

# Minute of the Meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council held in St Andrews Primary School on Tuesday, 6 November 2018 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs L McAdie, Mr D Alexander, Mrs L Anderson, Mr W Bruce, Mrs G Barnby, Mr L Flett and Mr I Rendall.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor A Drever.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mr M Kelly, Insulation King.
- Mr R Madge, Insulation King.
- Mrs J Lennie, Clerk.

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## **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting including Mrs L Anderson and Mr I Rendall, new members to the Community Council.

## **2. Insulation King Presentation**

Insulation King representatives were introduced to the meeting and advised that they were a company based in England, who wished to promote a new scheme providing free insulation to people on benefits e.g. tax credits, pension credit and child benefit. They gave a detailed account of what they do and advised that one and a half storey buildings in particular benefitted from this insulation and that it did not interfere with ventilation in a house.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation, and they left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Apologies**

Resolved to note that there were no apologies intimated.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 28 August 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Alexander and seconded by Mr L Flett.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Ayrenergy Ltd Annual Report**

The Chair advised that an annual report was required to be sent to Ayrenergy Ltd by 31 December 2018, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would prepare and send a report to Ayrenergy Ltd.

### **B. Update – Headstone Inspection Process – Orkney Cemeteries**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, which provided an update on the headstone inspection process in Orkney cemeteries and works to date, and advised how they planned to process necessary works to headstones with families, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Sign and Verge at Tankerness Hall Road End**

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a new sign sited on the craft trail signpost which was causing visibility issues, and a verge cutting request for the junction above the airport at the Tankerness Hall Road end. The Team Leader Roads Support had advised that the sign would be investigated and that all verges had received two cuts in 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **6. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy**

Following consideration of a consultation document from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Review of Gambling Policy, which required a response by 23 November 2018, it was:

Resolved that members had no response to this consultation document.

### **B. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018**

Following consideration of a consultation document from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Verge Maintenance Plan 2018, which required a response by 15 March 2019, the Chair advised that she had submitted a response advising that the timescale of verge cuts could be altered to be more effective and that all verges should be cut within one area all at the one time, in order to be more cost effective. Mr D Alexander suggested that the first verge cut had been timed well, however the Chair felt that the second verge cut was rather late for the season. Mrs G Barnby further advised that safety cuts at minor road junctions did not appear to have been undertaken. The Democratic Services Manager advised that any member of the public could report issues such as these to OIC Customer Services directly if they wished, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should submit the Chair's comment as the Community Council's corporate response to the consultation document.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **A. Frog**

Consideration was given to correspondence from Frog, copies of which had been circulated, inviting members to join an online community platform to promote and advertise attractions, businesses and events, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Community Conversations Report**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Community Conversations Report, Mrs G Barnby asked for information on the progress of suggestions made, and Councillor A Drever advised that suggestions would feed into the budget process, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. PHD Research – Brough of Deerness**

Members considered correspondence, copies of which had been circulated, from a PHD student regarding sustainably increasing tourism to "underappreciated" Norse

sites in Orkney, one of which was the Brough of Deerness. She wished to know members' views and wanted to interview a representative of the Community Council or from OIC accordingly, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor S Sankey would request that the OIC Environment Officer (Policy) speak to the PHD student accordingly.

## **D. Marine Farms Ltd**

Mr W Bruce joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Members considered correspondence from Marine Farms Ltd, copies of which had been circulated, regarding two proposed new fish farm sites at Yinstay East and Yinstay West, both located north of Tankerness in Shapinsay Sound. Members noted that the company's Business Development Manager had offered to meet with the Community Council or the public to discuss the proposals further.

Mr D Alexander advised that he had spoken with two parties who were unhappy with these proposals as they would affect their view, and he suggested that a public meeting be held with Marine Farms Ltd. He also requested that a public meeting be held with Marine Farms Ltd accordingly. The Democratic Services Manager advised that there would be the option for the Community Council or others to make representation to the Development Management team at OIC, when this project reached the planning application stage. She also advised members that planning applications cannot be refused on the grounds of loss of view. Councillor S Sankey further advised that anyone wishing to make a representation could discuss these with the planning department once the project got to that stage, and it was:

Resolved to leave this proposal with Mr D Alexander, in order that he could engage local public opinion accordingly.

Councillor N Craigie left the meeting at this point.

## **E. Armistice Day**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Arts Officer, OIC, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the centenary of the Armistice and local events planned, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. Proposed Mull Head Access and Interpretation Upgrade Project**

Members considered correspondence from the Environment Officer (Policy), copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding OIC's proposal to seek external funding for a proposed upgrade to the Mull Head Access and Interpretation Project. She advised that improvements were proposed to boardwalks and signage on paths and at the entrance, with a GPS based app and a new interpretation board in the car park also planned. She requested the submission of a letter of support from the Community Council for this project, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk write a letter to the Environment Officer fully supporting all proposals.

## **G. Orkney Heritage Society**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Heritage Society, copies of which had been circulated, requesting support and action on the threat to the landscape from the proposal from Scottish and Southern Energy Network (SSEN) for a new electricity network to export electricity from renewables in Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note that the Clerk had sent SSEN a corporate response accordingly and copied this response to Orkney Heritage Society.

## **H. Lower Speed Communities**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Lower Speed Communities Workshop to be held on 28 November 2018, Mrs G Barnby advised that she would like to have the 20 mph zone at St Andrews Primary School extended to include all of the junction, and it was:

Resolved to note that no member was available to attend the Lower Speed Communities workshop.

