

Minute of the meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held Remotely on Saturday, 27 June 2020 at 10:15

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Mrs E Soames, Clerk.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Councillor Stephen Clackson.
- Councillor Graham Sinclair.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Firth and therefore Mr R Tipper acted as Chair in his absence.

2. Minute of Meeting held on 8 February 2020

The Minute of the meeting held on 8 February 2020 was approved, being proposed by Mrs Z Flaws and seconded by Mr J Garson.

3. Matters Arising

A. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets

After consideration by members of the Inter Island Ferry Ticket Scheme it was:

Resolved to continue the scheme.

B. Scrap Car Scheme

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding an increase in the gate fee at Orkney Aggregates for the removal of vehicles, and an update from the clerk advising that there were still vehicles to collect, it was resolved:

1. To re-advertise this scheme with a budget of £500, to be revisited at a future meeting.
2. To check with the haulier that cars would be collected over the coming weeks.

C. Notice Board

Members were advised by the Clerk that permission had been granted by the Development Trust for a notice board to be located at the pier property. Given that Mr A Firth was not in attendance to provide a further update, it was resolved:

1. To await an update from Orkney Islands Council as to whether the board could be located at the school.
2. To continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

D. Kirkyard Matting

Although Mrs Maguire was in attendance, communication of this item over Microsoft Teams proved difficult, and it was:

Resolved to keep this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

E. Access Within Kirkyards

Although Mrs Maguire was in attendance, communication of this item over Microsoft Teams proved difficult, and it was:

Resolved to keep this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

F. Grass Cutting Tender Advert

Members discussed the Grass Cutting Tender and the fact that there was no interest from contractors. Currently Orkney Islands Council were providing a service to keep the grass cutting under control, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Orkney Ferries Covid-19 Responses

Members had been asked in advance of the meeting to draw together comments regarding the time-table for the ferry, and it was resolved:

1. To note that Orkney Ferries had extended the summer timetable until 22 November, to which members were grateful.
2. That the Clerk was to write to Orkney Ferries in the business letter regarding current capacity and planned capacity over the coming weeks. This was to be copied to Stagecoach asking the same question for the bus that meets the boats.

H. Planning and Covid-19 Community Responses

Members discussed the updated spreadsheet, that was recently circulated, with community responses during the Covid-19 pandemic, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents and that all outstanding questions had been answered.

4. Correspondence

A. Local Government and Communities Directorate

After consideration of correspondence from the Local Government and Communities Directorate containing planning procedures during the Covid-19 pandemic, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Scottish Water Newsletter

After consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water which outlined delivery of essential services during the Covid-19 pandemic, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Insurance Renewal

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council detailing the insurance arrangements for the coming year, it was:

Resolved that members agreed for the premium to be paid through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

D. Ticket Book Expiration – Orkney Ferries

Members reviewed the previously circulated email from Orkney Ferries regarding the expiration of ticket books, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents and pass this information on to the community as necessary.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 1 June 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £22,328.70.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 1 June 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £3,153.65, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £669.00, and the Island capping limit was £648.00.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 1 June 2020, 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 1 June 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035.00 remained available for allocation.

6. Financial Requests

There were no financial requests received.

7. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan

Members considered the comments and consultation document from Orkney Islands Council on the Verge Maintenance Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation document.

B. Winter Service Plan

Members considered the consultation document from Orkney Islands Council on the Winter Service Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation document.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

The Planning Representative advised members that there were currently two live applications with no concerns on either, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Transport

Members were advised that Mrs C Cox attended the Ferry Consultative meeting in February 2020 where the Winter Timetable for 2020 and Sunday sailings were discussed, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the next meeting in August would be concerned with the Summer Timetable for 2021.

9. Publications

There were no Publications made available to members.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Recycling Bin – outside Trumland Gates

Members were advised that the recycling bin outside Trumland Gates was currently full and that this was due to be emptied soon once as restrictions were eased, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would add an item to the Rousay Review asking the community to be mindful that the bin was full and to retain recycling at home until it had been emptied.

B. Rousay Primary School

Members were advised by the Democratic Services Manager that an update to parents would be sent on the 29 June 2020 advising them of the teaching situation going forward. Members were also advised that Councillor Clackson had been unsuccessful in obtaining any further information, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Thanks to Orkney Islands Council

Mrs C Cox wished to make it known that the swift support given by Orkney Islands Council by way of shop vouchers and business grants had been welcomed and very much appreciated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

11. Dates of Next Meetings

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on 5 September 2020, at 10:15 in Rousay Community School.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Vice Chair declared the meeting concluded at 11:05.