

# Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Monday, 29 November 2018 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Mr M Holbrook and Mr I Scott.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Ms S Moore, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mrs A Duncan, Mrs H Scott and Mrs S Wise, and Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes - 26 July 2018**

The minute of the meeting held on 26 July 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Mr M Holbrook.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes - 5 October 2018**

The minute of the meeting held on 5 October 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr P Donnelly and seconded by Mr M Holbrook.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Scottish Water Pressure Testing**

It had been reported that there was a problem with water pressure on the island but that Scottish Water was looking into the matter, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

### **B. Loganair Baggage Charges**

It was reported that the issue with baggage charges was still ongoing. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter on behalf of the Community Council, asking if spare capacity on the plane could be used for extra luggage without a charge being placed on that luggage. It was decided that the Transport Representative would also take this issue forward to the next Air Service consultative forum meeting, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write a letter to Loganair on behalf of members.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Participation Request**

Following discussion of correspondence, copies of which had been previously circulated, advising members that the participation request for the establishment of a sheltered, reliable berth for the improvement of ferry services to the island had been unsuccessful, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would pass the information to the local MP and MSP.
2. That the Community Council would extend an invitation to the Head of Marine Services to attend the next Community Council meeting.

### **B. SSEN Proposals**

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a planned sub-station, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Plastic and Silage Wrap**

Following consideration of correspondence from Councillor Woodbridge regarding the issue of plastic and silage wrap disposal, members agreed to monitor the situation, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor Woodbridge would take the matter forward and report to the next meeting.

### **D. Room in the Roof Insulation**

Following consideration of correspondence from Insulation King regarding room in the roof insulation, it was agreed that the Clerk would put up a notice publicly to advise islanders of the scheme, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that it would be advertised on the island.

### **E. Broadband**

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur MSP regarding the island's broadband, it was noted that the Trust had until March to install the Cloudnet dish on the Schoolhouse and that 5G was also being rolled out through Cloudnet. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor Woodbridge would raise the issue of poor broadband as a safety issue given the island firefighters were struggling to complete their training.

### **F. SSEN Response**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the SSEN regarding the Orkney Transmission Connection Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **G. Information Request**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Marijke Stroucken, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding climate change and cultural heritage, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £11,803.04 as at 12 November 2018.

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

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £590.81, as at 12 November 2018.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,000 remained available for allocation as at 12 November 2018.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was resolved:

1. To note the balance remaining for approval of £1,342 as at 12 November 2018.
2. To note that Mr M Holbrook raised the issue of the Dark Skies Funding that was cancelled, believing that Jim Peterson was supposed to be paid £500 from that account but as yet had not been paid.

## **7. Financial Requests**

### **A. Weaving**

Following consideration of a request from Ms H Galland, regarding funding for flights and weaving training, it was:

Resolved to approve funding of £720 through Seed Corn Fund, subject to approval from Orkney Islands Council.

### **B. Replacement Lawnmower for Kirkyard**

Following consideration of a replacement lawnmower for the kirkyard, it was:

Resolved that Mr P Donnelly would find a price for a replacement mower and the Clerk would put up a notice, after a new lawnmower was purchased, advertising the sale of the old machine.

### **C. Replacement Skips**

Following consideration on the replacement of the skips, Councillor Woodbridge raised the possibility of possibly using the old skips for plastic wrap, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Clerk had not yet been able to obtain a price for replacement skips.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Resolved to note that transport items had been previously discussed.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Resolved to note that the planning representative was not present to give a report.

### **C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative**

Members heard that work on the Schoolhouse was progressing and next year arrangements for the dyke worker would be finalised. Funding had been secured for a bike maintenance hub and that two members of the community were interested in receiving training to maintain the bikes. Funding had also been secured for training on how to recycle on the island and a member of the community was interested in attending the training. The Trust was also receiving applications regarding the VAO's Participatory Budget. A Trust meeting was due to be held in the next couple of weeks, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **9. Consultation Documents**

Resolved to note there were no consultation documents for consideration.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO – Newsletter, Training Needs Analysis and Training and Funding Updates.
- Loganair – Statistics – September 2018.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – August and September 2018.
- Letter from School Place.

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

### **A. Member's Resignation**

After consideration of correspondence from Ms S Wise, who was submitting her resignation from the Community Council due to leaving the island, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would write to her thanking her for her service to the Community Council and to the island.
2. To postpone a decision regarding Ms S Wise's replacement to the next meeting when more members could be present.

### **B. NRCC Minutes**

Mr M Holbrook raised concerns regarding the Community Council minutes made available to the public via OIC website and in the Community Centre and the Post

Office, advising that they were out of date. He also requested that public notices have a Community Council header to help identify them on the noticeboard, and it was:

Resolved to note the request.

### **C. Yarn Company Representative**

Resolved that the Election for a Yarn Company Representative should be included in the next Agenda.

### **D. Display Boards**

Mr M Holbrook stated that he would like the display boards for Mr I Scott's map to be included on the next agenda, and it was:

Resolved that the display boards would be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Following discussion of future meeting dates, it was resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Friday, 25 January 2019 at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting concluded at 21:55.