

# Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in the Community Room, Hope School on Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr R Smith, Mr D Ward, Mr A Rosie, Mr S Groundwater, Mr D Woodcock and Mrs J Woodhead.

## In Attendance:

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

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr I Balcombe.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 21 November 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Woodcock and seconded by Mr D Ward.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Stagecoach Buses**

It was noted that no representative from Stagecoach was in attendance. After resuming consideration of the problem of the buses deviating from the route through St Margaret's Hope, it was agreed that the Community Council should write to Stagecoach and request that the company provide evidence such as photographs of obstructions which were preventing the buses using the route through the village and suggest that more experienced drivers or smaller buses could be used on this route. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Stagecoach on behalf of the Community Council.

### **B. Smiddy Museum**

Members discussed the possibilities of charging an entrance fee or placing a notice requesting a minimum donation and having postcards printed to sell in the Smiddy Museum. Members heard that the Clerk had received an enquiry about the position of Smiddy Custodian, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would print a sign requesting a minimum donation of £1.
2. That that Mr D Woodcock and the Clerk would request the assistance of the local photography group to provide photographs suitable for printing as postcards.
3. That the Clerk would contact the present Smiddy Custodian and the prospective new Custodian to arrange the sharing of hours.

### **C. Sands of Wright Information Board**

After hearing that the Clerk had received an estimate of £271 for a new board from a local firm, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact the local firm to confirm the price of £271 and place an order for a new sign, subject to the price being confirmed.

### **D. Hanging Baskets**

After hearing that the new hanging baskets and brackets had been delivered to Beedies and that the Clerk had received a quote of £1,800 plus VAT for removing the old brackets and fitting the new ones, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would obtain more quotes for fitting the new brackets.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Rabbits in St Peter's Kirkyard**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Church of Scotland and Orkney Islands Council, it was resolved:

1. That the Chair would visit the kirkyard to view where the rabbits are getting in.
2. To enquire if Orkney Islands Council would repair the kirkyard wall when the planned extension is developed.

### **B. Model Farm Implements**

Following consideration of correspondence offering some model farm implements to the Smiddy Museum and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to accept the offer.

### **C. Energy Supply Company**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that Our Power had ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Cemetery Extensions Update**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council giving details of proposed cemetery extensions, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

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

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,063.29;

### **B. Smiddy Account**

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

Resolved to note that the balance was £844.66.

### **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance had been fully allocated.

## **D. Community Development Fund**

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.00.

## **E. Seed Corn Fund**

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

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

## **6. Financial Requests**

### **A. Hope School Parents Council – Stage Lighting and Anti-choking Device**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Hope School Parents Council, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of new stage lighting and an anti-choking device for Hope School, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £150 from the General Fund be given towards the cost of new stage lighting and an anti-choking device.

### **B. Orkney Schools Band – Scottish Concert Band National Finals**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Principal Teacher (Expressive Arts)/Youth Music Initiative Co-ordinator, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one member of the Orkney Schools Concert Band from the South Ronaldsay and Burray area traveling to the Scottish Concert Band National Finals to be held in Perth on 16 and 17 March 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 from the general fund be given towards the cost of the band member from the South Ronaldsay and Burray area attending the National Finals.

### **C. KGS Football Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the parents of a pupil at Kirkwall Grammar School, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of a 5-day football trip to Inverness and Fort William representing Kirkwall Grammar School U13s, it was:

Resolved to advise the applicants that the Community Council could not give a donation to individuals but would be prepared to give a donation of £30 towards the cost providing an application was received from the school.

## **7. Publications**

The following publications were available to members:

- Scottish Health Council Newsletter.

- VAO Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- VAO Briefing Note.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Agenda.
- South Ronaldsay Community Association Minutes.
- SSE Orkney Transmission Connection and Infrastructure Project FAQs.

## **8. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Brexit Preparations**

After discussion of the possibility of marking the occasion of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union in some way, it was:

Resolved not to proceed with any way of marking this occasion.

### **B. East Mainland Tourist Leaflet**

After hearing a report on the meeting held on Wednesday, 13 February to discuss the new East Mainland Tourist Leaflet copies of which were circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **9. 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, 12 June in the Community Room, Hope School commencing at 19:30.

## **10. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:05.