

Minute of the Meeting of Harray and Sandwich Community Council held in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby, on Wednesday, 27 March 2019 at 19:00

Present:

Mr D Hamilton, Mr G Brown, Mr I Flett, Mrs E Grant, Mr C Kirkness and Mrs K Ritch.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs N Phillips, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mr K Groundwater and Mr S Sinclair and Councillor H Johnston.

2. Minute of meeting held on 30 January 2019

The minute of the meeting held on 30 January 2019 was considered by members, and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr C Kirkness and seconded by Mrs E Grant.

3. Matters Arising

A. Dounby Market Green

Members discussed various issues surrounding the ownership of land around the Market Green and agreed that they would like to ask for further proof of ownership from the Council, namely around the oil tanks. They also agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor R King, that the Planning Manager should be invited back to the next Community Council meeting, along with the Chief Officer of Orkney Health and Care, to discuss the project and hear more about the hub-based model of care. Members discussed various options for the land, and for Dounby village as a whole, including the potential for Government money to help with safer cycling/walking routes, and it was resolved:

1. That the Planning Manager and the Chief Officer of Orkney Health and Care would be sent an invitation to attend the next Community Council meeting.

2. That Democratic Services would ask the relevant department for further information on land ownership around the Market Green.

3. That members would consider options for the project meantime and discuss further at the next meeting.

B. Speed Limit Signs around Dounby

Members heard that no response had yet been received, and it was resolved:

1. That members would again like to ask Orkney Islands Council for speed monitors to be placed in Dounby village.

2. That members would like to ask for a member of the Roads Team to come out and meet with Community Council members to look at speed limit areas around Dounby and discuss where there are issues.

3. That members would continue to monitor the situation and discuss it further at the next meeting.

C. Land at Amenity Site in Dounby

Members heard that there was nothing further to report at this time, and it was:

Resolved to continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

D. Christmas Lights

Members discussed information from Democratic Services on the cost of providing new Christmas Lights, copies of which had previously been circulated. C Kirkness advised members that of the 43 street lamps through Dounby, only 12 currently had the facility to put lights on, and it was:

Resolved to dismiss the idea as members felt it was too large a sum to spend.

4. Kirkyard Grass Cutting

A number of tenders had been submitted for the grass cutting at Harray and Sandwick Kirkyards. These were opened and considered, and it was:

Resolved to award both tenders for maintenance to Isbister Brothers for the 2019 season.

5. Correspondence

A. Cemetery Headstones

Members considered correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members that the Council was presently reviewing its approach to the Kirkyard Safety Programme through the mechanisms of a working group. The working group had indicated the intention to erect as many stones as possible and would continue to consider how best to address the gravestones which did not fall within this category. It was noted that some gravestones within Harray and Sandwick Kirkyards would fall into this category. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and to await further information.

B. Energy Supply Company – Our Power

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members that Our Power had now ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Deputy Lord Lieutenant Letter

Following consideration of correspondence from the Deputy Lieutenant of Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members on the duties of the Deputy Lord Lieutenants, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Bag the Bruck 2019

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members that this year's Bag the Bruck event would run from Saturday, 30 March to Sunday, 7 April and that Community Council Grant Scheme funding was available, it was:

Resolved to allocate £300 from the Community Council Grant Scheme for sponsorship of groups taking part.

E. Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grant

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members of the opportunity for local not-for-profit organisations to apply for a grant through Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grant, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would pass the information to Dounby School and the two Community Halls.

F. Calor Rural Community Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from the Calor Rural Community Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members of how to gain funding and bring community projects to the area, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would pass the information to Dounby School and the two Community Halls.

6. Consultation Document – VAO Survey of Volunteering Organisations

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO advising members of a survey that they wished all organisations registered with them to take part in, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that members could participate in the survey should they wish.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £3,349.70 as at 4 March 2019.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that funding of £1,195.79 remained available for approval under the main capping limit and that £662 remained available for approval under the additional capping limit as at 4 March 2019.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £9,640 as at 4 March 2019.

D. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £2,500 as at 4 March 2019.

8. Financial Requests

A. Lianne Sinclair – Girlguiding Trip to Finland

Following consideration from L Sinclair requesting funding towards an educational trip to Finland in July 2019 with INTOPS and the Girl Guides, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be given towards the cost of the trip.

B. Orkney Schools Concert Band

K Ritch declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of correspondence from the Principal Teacher, Expressive Arts, requesting funding towards the cost of 3 pupils from the Community Council area traveling to Perth on the 16 and 17 March 2019 to take part in the Scottish Concert Band National Finals, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 to each pupil on condition that they had not already received the maximum amount of financial assistance in this financial year.

C. Bag the Bruck 2019 – Milestone Community Church

Following consideration of correspondence from Milestone Community Church requesting funding towards taking part in a Bag the Bruck event run by the Church, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 be given, providing there were no other applicants prior to the event.

D. Orkney Folk Festival

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Folk Festival requesting funding towards the cost of this year's event, some of which will take place in the local area, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be given towards the cost of the festival.

E. Sandwick Senior Citizens Committee Party

Following consideration of correspondence from Sandwick Senior Citizens Committee Party requesting funding towards the cost of their annual June party, it was:

Resolved to award £500 towards the party, subject to CCGS approval.

F. Memorial Bench at St Peter's Kirk

Members discussed correspondence that had been received from a local resident, in relation to the Memorial Bench that she wished to erect at St Peter's Kirk, asking for the application to be submitted in the Community Council's name in order for the planning fee to be reduced, and it was:

Resolved that the application would be put in the Community Council's name, with the resident's as Agent, in order to obtain a reduced fee.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members and noted:

- VAO Newsletters – January and February 2019.
- Macmillan/THAW Orkney.
- Scottish Health Council – Orkney News.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Grit Bin

A member advised that he had received complaints about a grit bin which had been placed at the end of the Tufta road. The other members present saw no problem with it being placed there, and it was:

Resolved to take no further action.

B. Concrete Roller in Verge

A member reported that a concrete roller had been stuck in the verge at the Sandwich cross roads (Clouston's Corner) which was only a foot off the road. Members felt that it posed a hazard, and asked that the relevant Council department be informed, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact Democratic Services in this regard so that they could inform the relevant department.

C. Dunsyre Corner

Members reported some "near miss" incidents involving the school bus when stopped at the end of the Lyde Road, at Dunsyre, and asked whether it would be possible for a "School Bus Stopping" sign to be placed in the area, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact Democratic Services in this regard so that they could direct the enquiry to the relevant department.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme Statement

Members had noted that no further claims had been made against CCGS reference number 71204, which was made in 2012, and asked that it be cancelled, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would send Democratic Services the relevant paperwork to cancel the grant.

E. St Magnus Way Interpretation Board

Members asked if the organisers of the St Magnus Way interpretation board could be contacted and asked for information on where they proposed to site the board, to ensure that it was taken into consideration when discussing proposals for the Market Green, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact Reverend David McNeish to enquire as to where the St Magnus Way interpretation board would be sited.

F. Brown Signs Around Dounby

Members noted that many of the brown tourist signs had been removed when works had been ongoing locally, and that they had not all been replaced, and it was:

Resolved that members would check and make a note of where signs had not been replaced around Dounby and report back at the next meeting.

G. Harray Road End

Members again discussed the Harray Road end at Moorside, and the lack of lighting or signage, and it was:

Resolved to consider the lighting and signage at the Harray Road end and discuss the matter at the next meeting.

H. Rats in Harray Kirkyard

Members reported rats in Harray Kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact Democratic Services and ask them to bring this matter to the attention of the relevant department.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Harray and Sandwick Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 19:00 in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:45.