

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in St Margaret's Hope Community School on Wednesday, 12 September 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Smith, Mr A Rosie, Mr D Ward, Mr D Woodcock and Ms J Woodhead.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Sankey.
- Ms S Bray.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr I Balcombe, Mr S Groundwater, Councillor A Drever and Councillor N Craigie.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 13 June 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Ward and seconded by Mr D Woodcock.

3. Matters Arising

A. Propeller in Cromarty Square

Members discussed where to affix the information plaque, and it was:

Resolved that Mr D Ward would carry this out.

B. Smiddy Museum

Members heard that the roof of the Smiddy had been fixed and that the cost of printing postcards would be £75 for 500. Members also heard that the three-year contract with SSE for the supply of electricity had expired. Members discussed when the Smiddy should be closed for the winter and if an admission fee should be charged next season, and it was resolved:

1. That the Smiddy would close at the end of the month, the last day of opening being Sunday, 30 September.
2. That the Clerk would obtain prices for the purchase of ready printed postcards.
3. That the Clerk would renew the contract with SSE.
4. That an admission fee of £1 should be charged from next April.

C. Information Board – Sands of Wright

Members heard that the cost of a replacement information board would be £399.00 for a GRP panel or £594.50 for an anodised aluminium panel and, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would provide a design for a new GRP panel

D. East Mainland Leaflet

Members heard that a quote had been received for the design and printing of the leaflets. The cost for the design time would be £57.50-£115.00 for two to four hours with additional time being charged at £28.75 per hour. The cost for the prints would be £2,800 for 20,000, £3,200 for 25,000 or £5,400 for 50,000. A date for a meeting to consider the design of the leaflets has not yet been fixed and, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

E. Burray War Memorial

Members received correspondence concerning repairs to Burray War Memorial. A quote has been received from James Dowell and Son for a total of £1,617.13 for these, and it was resolved:

1. To accept the quote from James Dowell and Son for the cost of repairs to the memorial.
2. To submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application on a project cost of £1,617.13.
3. That, if possible, the work should be carried out before 11 November 2018.

4. Correspondence

A. Community Resilience Planning

Members received correspondence from Police Scotland concerning Community Resilience Planning and, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. Hoolan Community Investment

Members received correspondence from Birsay Community Council concerning Hoolan Energy's Community Investment Scheme and, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

C. Year of Young People

Members received correspondence thanking them for the donation made to support the Orkney's got Young Talent event and; it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

D. Update on Headstone Inspections

Members received correspondence giving details of the results of the recent inspection of headstones in Orkney cemeteries and, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

E. Accessible Travel Event

Members received correspondence advising that an Accessible Transport event is to be held on 20 September 2018 at the Pickaquoy Centre, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

F. Burray Speed Limit

Members received correspondence informing them that at a recent open meeting held at Burray Hall the issue of speeding traffic had been raised and that there was a

feeling that the current speed limits were too high, the speed limit through the village being 40mph at present, and it was:

Resolved that members would support a reduction in the speed limit through Burray Village.

G. Transmission Annual Sustainability Report

Members received correspondence from SSE asking for comments on the Sustainability Report, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance and Smiddy Statement

Following consideration of the General Finance and Smiddy statements, copies of which had been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note the balance of £10,723.99 in the General Fund and that the Smiddy Fund was overdrawn by £482.35 at 30 August 2018.
2. That £1,000.00 should be transferred to the Smiddy account to cover the deficit and any other costs later this year.
3. To submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application for the sum of £1,000.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme Statement

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS) statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,430.20 as at 30 August 2018.

C. Seed Corn Statement

Following consideration of the Seed Corn statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of the Seed Corn fund remaining for approval was £155.83.

6. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Octopush

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Octopush requesting financial support for costs of travel to the British Octopush Junior Nationals, it was resolved:

1. To ascertain if the trip had taken place.

2. That, upon receiving confirmation that the trip had taken place, a donation of £30 each towards the travel costs of the four young people from South Ronaldsay, a total of £120, should be awarded.

B. Defibrillator Signs

Following consideration of correspondence from South Ronaldsay Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the cost of signs indicating the location of the defibrillator at the Hope Community School, it was:

Resolved to request details of the cost of the signs and consider the matter at the next meeting.

C. Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial support towards the cost of staging a Fun Day it was:

Resolved to write and inform the group that South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council could not contribute any funds at this time.

7. Publications

The following publications were available to members:

- VAO News.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- VAO Training Sessions.
- Orkney Policing Report.
- Coastal Flood Warning Information Event.
- SRCA Agenda and Minutes.
- Community Conversations.
- Community Council Conference Presentations.

8. Any Other Competent Business

A. St Margaret's Hope Public Telephone

Members heard that the public telephone in St Margaret's Hope had been removed, and it was:

Resolved to note the report.

B. Community Christmas Trees

Members heard that the price for the Community Christmas Trees would be £160 each, and it was:

Resolved that two trees should be purchased, and that an application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £320.

C. Replacement of Hanging Baskets

Members discussed the replacement of the hanging baskets and brackets in St Margaret's Hope and, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would ascertain how many baskets and brackets there were originally.
2. That all the current baskets and brackets would be replaced.
3. That the Clerk should obtain a price for the replacements from Plantscape.

D. Parking in St Margaret's Hope

Members discussed the lack of car parking spaces in St Margaret's Hope and the layout of the parking in Cromarty Square, and it was:

Resolved to suggest to Orkney Islands Council that more parking spaces could be created by rationalising the parking in Cromarty Square and that land off Doctors Road could be used to provide parking for tourist buses.

E. Buses in St Margaret's Hope

Members discussed the problem with buses using the main road rather than the bus route through the village as drivers were having difficulty getting through St Margaret's Hope, and it was:

Resolved that Mr D Ward would write to Stagecoach asking that drivers stick to the bus route and suggesting that they use smaller buses on this route.

F. Rabbits in St Peter's Kirkyard

Members heard that rabbits had been getting under the gate into St Peter's Kirkyard and causing damage, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should inspect the gate and attempt to replace any damaged netting on the bottom of the gate.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 21 November 2018, in the Hope Community School at 19:30.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:45.