

Minute of the Meeting of Shapinsay Community Council held in the Music Room, Shapinsay Community School, on Wednesday, 24 January 2018 at 19:00

Present:

Mrs L Bews, Mr S Garson, Mr C Leslie, Ms L Leslie, Mr C Muir, Mrs E Phillips and Mrs F Summerfield.

In Attendance:

- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs C Fereday Eshete, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Councillors S Clackson, G Sinclair and K Woodbridge.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 was approved, being proposed by Mrs E Phillips and seconded by Mrs L Bews.

3. Matters Arising

A. Surgery Times

Following consideration of correspondence from Heilendi Practice, providing members with the usage statistics for the trial period run at the surgery prior to the hours being changed, and advising that only 42% of the available evening surgery appointments had been utilised over the period, members noted that during the trial period only two late boats, that had been booked, were cancelled due to bad weather. It was suggested that a further trial of evening surgeries should be carried out over a non-holiday period to ascertain the uptake, and it was:

Resolved to contact Heilendi asking if they would consider a further trial period from February to April holding an evening surgery up to 18:30, on a Monday or a Thursday evening.

B. Kirkyard Gate Replacement, Access Issues, Verges and Walls

Mrs L Leslie declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion.

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr G Shearer and hearing a report from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer, it was resolved:

1. To write Mr Shearer advising of the present situation of the project.
2. To ask Mr Foubister if he would be willing to repair the metal gates.
3. To ask Mr J Phillips if he would be willing to sand and paint the metal gates once repaired.
4. To apply for Community Council Grant Scheme on the repair of the gates once the cost is known.
5. That the Chairman would take photographs of the external wall of the kirkyard where the wall was in danger of collapsing.
6. That the Clerk should forward the photos to Democratic Services advising of the condition of the wall.
7. That members would have an informal meeting at the Kirkyard to consider the best way forward in progressing the access issues.

C. THAW Orkney

The Clerk declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion.

Following consideration of correspondence from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 to THAW Orkney.

D. Tree Lighting

Following discussion regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting, it was:

Resolved to note that the event had gone very well and that consideration should be given to inviting a brass band to play for the 2018 tree lighting.

E. Scrap Car Scheme

Following discussion regarding the applications for disposal of scrap cars, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should contact the local haulier to ascertain a cost for removing a car from the island.
2. To include this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

F. Islands of Orkney Tourist Brochure

Following consideration of the amendments compiled by the Clerk, Mrs F Summerfield strongly advised that she did not agree with the changes and wished the entry for the Smithy to remain, and it was resolved:

1. To note that most of the amendments were mainly grammatical along with updates for clarification.
2. That the wording for Item 4 under "Points of Interest" should be changed, as previously stipulated by Mrs F Summerfield, on the insistence of Mrs F Summerfield.

G. Helliar View, Shapinsay

Following consideration of correspondence from Shapinsay Development Trust advising members that the Trust did not have any plans to build anywhere in Shapinsay, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Picnic Tables and Benches

After hearing a report from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advising members that, under the present budgets, there was no funding available for the provision of bins or the continued costs for emptying them, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

The Clerk left the meeting at this point.

I. Verges at Junctions

After consideration of the Verge Maintenance Plan 2017 and hearing a report from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advising members that they could forward any comments on to Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to ask Orkney Islands Council if the verges could be cut earlier in June.

4. The Smithy

Mrs F Summerfield declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion.

After hearing a report from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advising members of the ongoing issues in the Smithy, members suggested that it would be good to have a meeting with the relevant officers from Orkney Islands Council at the Smithy to establish a way of moving the works forward and to ascertain any funding avenues available, and it was resolved:

A. That the Clerk should contact Orkney Islands Council with a view to arranging a meeting on site with Council officers.

B. That the Clerk should endeavour to negotiate a fixed term rate for electricity.

Mrs F Summerfield rejoined the meeting.

5. Kirkyard Maintenance

After hearing a report from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advising members that the kirkyard and amenity areas grasscutting tenders would be due to be advertised, it was resolved:

A. To advertise the kirkyard and amenity areas for tender with a closing date of 17:00 on Monday, 12 March 2018.

B. That an advert should be placed in the Shapinsay Newsletter.

6. Ferry Services

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr A Bird requesting members to consider the departure of the first morning boat from Shapinsay being delayed by 15 minutes, it was:

Resolved that the timetable for MV Shapinsay had been developed over many years in relation to community needs and was found to be suitable timing for both islanders and people travelling to the island to undertake work.

7. Correspondence

A. Provision of Lockers at Shapinsay Waiting Room at Kirkwall

Following consideration of correspondence from Shapinsay Development Trust, advising members that there was a requirement for lockers to be provided in the waiting room due to items being stolen, it was:

Resolved to submit correspondence to Orkney Islands Council requesting that consideration be given to the provision of lockers, similar to those in the swimming pools, at the waiting room at the Shapinsay waiting room at Kirkwall Pier.

B. Voices Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Health Council, advising members of the opportunity to attend a Voices Scotland taster session at the St Magnus Suite in the Pickaquoy Centre on 12 January 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Orkney Islands Council – Burial Ground Code of Practice

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Burial Grounds Code of Practice, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided, with no further comments.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £7,462.59 as at 12 January 2018 and that the Clerk would check the £360 payment made on 27 November 2017.

B. Smithy Account

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Smithy Account, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £788.97, as at 1 November 2017.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

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

Resolved to note that the main and island capping limits had been fully allocated.

D. Community Development Fund

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

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £6,315.53, as at 12 January 2018.

E. 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 £3,400.00, as at 1 November 2017.

9. Financial Request - Shapinsay Lifeboat Guild

Following consideration of correspondence from Shapinsay Lifeboat Guild requesting financial assistance towards boat fares for artistes performing at the Ceilidh, it was:

Resolved to awards a grant of up to £100 towards the travel costs.

10. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Transport

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. Shapinsay Development Trust

The SDT Representative advised members that he had attended a few meetings and that unsafe parking had been raised. He also advised that there would be a public meeting coming up soon, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

11. Publications

The following publications were made available at the meeting for members to view:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd – Statistical Report October and November 2017.
- Orkney Policing Report.
- NHS Scotland.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Shapinsay Slip Waiting Room, Kirkwall

Members considered concerns which had been raised regarding the condition of the waiting rooms and toilets at the Shapinsay Slip, Kirkwall. They were of the opinion that the building was in a poor state of repair which was making the cleaning of the building difficult, and it was:

Resolved to forward the concerns to Orkney Islands Council.

B. Key Holder

After hearing a report from Mrs L Bews regarding the appointment of a key holder, it was:

Resolved that Mrs F Summerfield was willing to be the keyholder on behalf of the Community Council.

C. Bag the Bruck 2018

Following consideration of correspondence advising members of the annual Bag the Bruck event due to be held from 21 to 29 April 2018 and that funding of £300 was available through Community Council Grant Scheme, it was resolved:

1. To pass the information on to the school.
2. To submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application on a project cost of £300.

13. Dates of Next Meetings

Members discussed date for the next meeting, and it was resolved:

A. That the 2018 meetings of Shapinsay Community Council would be held on 14 March, 20 June, 29 August and 14 November, all at 19:00 in Shapinsay School.

B. That Mrs L Bews would make the relevant room bookings.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 22:00.