round graveside.

2. That in the event this could not be funded from an Orkney Islands Council budget, the Community Council would cover the cost up to a maximum of £300 and that an application should be made to Community Council Grant scheme to cover the cost.

### **C. Election of New Member**

Following a discussion regarding the election of a new member, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Democratic Services asking if a Public Meeting could be held on 23 March for the election of a new member.

### **D. Kirkyard Maintenance**

Following consideration of the advertising for the annual kirkyard grass cutting tender, it was:

Resolved to advertise the kirkyard grass cutting for one year.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on 23 March 2020 in the Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

## **11. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 22:20.