

Minute of the Meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council held in the St Andrews Primary School on Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs L McAdie, Mr D Alexander, Mrs L Anderson, Mr W Bruce and Mr L Flett.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs J Lennie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs G Barnby, Mr I Rendall and Councillors N Craigie and A Drever.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 27 August 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr W Bruce and seconded by Mr L Flett.

3. Matters Arising

A. Annual Report to Ayrenergy Limited

Councillor S Sankey joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

The Chair advised that an annual report was required to be sent to Ayrenergy Limited by 31 December 2019 and proposed that the Community Council (CC) should write to Ayrenergy Limited asking for the annual payment to resume. Mr D Alexander advised that since Ayrenergy Limited had chosen this CC to receive any payments they wished to grant and that they had an opt-out clause in the agreement which was subsequently actioned, he therefore felt that to write such a letter to them was inappropriate. After further discussion it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would prepare and send a report to Ayrenergy Limited with regards to allocations of funding made from the Ayrenergy Limited fund in year 2019.

B. Road Safety Issues with Cruise Ship Cyclist Groups

Members considered correspondence from Councillor A Drever, in response to a letter sent by the Community Council to him regarding road safety issues caused by large groups of cruise ship cyclists on Orkney roads. He advised that the concerns and potential danger to road users in general had been noted, however it was unclear whether any enforcement action could be taken as cyclists were allowed road space. This would be further discussed at the next Road Safety Forum meeting on 21 November 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Timetable for Headstone Reinstatement

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, which provided an update on the headstone reinstatement process in Orkney cemeteries and a timetable of reinstatement works in kirkyard's. Councillor S Sankey advised that at the recent Development and Infrastructure meeting, there had been further discussion on the progress of the issue of dangerous headstones and that there would be another public statement made on this issue. He also agreed to investigate local issues on members behalf with regards to Kirkyard headstones repair, and it was resolved to note:

1. The information provided by Democratic Services and Councillor S Sankey.

2. That Councillor S Sankey would investigate local issues with regards to Kirkyard headstones repair.

D. Flooding in St Andrews/Deerness including at Toab/Holm Junction

Members considered correspondence from Mrs G Barnby and Orkney Islands Council regarding flooding that had occurred in the area during heavy rain in September 2019. Members heard that the drainage system had been unable to cope with the volume of rain and that further maintenance or improvement was required, which Orkney Islands Council had now logged and added to their schedule of works. Flooding on local roads was also discussed and Councillor S Sankey advised that photographic evidence of flooding reported to Customer Services provided good outcomes, and it was resolved:

1. That when there is rain and potential flooding on St Andrews roads, Mr D Alexander would investigate the areas affected in order for this to be reported to Orkney Islands Council.
2. That when there is rain and potential flooding on Deerness roads, Mr W Bruce and Mrs L Anderson would investigate the areas affected in order for this to be reported to Orkney Islands Council.

E. Gates at Walkway, Tankerness

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, in response to a report that some of the gates at the Walkway, Tankerness had been left open and that one had been tied with barbed wire. Members heard that the Roads Support Technician had arranged for the route to be checked and that he did not consider there to be any issues, other than some areas that were wet/flooded which would be reviewed in order to find a potential solution. Councillor S Sankey advised that the Orkney Islands Council Core Paths Officer inspected the paths regularly, however was always keen to receive reports regarding relevant issues, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Verge Maintenance Plan Consultation – Responses

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, advising of the relevant responses received to the Verge Maintenance Plan Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Winter Service Plan Consultation – Responses

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising of the relevant responses received to the Winter Service Plan Consultation, the Chair advised that one member had submitted a further response which could be added to next year's consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Orkney.com

The Clerk advised that, following agreement by Holm and South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Councils, the PDF files for the current East Mainland Tourist Leaflet had been sent to Democratic Services in order for it to be included on the Orkney.com website, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

4. Consultation Document

A. 2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration of the above consultation, and a news release received from the Local Boundary Commission of Scotland which requires a response by 2 December 2019, The Clerk advised that there were changes to the East Mainland ward with the Kirkwall East boundary extended southwards to include Kirkwall Airport in the Kirkwall ward, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that members had no response to this consultation document.

B. Scotland's National Transport Strategy (NTS2)

Following consideration of the above consultation, which required a response by 9 October 2019, the Clerk advised that she had received no response to this consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Historic Marine Protected Areas – Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Following consideration of the above consultation, which required a response by 27 November 2019, the Clerk advised that one response had been received from a member advising that they were fully supportive of the works, and it was:

Resolved to submit the members response as the Community Council's corporate response.

D. Draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting

Following consideration of the above consultation which required a response by 19 December 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that members should forward any response to the Clerk before 19 December 2019.

E. Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025

Following consideration of the above consultation which required a response by 29 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that members should forward any response to the Clerk before 29 January 2020.

5. Correspondence

A. Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan 2019-2022, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Transient Visitor Levy Bill

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding the proposed Transient Visitor Levy Bill, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Thank You Letters

Following consideration of thank you letters received from two local mothers, Doors Open Day, Girlguiding Orkney, St Andrews SWI and Orkney Amateur Football Association, for financial assistance provided, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £7,738.34.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

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

1. To note the balance remaining for the additional capping limit was £238.63.
2. To note the balance remaining in the main capping limit was £930.40.

C. Ayrenergy Limited Fund

Following consideration of the Ayrenergy Limited Fund Statement as at 31 October 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £8,419.34.

