

# Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 22 April 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs H Howe, Mr N Cheeseman, Mrs P Gee, Mr M Howe, Mr C Mullins and Mrs I Smith.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Councillor J Stockan.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor M Thomson.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of Meeting held on 11 February 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr N Cheeseman and seconded by Mr C Mullins.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Community Asset Transfer – Area of Land**

Members again discussed the Community Asset Transfer, and the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer went over the information she had forwarded to officers on behalf of the Community Council in support of their application, which laid out the proposed use.

Councillor J Stockan advised that this area was on the HRA land, but that it could be purchased, and recommended that they proceed with the project.

Discussion followed, and it was agreed that the land would be used for a mix of allotments and community garden, and that the social aspect should be enhanced, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That this item would be discussed again at the next meeting once further information had been provided by the Council on the progress of the application.

### **B. Island Emergency – COMAH Plan**

The Chair advised that there was no update available on this, as other things had taken priority during the pandemic, but that she would speak again to relevant officers within Repsol Sinopec, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Repsol Sinopec – Play Park Equipment**

The Chair advised that she would speak again to the HSE advisor at Flotta Terminal, as they had not managed to arrange anything to date, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this item again at a future meeting.

### **D. Putting Green**

Members advised that this project had not progressed since the last meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **E. Pier Issues**

Councillor R Crichton reported that the railings had been fixed and that planning issues had been resolved which would mean that the new waiting room would be underway soon. It was also reported that the dropped grating had been sorted, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **F. 13 and 14 Burnside**

Members provided an update on progress with the refurbishment, and it was agreed that Mr C Mullins would meet with the contractor to discuss the completion of works. There were prospective bookings coming in for May and June and therefore a need to have both houses ready for use, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Mr C Mullins would meet with the contractor to discuss the completion of the job.
2. That this item would be discussed again at the next meeting.

## **G. Orkney Biodiversity Project**

Members considered the Biodiversity Plan and noted that they were broadly in agreement, but that they would like the officer to put a proposal to them so that they could make any amendments or additions they felt necessary, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact the