

# **Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in the Community Room, Hope School on Wednesday, 24 April 2019 at 19:30**

## **Present:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

- 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 Councillor A Drever.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 20 February 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs J Woodhead and seconded by Mr A Rosie.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Hanging Baskets**

Members discussed a quote which had been received from Wellpark Garden Centre of £875 plus VAT for putting up the hanging basket brackets. This was subject to the brackets being approved by Orkney Islands Council. Members heard that the Clerk had requested approval from the relevant Council section, and that they had requested details of the fixings to be used. The Clerk had made enquiries about this and was waiting for a reply.

Members also considered a quote which had been received from Beedies for filling and maintaining the baskets of £2,208. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To accept the quote from Wellpark Garden Centre subject to the brackets being approved by Orkney Islands Council and that an application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £1,050.
2. To accept the quote from Beedies for filling and maintaining the baskets and that an application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £2,208.
3. That the Clerk should request details of the type of fixings which Orkney Islands Council required for the hanging basket brackets.

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

Members heard that the sample of the new East Mainland Leaflet had not yet been received and that 5,000 of the current leaflet had been printed at a cost of £1,060, the cost to be shared between the three East Mainland Community Councils. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that an application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £353.33

### **C. Stagecoach X1**

Members heard that the Clerk had received apologies from the representative of Stagecoach who was unable to attend the last meeting. Members resumed discussion concerning the X1 bus deviating from its route through St Margaret's Hope and no longer stopping outside the Murray Arms, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Stagecoach on behalf of the Community Council and invite a representative to attend the next Community Council meeting to discuss members' concerns.

## **D. Smiddy Museum**

Members discussed having postcards printed to sell in the Smiddy Museum. Photographs which had been provided by the local photography group were viewed, along with a quote from the Orcadian of £289 plus VAT for printing 1,800 postcards, 150 each of 12 pictures. Members discussed also obtaining a quote from Highland Graphics for this before deciding which quote to accept.

Members heard that Mr Hourston had been contacted concerning his offer of five model farm implements to the Smiddy Museum, which had been accepted. This would be a long-term loan and insurance cover would be required for the models, which would remain the property of Mr Hourston. Members discussed having a display unit made for the models, and it was resolved:

1. To obtain a quote from Highland Graphics for the postcards and to accept whichever was the cheaper of the quotes from the two received.
2. To contact Mr Hourston and enquire what he would estimate the value of the model implements to be.
3. To contact Democratic Services and request that the model implements be specified on the Community Council's Insurance Policy.
4. To obtain quotes for making a display unit for the model implements.

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

Members heard that the information board had been ordered and design work was underway, and it was:

Resolved to note the report.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Insurance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Community Council's insurance policy, it was resolved:

That no changes to the insurance policy were required other than adding the model farm implements which were to be loaned to the Smiddy Museum.

### **B. Dog Waste Bins**

Members considered correspondence from a member of the public concerning the lack of dog waste bins. Members heard that the individual had contacted Orkney Islands Council and had been informed that the Council would not be putting up more dog waste bins, that when the old ones broke they would not be replaced, and that people should use the nearest general waste bin. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To request that Orkney Islands Council place a rubbish bin close to the Fossil Centre on Burray.
2. To ask for assurance from Orkney Islands Council that any broken dog waste bins would be replaced with general waste bins.

### **C. Bag the Bruck**

Members had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the 2019 Bag the Bruck event, and agreed to apply for CCGS funding of £300 towards sponsorship of groups taking part in the event. Members also heard that two applications for funding had been received by the Clerk prior to the event, one in support of the Orkney Drugs Dog and one from Burray Brownies. Following consideration of the applications it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £100 be given to the application in support of the Orkney Drugs Dog and a grant award of £200 be given to Burray Brownies, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

### **D. Finstown Substation**

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN Transmission giving details of the planning application for a substation at Finstown, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that the rabbit holes in the kirkyard had been filled, wire mesh put down and covered with turf and the Roads and Environmental Services Department were also gaining costs for pest control at cemeteries across the isles, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **F. Best Kept War Memorial**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Royal British Legion Scotland inviting entries for the Best Kept War Memorial Competition, it was:

Resolved not to enter the competition this year.

## **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 £5,303.76.

### **B. Smiddy Account**

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

Resolved to note that the balance was £815.92.

### **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.

### **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. Consultation - National Islands Plan Consultation**

Following consideration of correspondence concerning the National Islands Plan Consultation, it was:

Resolved that Ms J Woodhead would complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Community Council.

## **7. Financial Requests**

### **A. Hope and Burray Schools – Trips to Lagganlia and Hoy**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Hope and Burray Schools, requesting financial assistance towards the costs of trips for fifteen P6 and ten P7 pupils to Hoy and Lagganlia, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £20 for each pupil, a total of £500, be given towards the costs of the trips from the General Fund.

### **B. Senior Citizens Lunch**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Burray SWI requesting financial assistance towards the cost of providing the annual Senior Citizens Lunch, it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £5 per head be given towards the cost of providing the meal for a maximum of 50 people and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme once the numbers were known.

### **C. Orkney Folk Festival**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the organisers of the Orkney Folk Festival requesting financial assistance towards the costs of the 2019 Folk Festival, it was:

Resolved to give a donation of £50 from the General Fund towards the costs of staging the festival.

### **D. Orkney Youth Development Group**

Following consideration of a request from Orkney Youth Development Group for financial assistance towards the costs of trips to Shetland, Inverness, Caithness and Edinburgh, it was:

Resolved to give a donation of £30 from the General Fund in respect of the young person from the South Ronaldsay and Burray area.

### **E. Swimming Gala – Shetland**

Following consideration of correspondence from the parents of a member of the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club squad requesting financial assistance towards the cost of travel to the Swimming Gala to be held in Lerwick in June, 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 Swimming Club.

## **8. 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.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Sports Day Insurance**

Members heard that in previous years the Community Council had received a request for insurance cover for the annual Sports Day and Fancy Dress Parade, usually held in June. After discussion, it was:

Resolved that, should a request for insurance cover be received from the organisers of the Sports Day, the Clerk would ask Democratic Services to organise insurance cover and advise the Sports Club committee of the outcome and that the usual terms would apply.

## **B. Churchill Barriers**

Members discussed the problem of waves overtopping the Churchill Barriers and the costings provided by Orkney Islands Council last December. The report considered by the Development and Infrastructure Committee on 2 April 2019 was also discussed, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council and request that:

1. The option of barges filled with rubble/stone being sunk at the barriers be costed.
2. A more realistic figure of the cost to put a barge/breakwater in place should be obtained from someone with experience of the work.
3. Orkney Islands Council should not progress a study, at an estimated cost of £60,000, to further assess the viability and cost of a beach recharge option.

## **C. Wind Farms**

Members discussed the granting of planning permission for the wind farms at Costa Head and Hesta Head. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. That there was not anything that the Community Council could do to overturn this decision.
2. To note that the Chair considered that it was disgraceful that the decision of Orkney Islands Council to refuse planning permission had been overruled by the Scottish Government.
3. That the matter of ensuring that the local community benefits from the construction of the wind farms should be discussed at the next meeting.

## **D. Parking in Cromarty Square**

Members discussed parking in Cromarty Square and it was:

Resolved to suggest that if pavements in the square were reduced to a normal size more parking spaces could be provided.

## **E. Rubbish Near Amenity Site**

Members heard that rubbish had been left around the parking area next to the amenity site in St Margaret's Hope. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to request that Orkney Islands Council arrange to have this area tidied up.

## **10. 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 2019 in the Community Room, Hope School commencing at 19:30.

## **11. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:56.