

Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in the Community Room, Hope School on Wednesday, 12 June 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mr R Smith, Mr I Balcombe, Mr A Rosie, Mr D Woodcock and Mrs J Woodhead.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Sankey.
- Ms S Shaw, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.

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1. Election of Office Bearers

As a result of a secret ballot which was held for the election of office bearers for South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council, it was resolved:

- A. That Mr R Smith be appointed Chairperson.
- B. That Mr D Ward be appointed Vice Chairperson.
- C. That Ms J Woodhead be appointed Planning Representative.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors N Craigie and A Drever and Mr J Anderson of Stagecoach.

3. Stagecoach Buses – St Margaret’s Hope

It was noted that no representative of Stagecoach was present. Members looked at photographs provided by Stagecoach showing two occasions where parked vehicles in Back Road, St Margaret’s Hope had prevented the bus following the proper route. After discussion of the photographic evidence, members concluded that on one occasion the bus would not have been able to get through but on the other the bus should have been able to get past. Members considered possible solutions to the problem of the buses deviating from the route and ways of preventing parked vehicles causing an obstruction, and it was resolved:

- A. That the Clerk would write to Stagecoach and request that they provide the Community Council with photographs on each occasion when the bus is unable to get along Back Road and suggest that they consider reviewing the bus timetable to allow more time for the bus to get through the village.
- B. That the Clerk would write to the Traffic Commissioners informing them of the sustained difficulties with this route.
- C. That the Clerk would print a sign requesting that people do not obstruct the road outside the Post Office and request that this is placed in the Post Office window.

4. Community-Led Support

Copies of the Orkney Health and Care Draft Strategic Plan were circulated, and members heard from the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care, who outlined the aims of the plan. Members were invited to ask questions and comment on the plan and it was suggested that local Community Associations may wish to be involved. Members suggested that some of the terms in the draft plan would not be understood by many people and that ‘plain English’ should be used. It was also suggested that the Community Council may wish to appoint a community care representative at a future date. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to forward any further comments which members may wish to make after further consideration of the plan via the Clerk, by the deadline of 9 August 2019.

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 24 April 2019 was approved, being proposed by Ms J Woodhead and seconded by Mr I Balcombe.

6. Matters Arising

A. Hanging Baskets

It was noted that the hanging basket brackets were to be fitted on 13 June 2019 and that the baskets were ready to go up as soon as this had been completed.

B. Smiddy Postcards

Copies of the proofs for postcards to be sold in the Smiddy Museum were circulated and members considered a new quote of £310 plus VAT for 1,800 cards, and it was resolved:

1. That the quote of £310 plus VAT be accepted.
2. That the Clerk would amend the proofs where required and place the order.

C. Model Farm Implements

Members heard that the model farm implements to be loaned to the Smiddy Museum had been added to the Community Council's insurance policy. Members also heard that the Chair had made enquiries about the cost of constructing a display unit for the implements and that it was likely to be cheaper to purchase a ready-made cabinet, and it was resolved:

That the Clerk would obtain prices for some suitable cabinets and email details to members for their approval.

D. Sands of Wright Information Board

Members heard that the Clerk had not yet received the proof for the new information board, and it was resolved:

That the Clerk would forward the proof to members for approval when it was received.

E. Churchill Barriers

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that the letter sent after the last meeting had been forwarded to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure. Members discussed the options for a solution to the overtopping problem on the barriers and how these could be costed, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

F. Wind Farms – Community Benefits

Members discussed which organisation would be best placed to administer any funds which may be obtained from the proposed wind farms through the community benefits scheme. It was suggested that the South Ronaldsay and Burray

Development Trust could be a suitable organisation providing that enough people were willing to be board members and office holders, and it was:

Resolved to note the information and monitor the situation.

G. Cromarty Square Parking

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that there were no plans to carry out any works in Cromarty Square at this time but that their suggestion concerning the provision of additional parking space had been passed to the Planning Department. Members discussed the problems caused by lack of parking spaces and how this related to the problem of the X1 bus being unable to get down Back Road. Members discussed whether a Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme would be a possible way of solving the problems caused by lack of parking space in St Margaret's Hope. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

H. Dog Waste Bins

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that they were not aware that there had been a dog waste bin at the Fossil Centre recently and that they were unable to make any assurances that any dog waste bins that were removed would be replaced with litter bins, but that feedback from the Community Council on priority areas for bins would be helpful. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

7. Correspondence

A. Annual Grants

Members received correspondence advising that the annual grant for South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council had been set at £4,244.28 and that the CCGS capping limit for 2019/2020 remained at £3,332 for the main capping limit and £662 for the additional capping limit and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. St Lawrence's Kirkyard

Members received correspondence from a member of the public advising that the bench in St Lawrence's Kirkyard was rotten and that the 'please shut the gate' sign was also in need of replacement. Mr I Balcombe reported that he had visited the kirkyard and inspected the bench and sign and confirmed that the bench and sign needed to be replaced, and it was:

Resolved that Mr Balcombe and the Clerk would obtain prices for suitable replacements and forward these to members for their approval.

C. Orkney Schools Concert Band

Members received correspondence thanking them for the donation made to the Orkney Schools Concert Band's trip to Perth, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Community Council Accounts

Members received copies of the Community Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the accounts.

E. Number 4 Barrier Toilets

Members received correspondence advising that once Orkney Islands Council had resolved the situation with the insurance, they would look to rebuild the toilets. As yet, there was no timescale for this, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

F. St Margaret's Hope Play Area – Dog Fouling

Members considered correspondence from Orkney Islands Council who had been informed that dog owners had been allowing their dogs into the Play Area in St Margaret's Hope. Members viewed a copy of a leaflet 'Dog Fouling and the Law' which could be provided by Orkney Islands Council if the Community Council could suggest a suitable location in St Margaret's Hope and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would enquire if local shops would be willing to take the leaflets and would pass on the information to Orkney Islands Council.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 31 May 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,824.22.

B. Smiddy Account

After consideration of the Smiddy Account statement as at 31 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £79.74 and that the clerk would need to transfer monies from the general fund to cover costs.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £915.20.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 31 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 31 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £155.83.

9. Consultations

A. Winter Service Plan 2018/2019

Members received correspondence advising that comments on the Winter Service Plan 2018/2019 should be returned by 30 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. Housing in the Countryside

Members considered the consultation document on Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make on the consultation document.

C. Off-Street Parking Places

Following consideration of the proposed amendment order to the Off-Street Parking Places Order 2017, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make.

D. Orkney Harbours Draft Masterplan

Following consideration of correspondence informing members of a consultation in relation to the Draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence, and deadline for comments of 22 July 2019.

10. Financial Request – Kirkwall Grammar School

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall Grammar School requesting financial assistance towards the cost of a trip to Inverness from 29-31 May 2019 for two pupils from South Ronaldsay, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 for each pupil be given from the General Fund towards the cost of the trip.

11. Publications

The following publications were available to members:

- Scottish Health Council Newsletter.
- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Agenda.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Minutes.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Burray Pier

Members discussed the need to extend Burray Pier which it may be appropriate to consider when any consultation on Phase 2 of the Orkney Harbours Masterplan covering smaller piers and harbours takes place, and it was:

Resolved to write to Burray Community Association and enquire if they had any thoughts on this matter.

B. Burwick – Link Span

Members heard that the link span at Burwick was in need of painting, and it was:

Resolved to request that Orkney Islands Council arrange to have the link span painted.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 4 September in the Community Room, Hope School, commencing at 19:30.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:30.