

Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held in the Rousay Community School on Saturday, 9 November 2019 at 10:15

Present:

Mr A Flaws, Mr R Tipper, Mrs C Maguire, Mrs C Cox, Mr J Garson, and Mrs Z Flaws.

In Attendance:

- Mrs E Soames Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr R Friel and Councillor Clackson.

2. Minute of Meeting held on 24 August 2019

The Minute of the meeting held on 24 August 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs C Maguire and seconded by Mrs Z Flaws.

3. Matters Arising

A. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets

Members were advised that £1025.45 had been spent on books of tickets since April 2019, however following a change at Orkney Ferries the purchasing of ticket books by the community council was no longer permitted. Conversation then stayed with the MV Eynhallow and the recent Marine and Coastguard Authority (MCA) decision to exclude high sided vehicles until further notice. Members agreed that the impact of this on the community was great and were advised that the Chair had been in contact with several people; however, did not get a response from Councillors Woodbridge nor Stockan, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk was to liaise with Egilsay Community Association Secretary and Mrs C Cox with regards to writing a letter regarding the ticket book scheme.
2. That the Clerk would invite community groups to write to her and collate replies to be sent on to Orkney Ferries.

B. Scrap Car Scheme

After hearing from the Clerk regarding the Scrap Car Scheme and that there were still vehicles to collect, it was:

Resolved to re-advertise this scheme once the haulier could travel again on the boat.

C. Notice Board

The Chair advised members that the Notice Board signs had been purchased and paid for, and it was resolved:

1. That the Chair would contact R Mainland for a quote to fit them.
2. That the Chair would collect the signs.

D. Kirkyard Matting

Members looked at plans regarding the purchase of matting for use at Brinian Kirkyard, and it was resolved:

1. That Mrs Maguire would attend Brinian Kirkyard to measure the required lengths.
2. To keep this item on for the next agenda.

E. Egilsay Bin Store

Members were advised that the invoice for the new Egilsay Bin Store had been agreed prior to the meeting, and it was:

Resolved that Egilsay Community Association was to send in their invoice to allow payment of 50% of the costs.

F. Access Within Kirkyards

Members discussed the next steps required in order to progress the path that is needed at Brinian Kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs C Maguire would attend to take measurements.

G. Sunday Boat

The Chair asked for this item to be added to the agenda, and Councillor Sinclair confirmed that this request had been included within the funding request submitted to Transport Scotland. Members agreed that many people suffer due to the lack of a Sunday boat, including those needing hospital appointments, shift workers and leisure travel, and it was:

Resolved to ask all groups and residents on Rousay to engage in a petition to Orkney Ferries to ask that Sunday boats be added to the timetable.

4. Correspondence

A. Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan 2019-2020

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, which advised that the Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan 2019-2022 had been published and was available to view online, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Rousay, Egilsay & Wyre Development Trust (REWDT) application for planning

Mr J Garson, Mrs C Maguire, and Mrs C Cox all registered an interest in this item and did not participate in the discussion.

Members read an email from REWDT asking Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay (REWG) Community Council to use their name on the planning application for the new houses on Johnsons Road, Rousay, and it was:

Resolved to give permission to REWDT to do this.

C. National Community Energy Campaign

Following consideration of correspondence from Power for People, distributed at the meeting, regarding the National Community Energy Campaign, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Orkney Ferries Ticket Books

Following consideration of correspondence from the Ferry Services Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the future purchase of ticket books and that going forward Orkney Ferries would not allow the purchase of books by REWG Community Council to pass on to local residents, it was:

Resolved that following input from Mrs C Cox, the Clerk is to write to Orkney Ferries on this matter.

E. 2020 Tourism – Orkney Ferries Response

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC, copies of which had previously been circulated, responding to the Clerks concerns regarding 2020 tourism on Rousay, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Rousay School Cleaning Arrangements

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC, copies of which had previously been circulated, responding to the Clerk's concerns regarding the cleaning and maintenance of Rousay Community School, it was:

Resolved to note the recent improvements made and to monitor the situation going forward.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 25 October 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £20,678.61.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 25 October 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the main and additional capping limits were fully allocated but that a balance of £642 remained within the island capping limit.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 25 October 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 25 October 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035 remained available for allocation.

6. Financial Requests

A. Egilsay Community Association – Tap request

Mrs C Cox registered an interest in this item and did not participate in the discussion.

Members considered a request from Egilsay Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of an outside tap at Egilsay pier, and it was:

Resolved to approve 50% of the costs subject to an invoice being presented to the Clerk.

