

# Minute of the Meeting of Westray Community Council held by video link on Friday, 27 March 2020 at 19:00

## Present:

A Scott, A Baird, E Drever, J Holland and D Hutchison.

## In Attendance:

- J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from C Kirkness and D Seatter.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting of 20 January 2020 was approved, being proposed by E Drever and seconded by A Baird.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Village Path**

Members were advised that the Papay Island Link Officer would be working on the path project once the summer boat timetable started, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **B. Christmas Tree Lighting**

Members discussed the tree lights and how some appeared not to be working and, it was:

Resolved to note that C Kirkness was going to check this out.

### **C. Christmas Lights for Lampposts**

Members were advised that the lights in Kirkwall had been sourced from Blachere Illuminations, and it was:

Resolved to note that content of the report and discuss at a future meeting.

### **D. Library Van**

Following consideration of correspondence from Westray Development Trust advising members that the Mobile Library vehicle was off the road for repairs and that it was not known when it would be repaired, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

### **E. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – WDT Application**

Members were advised that the funding application submitted to the Trust had been successful and that the claim would be submitted once all invoices had been submitted for payment, and it was:

Resolved to note that the content of the report.

### **F. Maintenance of Ditches**

Members were advised that a response was not available for the meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **G. Mobile Phone Signal**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Strategic Advisor, Renewables and Connectivity, advising members that it was understood that there was a site on Westray which O2 and Vodaphone planned to upgrade to 4G, and correspondence from O2 advising that the complaint submitted could be upheld, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Hairdresser for the Island**

Members discussed the lack of a hairdresser on the island and the issues it was creating. Members queried if there would be any funding streams available to assist anyone wishing to train in the profession, and it was:

Resolved that under the present coronavirus regulations this should be discussed at a future meeting.

### **B. Scrap Cars**

Members discussed the gate fee which had been reintroduced at a cost of £42 plus VAT which would require to be funded over and above the haulage costs, and it was:

Resolved to suspend shipment of scrap cars in the meantime.

### **C. Peedie Breeks Nursery**

Following consideration of correspondence from O Robinson, copies of which had been previously emailed, asking members for their support in asking Orkney Islands Council to ensure a nursery service would be provided, it was:

Resolved that this was not relevant to Westray therefore members did not feel a letter of support was appropriate.

### **D. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the preparation of the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments they wished forwarded.

### **E. Bag the Bruck 2020**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the annual Bag the Bruck event and the possible funding, it was:

Resolved to note that the event was no longer to take place due to Coronavirus regulations.

### **F. Inter-Island Air Service Winter Timetable**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding Inter Island Air Service winter timetable and hearing a report that the grass runway at Westray Airfield was to be closed, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and report.

### **G. Chapel of Rest - Hydro**

Following consideration of correspondence from SSE regarding electricity prices increasing, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **H. Gill Pier – Pedestrian Safety**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Westray Site Manager, Cooke Aquaculture, raising concerns regarding pedestrian safety on Gill Pier when they were loading and unloading at their stores at the top of the pier, it was:

Resolved to contact Orkney Islands Council asking if, in the interest of safety, a walkway could be painted on the pier for pedestrian use.

### **I. Best Kept War Memorial Competition**

Following consideration of correspondence from Legion Scotland inviting entries for the best kept war memorial competition, it was:

Resolved not to forward an application.

## **5. Kirkyard Tender**

Members discussed the grass cutting of the kirkyards and how tenders had not been received, and it was:

Resolved to approach the successful contractor for 2019 asking if he would consider undertaking the contract for grass cutting of the kirkyards.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 17 March 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £20,320.41.

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

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 17 March 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was fully allocated, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £662 and the Island capping limit was £642.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 17 March 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5000.

## **7. Applications for Financial Assistance.**

Resolved to note that there were no financial requests for consideration.

## **8. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Verge Maintenance Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been previously emailed, regarding the Verge Maintenance Plan, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make.

### **B. Consultative Draft Supplementary Guidance – Housing in the Countryside**

Following consideration of the Consultative Draft Supplementary Guidance – Housing in the Countryside consultation, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to forward.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd Statistics – December 2019/January 2020.
- Loganair – Statistics - January and February 2020.
- VAO Newsletter – January and February 2020.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – February and March 2020.
- S Clackson's Letter from School Place – January and February 2020.
- VE Day 75 Celebrations.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Coronavirus**

The Chair advised members that he and others had met with the surgery medical team and heads of emergency services for the island. The medical team had explained the seriousness of this virus for the island and it was decided to make up an advice and information leaflet to get to every household on the island. This had been done along with arranging volunteers to be in place, if needed, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that Westray Development Trust had taken the lead of the resilience team.

### **B. Ferries**

Following discussion regarding timetable operations of the ferries, it was noted that a request had been made asking for the Varagen to provide the Westray run on a Monday evening; 12:00 sailing on Wednesdays to be year-round not just summer timetable; and the Papay sailing on a Friday to call in by Westray (outbound only) to alleviate some pressure on Friday evening sailing, and it was:

Resolved to forward the request once again.

### **C. Flooding at Millburn**

The Chair reported that a resident had asked if there would be any progress on a method for stopping the flooding at the Millburn as had been discussed many years previously, and it was:

Resolved that A Scott would ask D Marcus, previous member, if he was aware of any proposed works at the Millburn.

### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved to note that the next meeting date would be set depending on the guidelines in place regarding Coronavirus situation and that any urgent items could be dealt with by email meantime.

### **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 19:48.