## **I. Room in Roof Insulation Grant**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, regarding Insulation King's Room in Roof Insulation grant, it was:

Resolved that Insulation King Representatives had attended this meeting and provided members with information regarding this grant.

## **J. Thank You Letters**

The Clerk advised that letters of thanks had been received from St Andrews Senior Citizens, Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council and Deerness Community Association, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the letters of thanks.

# **8. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Fund**

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

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £7,952.59, as at 23 October 2018.

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the amount of £920.95 remained available for approval as at 23 October 2018.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

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

Resolved to note that all funding had been allocated and claimed, as at 23 October 2018.

## **D. Ayrenergy Ltd Fund**

Following consideration of the Ayrenergy Ltd Fund, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £10,318.34 remaining available for allocation, as at 23 October 2018.

# **9. Requests for Financial Assistance**

## **A. East Mainland Church**

Members considered correspondence from East Mainland Church, copies of which had been circulated, regarding their financial request for the purchase of two poppy wreaths; one each for St Andrews and Deerness Cemeteries. The Chair advised that full cost of the poppy wreaths had been approved by members at the last meeting and had been processed by the Clerk, and it was:

Resolved that approval had been granted by members previously for the estimated cost of £65 for the purchase of two poppy wreaths for East Mainland Church, subject to approval from CCGS.

## **B. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Orkney (PSYVO)**

Mr D Alexander declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Members considered correspondence from PSYVO, copies of which had been circulated, requesting financial support towards the Emergency Services Fun Day Event they planned to hold on 7 October 2018. It was noted that this event had subsequently been postponed, with another date to be confirmed, and it was:

Resolved to provide a donation to PSYVO totalling £100.

## **C. Orkney Gymnastics Club (OGC)**

Following consideration of correspondence from OGC, copies of which had been circulated, requesting a travel assistance grant for a local boy's participation in the Highland 2-piece competition in Inverness, it was:

Resolved to grant OGC a travel grant of £30 for one local boy's participation in the Highland 2-piece competition in Inverness.

## **D. St Andrews Music Student**

Following consideration of correspondence from a local music student's father, copies of which had been circulated, regarding sponsorship of his daughter's monthly travel expenses to attend the Royal Scottish Conservatoire in Glasgow, it was:

Resolved to grant a maximum travel grant totalling £180, towards the cost of her monthly attendance at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire in Glasgow.

## **E. Deerness Community Centre Association (DCCA)**

Mrs L Anderson and Mr L Flett declared an interest in this item and were not present during discussion thereof.

Members considered correspondence from DCCA, copies of which had been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards their 2018 Senior Citizens Christmas lunch. The Chair suggested that payment should only be made to DCCA for Senior Citizens in attendance at the lunch who reside in Deerness parish, and it was:

Resolved, unanimously, to grant DCCA £8 per senior citizen, totalling £560, subject to approval from the CCGS and that payment would only be made to DCCA for those senior citizens in attendance at the 2018 Christmas lunch who reside in Deerness parish.

## **F. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC)**

Following consideration of correspondence from OASC, copies of which had been circulated, requesting travel assistance grants for two local boys' participation in the Gibson Cup swimming competition in Wick, it was:

Resolved to grant OASC a travel grant of £30 each for the two local boys' participation in the Gibson Cup swimming competition.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Glasdon – Leaflets.
- Scottish Rural Action – September Newsletter.
- Climate Challenge Fund – Newsletters (2).
- Scottish Water in the North – Newsletter.
- HAGS 2018 – Leaflet.
- Sunshine Gym – Leaflet.
- The Orkney Partnership – Community Planning News – Autumn 2018.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Live List**

Following consideration of the Live List, it was resolved:

1. That, following a report from Mr W Bruce, the Clerk should remove all issues regarding Deerness Kirkyard from the live list apart from the flooding issue.
2. That the Clerk remove from the live list the grass cutting at Whitecrest Park.
3. That Mrs G Barnby would continue to monitor the drainage at St Andrews Primary School.
4. That, following an update from Councillor N Craigie, the Clerk should remove the recycling bins at Deerness Stores from the live list as no new bins would be put in this area.
5. That the Clerk also removes from the live list the election of two new members.
6. That, following an update from Councillor S Sankey whereby representation had been made by L McArthur MSP and J Finnie MSP to HIAL unsuccessfully, he advised that the air traffic control at Kirkwall Airport would eventually be remote control operated from Inverness and that the Clerk should remove this item from the live list.
7. That a pothole had been filled at Mossclair, Tankerness, and the trees trimmed at the Mill, Tankerness, and these two issues could be removed from the live list, however the pothole that required repair at the Mill, Tankerness, should remain on the list.
8. That the Clerk also remove from the live list the new sign and grass cutting at the Tankerness junction, above the airport as a response from OIC had been received.

### **B. Cuts to Learning Support in St Andrews Primary School (SAPS)**

Mrs G Barnby advised that SAPS had contacted their local MP and MSP regarding the cuts to learning support within SAPS and a courteous reply had been received from both. She provided an update advising that learning support assistant jobs had not been dispersed to date and that SAPS Parent Council were actively working towards a more supportive cut than had originally been mooted, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

## **12. Dates of Next Meetings**

Following consideration of dates for future Community Council meetings, it was:

Resolved that future meetings would be held on Tuesday evenings at 19:30 in St Andrews Primary School on 26 February, 16 April, 25 June, 27 August and 12 November 2019.



### **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:16.