B. Rousay Guides – Flag

Members considered a request from the Rousay Guides, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of a flag which can be used for parades, and it was:

Resolved to note that this was approved and a donation of £359.95 was to be made to the Guides.

C. Student Educational Trip

Members considered a request from a resident, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of an educational trip to Ypres, and it was:

Resolved to award 50% of the foreign travel costs up to a maximum of £400 subject to receipt of costs.

D. Egilsay Community Association – Fireworks 2019

Members considered a request from Egilsay Community Association, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of the annual bonfire and fireworks event, and it was:

Resolved to note that £300 was approved subject to receipt of an invoice.

E. Rousay Community Association – Fireworks 2019

Members considered a request from Rousay Community Association, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of the fireworks for their annual event, and it was:

Resolved to note that £600 was approved subject to receipt of an invoice.

F. Craffhub – Orkney Creative Brochure

Mrs C Cox registered an interest in this item and did not participate in the discussion.

Members considered a request from Craffhub, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of a marketing brochure, and it was:

Resolved to note that no support would be offered in this instance.

G. Rousay School – Christmas Gifts

Members considered a request from Rousay School, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of Christmas presents for pupils, and it was:

Resolved to donate £250, which could be spent on gifts and also anything else required by the School at that time.

H. Screen Machine – Regional Screen Scotland

Members were advised that the request from Regional Screen Scotland, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of bringing a Screen Machine to Rousay had been cancelled, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

I. Wreath Request – Major R Friel

Members considered a request from Major R Friel, copies of which had been previously circulated, towards the cost of wreaths for the annual remembrance event, and it was:

Resolved to donate £132.50 towards the cost of the wreaths.

7. Consultations

A. Winter Service Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC updating members on the responses to the 2018/2019 Winter Service Plan Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from OIC updating members on the responses to the 2019 Verge Maintenance Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Historic Marine Protected Areas – Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Following consideration of correspondence from Historic Environment Scotland, informing members of their current public consultation on proposals to designate

historic marine protected areas in Scapa Flow and for the wreck known as the Queen of Sweden, Shetland, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council informing members of their current public consultation on amenity and minimising obtrusive lighting, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Draft Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council informing members of their draft mental health strategy for 2020-2025, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that the closing date was 29 January 2020.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

The planning representative was not in attendance at this meeting.

B. Transport

Discussion had taken place earlier in the meeting regarding transport.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members at the meeting and noted:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – September 2019.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Members were advised that the draft brochure had previously been circulated asking residents to review and update their entries where relevant, and it was:

Resolved to note the closing date of 25 November 2019.

B. Egilsay School House

Following consideration of correspondence received from Egilsay Community Association, distributed at the meeting, requesting members support in purchasing the School House, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk was to draft a letter of support to Egilsay Community Association.

C. Bus Route and Bus Station

Mr R Tipper advised members that he was sent an email from a member of the public who stated that the number 6 bus to Tingwall didn't appear on one day. Members then discussed the confusion created by the current system regarding route stops, times and stand numbers, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk was to write to OIC suggesting both changes to the stand numbers and the timetable.

D. Sourin Mill, Rousay

Members discussed the safety of Sourin Mill after the recent bad weather, and that there were tiles on the road. Members agreed that the owner of the building should make arrangements to ensure the building was safe, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk was to write to OIC to raise concern given that it could affect road users and the public.

E. Letter from Mr C Clarke – Midhowe

Members discussed a letter received from Mr C Clarke, requesting that a sign be placed at Midhowe that contained more information about who worked on the building in the past, and it was:

Resolved to pass this request to the Heritage Society on Rousay.

F. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS)

Mrs Z Flaws provided members with a summary of some of the public meetings held which covered historic seafaring, shipwrecks, cultural history and plans to have displays of history, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Transient Visitor Levy

Members were advised that there were some public information sessions on the Transient Visitor Levy being held across the country, and it was:

Resolved that any members interested in attending are to make the necessary arrangements.

H. Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration by members of the Consultation document from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. Bottle Scheme

Mrs C Maguire provided an update to members on the bottle scheme that was due to be implemented, in particular the potential issues for local businesses regarding reimbursement and storage, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided at present.

11. Dates of Next Meetings

Resolved to note that the next meetings of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on 8 February, 25 April, 27 June, 5 September and 31 October 2020 all to be held at 10:15 in Rousay Community School.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 12:50.