

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in St Margaret's Hope Community School on Wednesday, 28 March 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Smith, Mr D Ward, Ms E Laird, Mr A Rosie and Mr D Woodcock.

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mr S Groundwater and Councillor A Drever.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 31 January 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Ward and seconded by Mr D Woodcock.

3. Matters Arising

A. Propeller in Cromarty Square

Members heard that the cost of the information plaque for the propeller in Cromarty Square would be £185 plus VAT, and it was:

Resolved to order a plaque from Artmachine Graphics.

B. Hanging Baskets

Members discussed the replacement of the hanging baskets and brackets in St Margaret's Hope. Members had received a quote from Beedie's for filling and maintaining the existing hanging baskets, and it was resolved:

1. To accept the quote from Beedie's for the cost of providing hanging baskets.
2. To submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application on a project cost of £1,725.
3. To discuss replacement baskets and brackets further at a later date.

C. Winter Service Plan

Members heard that Councillor S Sankey had contacted Orkney Islands Council and requested that the A961 be gritted to Burwick, and it was:

Resolved to note that there were no further comments in this connection.

D. Smiddy Museum

Members heard that one custodian had been engaged for the Smiddy Museum but the second successful applicant had advised that they no longer wished to take up the position. Members were also advised that cleaning materials would be required for the Smiddy Museum for this season. It was also reported to members that the Smiddy had been awarded a grant of £750 from the Culture Fund, and it was resolved:

1. To continue advertising the position of custodian.
2. That the Clerk should contact any people who had previously enquired about the position but had not submitted an application.

3. To purchase cleaning materials for the Smiddy Museum.
4. To note the award of the Culture Fund Grant.

4. Correspondence

A. Funding Cuts

Members received correspondence from the Chief Executive of Orkney Islands Council, concerning the meetings of Orkney Islands Council held in February to consider possible cuts to funding, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. East Mainland Tourist Leaflet

Members received correspondence from the chair of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council advising that a reprint of the East Mainland tourist leaflet would be needed shortly, and enquiring if the community council would be prepared to contribute to the cost and whether there were any alterations which would need to be made, and it was resolved:

1. To advise St Andrews and Deerness that the community council would be prepared to contribute to the cost of a reprint and to advise of any alterations needed.
2. To suggest that, in future, local business could be asked to pay a fee for advertising in the leaflet.

C. Internet Access Survey

Members considered an internet access survey from the Jobcentre, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should complete the survey advising that the community council did not provide public internet access.

D. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries

Members considered correspondence from the Fishery Development Manager advising that she would be happy to engage with local communities, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

E. Scottish Transport Awards

Members received correspondence advising that Orkney Islands Council's North Isles Airfields had been shortlisted for a national award, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

F. NHS Orkney – Mock-Up Rooms

Members received correspondence from NHS Orkney advising of public drop in session dates for members of the public to view mock-up rooms of the new hospital, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. New Community Council Members

Members considered recruiting new community council members to fill the vacant seats, and it was:

Resolved to place advertisements for new members and to aim to hold a public meeting to elect new members on 30 May 2018 before the next community council meeting.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance and Smiddy Account

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

Resolved to note the balance of £8,222.31 in the General Fund and £2,592.62 in the Smiddy Fund, as at 22 March 2018.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

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 had been fully allocated as at 22 March 2018.

C. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note that the balance of the Seedcorn Fund had been fully allocated.

7. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Folk Festival

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Folk Festival, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial support towards the costs of staging the 2018 festival, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50.

B. NHS Orkney Fundraising Group

Following consideration of correspondence from the NHS Orkney Fundraising Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting a contribution to the "Give a Little, Help a Lot" fundraising group, it was:

Resolved to write and inform the group that the community council were not in a position to contribute any funds at this time.

C. Outdoor Education Trip

Members heard that there were an additional 8 primary 6 pupils from St Margaret's Hope Primary School who would be going on the outdoor education trip as well as the 21 primary 7 children awarded a donation of £20 per head at the community council meeting held in January, and it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £160 (£20 per head) towards the cost of the trip.

D. Burray Community Association - Defibrillator

The Clerk declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from Burray Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of installing a community defibrillator in the porch of Burray Community Hall, it was resolved:

1. That a grant of £50 be awarded to Burray Community Association towards the cost of installing a defibrillator in Burray Community Hall.
2. That an application should be made to Democratic Services for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

The Clerk returned to the meeting at this point.

8. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan

Members considered the consultation on the Verge Maintenance Plan, comments on which were to be returned by Friday, 30 March 2018, and it was:

Resolved to submit a comment that it was difficult to see oncoming traffic when pulling out on to the A961 at some junctions on South Ronaldsay due to the height of vegetation and requesting that the verges around road junctions be cut more often.

B. Amended Core Paths Plan

Members considered the consultation concerning the amended core paths plan, comments on which were to be returned by Friday, 1 June 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note that any comments should be returned to the Clerk prior to the deadline.

C. Scottish Water – Shaping your Future

Members received correspondence advising that Scottish Water were holding an online consultation concerning a programme to define future service and spending priorities, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- South Ronaldsay Community Association Minutes.
- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Barriers Update

Members heard that the Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, had offered to provide an update on the progress with solving the problems with the Churchill Barriers, and it was:

Resolved that members would like to hear from the Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, at the next meeting.

B. Mobile Phone Coverage

Members discussed the poor mobile phone signal in the area, and it was:

Resolved to await information from the recently announced 5G trials.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:45.