

# Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held in Rousay Community School on Saturday, 24 August 2019 at 10:15

## Present:

Mr A Firth, Mr R Tipper, Mrs C Maguire 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 Mrs C Cox, Mr J Garson, Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

## **2. Minute of Meeting held on 29 June 2019**

The Minute of the meeting held on 29 June 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Firth and seconded by Mrs C Maguire.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets**

After hearing from the Clerk that a further £569.25 had been spent on books of tickets since the last meeting, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk continue to spend up to the budget of £500 until the next meeting.
2. To monitor ticket requests and confirm usage at the next meeting.

### **B. Scrap Car Scheme**

After hearing from the Clerk that there were still vehicles to collect, and that there had not been enough notice given by the haulier to allow for pick up, it was:

Resolved to re-advertise this scheme.

### **C. Notice Board**

Members heard from Mr Firth that he had ordered four new notice boards, three free standing and one wall mounted, at the estimated cost of £1900 plus vat and carriage. Delivery costs were still unknown, and it was:

Resolved that the chair will contact a local contractor regarding a quote to fit them.

### **D. Kirkyard Matting**

Members looked at plans regarding Brinian Kirkyard, and it was resolved:

1. That Mrs Maguire will attend Brinian Kirkyard and measure the lengths needed.
2. That the Clerk is to invite a member of staff from OIC and circulate around members the agreed date and time.

### **E. Egilsay Bin Store**

Members read correspondence regarding Egilsay bin stores, regarding a quote totalling £1944 and a further quote of £1147.20 for an outside tap, and it was:

Resolved to wait until Egilsay Community Association have been in touch regarding what level of support was needed financially.

## **F. Access Within Kirkyards**

Following advertisement in the review for someone to tender for repairs to Scockness Kirkyard, it was:

Resolved that the no one had applied to make the necessary repairs.

## **G. Verge Cutting**

Members heard that the verges have been cut ahead of the Rousay lap on the 31 August, and it was:

Resolved to make a note of this.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Rousay Parent Council - Update from Family Fun Day and Teacher Update**

Members read a letter from the chair of Rousay Parent Council alongside an update from OIC regarding the temporary situation of teaching at Rousay school. Rousay Parent Council also provided an update regarding the success of the Family Fun Day and thanking members for the support.

Members also discussed that certain parts of the building were not kept as tidy as was hoped. Community members were asked to tidy and clean after use, however incoming groups have found the need to clean before use again, and it was resolved:

1. To note the content of the correspondence from Rousay Parent Council.
2. To include in the business letter some clarification on responsibilities for maintenance and cleaning of Rousay School and the Community rooms.

### **B. North Isles traditional red phone box trail**

Members read an email from North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS) regarding the purchase and renovation of phone boxes in the community, and it was resolved:

1. That the clerk is to check that the school phone box remains functioning as it's still used for emergencies.
2. That the clerk is to register interest in purchasing the boxes in the community.

### **C. Draft minutes Ferry Consultative Forum – 13 February 2019**

Members read the minutes from the Ferry Consultative Forum that was held on the 13 February 2019, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk will write to the Orkney Islands Council regarding capacity of the boat ahead of an anticipated busier tourism season in 2020.

## **D. Response from Orkney Islands Council regarding Tingwall Office**

Members read a letter from Orkney Islands Council, regarding Tingwall office management and the future possible expansion of this, and it was:

Resolved to note that members are keen to encourage any improvements that not only help tourists but benefit residents.

## **E. Response from Orkney Islands Council re Surface Dressing**

Members read a letter from Orkney Islands Council regarding surface dressing that recently took place on Rousay, it was:

Resolved to note its contents.

# **5. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Account**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 13 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £21,098.61.

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 13 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the main and additional capping limits were fully allocated but that a balance of £642.00 remained within the island capping limit.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 13 August 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 13 August 2019, it was resolved:

That £9,035.00 remained available for allocation.

# **6. Financial Requests**

No requests have been made.

# **7. Consultation – Orkney Learning Disability Strategy**

Members had been given access to the Strategic Plan for Orkney Health and Cares Learning Disability Strategy 2019-2024, and it was:

Resolved to note the closing date of 26th August 2019.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Planning**

The planning representative was not in attendance at this meeting.

### **B. Transport**

The Transport representative was not in attendance at this meeting.

## **9. Publications**

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

- Community Planning Summer 2019.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – June 2019 and July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Feral Cats**

Mrs C Maguire enquired if other members had noted that the number of feral cats on Rousay had increased, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs Maguire will speak to the RSPB regarding this.

### **B. British Red Cross Resilience Questionnaire**

British Red Cross have asked for a representative to be in attendance at a members' meeting regarding the Resilience questionnaire that was sent to all residents earlier in the year, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk will reply offering the next date and time.

## **11. Dates of Next Meetings**

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on 9 November 2019, at 10:15 in Rousay Community School.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 11:30.