7. Financial Requests

A. Education Grant Application

Following consideration of correspondence received from one student, a resident of Deerness parish, applying for an education grant, which had been submitted after the closing date for receipt of applications, it was:

Resolved, unanimously, that the Clerk write to the applicant advising that the application had been submitted after the deadline and that there was no education grant funding remaining for allocation accordingly.

B. Under 17 Netball Day in Edinburgh

Following consideration of correspondence received from a Tankerness mother requesting travel assistance for her daughter's participation in an Under 17 Netball Day in Edinburgh, it was:

Resolved to grant the local mother £30 travel assistance.

C. 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 a majority vote of members by e-mail/telephone and had been processed by the Clerk, and it was:

Resolved that approval had been granted by members previously for the estimated cost of £70 for the purchase of two poppy wreaths for East Mainland Church and approval had been granted from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

D. Deerness Party Committee (DPC)

Members considered correspondence received from DPC requesting financial assistance towards both a community Halloween and Christmas party for all Deerness residents. Following some discussion, it was unanimously approved that no funding would be provided for Christmas presents and that further information from DPC was required, and it was resolved that:

1. The Clerk should advise DPC that the Community Council would not consider funding Christmas presents for the Deerness community.
2. The Clerk would write to DPC advising that members wished to receive evidence that DPC was a constituted body.
3. Following provision of the evidence, members also wished to receive a breakdown of costs for the Halloween and Christmas parties.

E. Gymnastics Competitions

1. Inverness and Perth Competitions

Following consideration of correspondence received from a Tankerness mother requesting travel assistance towards her son's participation in two gymnastics competitions; one in Inverness and the other in Perth, it was:

Resolved to grant the Tankerness mother £60 travel assistance.

2. Toab Mother and Daughter Travel Assistance

Following consideration of correspondence received from a Toab mother, requesting travel assistance towards her daughter's participation in a gymnastics competition in Inverness and travel assistance for the mother also as she was accompanying her young daughter, it was:

Resolved to grant the Toab mother £60 travel assistance.

3. Toab Mother Travel Assistance

Following consideration of correspond correspondence received from a Toab mother, requesting travel assistance towards her daughter's participation in a gymnastics competition in Inverness, it was:

Resolved to grant the Toab mother £30 travel assistance.

F. 2019 Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

1. St Andrews Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch

Mr D Alexander declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at this point.

Members considered correspondence received from St Andrews Senior Citizen Club (SASCC) requesting financial assistance towards the production cost of the 2019 St Andrews Senior Citizens Christmas lunch for thirty senior citizens. it was resolved:

- a. To grant SASCC £7 per St Andrews senior citizen resident, towards the production cost of the lunch, subject to approval from the CCGS.
- b. That SASCC must provide the Clerk with a list of St Andrews resident's names and addresses who were in attendance, in order to receive their grant funding.

2. Deerness Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch

Mr D Alexander rejoined the meeting and Mr L Flett declared an interest and left the meeting.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Deerness Community Centre Association (DCCA) requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the 2019 Deerness Senior Citizen Christmas lunch for seventy senior citizens, it was resolved:

a. To grant DCCA £7 per Deerness senior citizen resident, towards the production cost of the lunch, subject to approval from the CCGS.

b. That DCCA must provide the Clerk with a list of Deerness resident's names and addresses who were in attendance, in order to receive their grant funding.

G. Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Junior Department Music Student

Following consideration of correspondence received from a Tankerness father, requesting travel assistance towards his daughter's monthly trips to the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow for specialised music string lessons and activities, it was:

Resolved that a travel assistance grant totalling £180 be granted to the Tankerness father.

8. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view and were noted:

- Climate Challenge Fund – Newsletters (3).
- Scottish Health Council, Orkney – Newsletter.
- Scottish Government – Planning and Building News (2).

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Live List

Following consideration of the live list, it was noted as follows:

1. That Mrs L McAdie advised that she had reported ditch and off let cleaning in the Groatsetter Road, Tankerness in February 2019 and again in November 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and remove this from the live list as it would be a duplicate entry.

2. That Mrs L McAdie advised that the new East Mainland Tourist Leaflet print was being held up by the business advertising issues, and it was:

Resolved that a new print of East Mainland Tourist Leaflets was required to be progressed.

3. That Mrs L McAdie would investigate the requirement for additional rubbish bin capacity at Dingeshowe car park, and it was:

Resolved to await an update regarding this from Mrs L McAdie.

B. Planning Application

The planning representative advised that the previous planning application from MacLennan Properties had been withdrawn and a new application had been

submitted to Orkney Islands Council, however he had not yet received a copy of the plans and only viewed the information online. Members were advised that there were some alterations to the plans and it was noted that the previous application had received no objection from this Community Council. Mr D Alexander further advised that Environmental Health had submitted a response as a consultee and that they had no adverse comments to this application. Mr W Bruce advised that he did not consider there would be any issue with the planning application relevant to this Community Council, however he did think that, as before, private individuals in the neighbouring community would undoubtedly make representation, and it was:

Resolved to note this information.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion of possible dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council would be held on Tuesday, 25 February 2020 in the St Andrews Primary School, commencing at 19:30.

11. 2020 Meeting Dates

Following discussion of 2020 meeting dates, it was resolved that:

a. St Andrews and Deerness Community Council would hold meetings on Tuesday evenings on 25 February 2020, 14 April 2020, 16 June 2020, 25 August 2020 and 10 November 2020 and that the Clerk should book St Andrews Primary School accordingly.

b. The Clerk advises Mr I Rendall, Community Council member of these dates as he works shift patterns and consideration, if necessary, could be given to altering these dates to fit with his shift pattern.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:20.