

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School on Thursday, 23 January 2020 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mr A Marwick, Mr A Dixon, Mr A Dundas and Mr N Sclater.

In Attendance:

- Councillor L Manson.
- Mr A Stanger, Interim Clerk/Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs P Damvelt, Incoming Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr D Marwick, Mr K Thomson and Councillors Cowie, Foulkes and Richards.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 21 November 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Dundas and seconded by Mr M Clouston.

3. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter Germiston Road

The Interim Clerk advised members that the issue of land ownership has not yet been finalised and that he would report back once all the relevant checks had been carried out. Members were also advised that OIC have no objection in principle for a cycle shelter to be used as a bus shelter at this location, but that currently there were no spare shelters or funding available for this, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Interim Clerk would continue to chase OIC for confirmation on the land ownership situation.
3. To keep this item on the Agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

B. Scapa Bends

Members were advised that a letter had been sent to Scapa Distillery asking for assistance regarding the possible maintenance of the Core Path and surrounding area, and that a reply was now awaited. Following further discussion, members all agreed that a solution was required from a road safety perspective. The Interim Clerk also confirmed that Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council had indicated their support to members' proposals regarding the Verge Maintenance Plan for this area, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Road at West Cottage

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services dated 10 January 2020 confirming that OIC had been asked to make contact direct with the landowner in order to find a suitable solution to this issue. Members expressed their frustration at the lack of movement and agreed that this was a road safety concern that would

need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Following further discussion and suggestions, it was:

Resolved:

1. That Councillor Manson was to discuss this issue further with Councillor Cowie and the Roads Department and report back to Democratic Services.
2. To keep this item on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

D. School Bus Route

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services dated 8 January 2020, confirming that the Bus Service was unable to cover the Galaha Road anymore and the reasons for this, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the information provided.

4. Orkney Saga Centre

A. Quality of Video and Audio Equipment

Following consideration of email correspondence from Historic Environment Scotland (HES) confirming that there was a Support Fund available which may cover costs for upgrading the equipment, it was:

Resolved that the Incoming Clerk was to investigate this further.

B. Future Plans

Members were provided with an update by the Chair and Mr N Sclater regarding costs provided by a joiner and electrician for the internal refurbishment of the Centre. Members were also advised that discussions with OIC are still ongoing regarding the future plans and following further discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. That members would continue discussions with OIC.
2. That the Interim Clerk was to advise OIC of the broken fence and ask for it to be removed.

C. Culture Fund Application

The Interim Clerk advised members that the Culture Fund Application had been completed and was ready for submission, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk should submit the application.

5. Correspondence

A. Proposed Communications Installation for Arqiva

Members considered previously emailed correspondence from WHP Telecoms, dated 10 December 2019, regarding the proposed communications installation for Arqiva near the Gyre Road, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Peedie Breeks Nursery Closure

Members considered previously emailed correspondence, dated 22 January 2020, from a parent regarding the closure of Peedie Breeks Nursery and the impact on the wider community, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Orkney Islands Council - Regional Marine Plan

Members considered correspondence from OIC, copies of which were handed out at the meeting, regarding the incoming Regional Marine Plan and, following brief discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration of the consultation document on the Verge Maintenance Plan and previous discussion regarding the Scapa Bends, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for comments was 3 April 2020.

B. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2020

Members considered the consultation document on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2020, copies of which had previously been emailed on 21 January 2020. Following a brief discussion on the reasons for changing and the disabled access at the Church, it was:

Resolved to note that members were happy for the Church to be the permanent Polling Place.

7. Finance Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 14 January 2020 and discussion regarding this, the clarification on items from the previous meeting, and the duplication of entries between the General Finance and Saga Centre statements, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the estimated balance of £39,385.20.
2. That the Interim Clerk was to ask OIC if the General Finance and Saga Centre statements could be separated completely if possible.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 14 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £304.47 and to be claimed of £343.47.

C. 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 allocation of £13,755.42.

D. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.

8. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Orphir School Christmas Party

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orphir School in December 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the Christmas Party, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted.

B. Orphir and Stenness School Residential Trip

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orphir and Stenness Schools, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of their trip to Inverness-shire for 16 children, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk was to investigate what was awarded in 2018 and report back to members for their further consideration.

C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two swimmers attending the North District Age Group Championships in February 2020, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 per swimmer be granted, being £100 in total.

9. Publications

The following publications, which had previously been emailed to members, were noted by the Community Council:

- Orphir What's On – December 2019 and January/February 2020.
- VAO – Newsletter - November and December 2019.
- VAO – Training and Funding – December and January 2020.
- VE Day 75 Arrangements

10. Any Other Competent Business - Land at Clowally

The Chair advised members that this matter was still ongoing and that the land has not yet been transferred to Orphir Community Council, and it was:

Resolved:

- A. That the Interim Clerk was to ask the Solicitor for an update on progress.
- B. To keep this item on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Orphir Community Council would be held on Thursday, 19 March 2020 in the Orphir Community School, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:30.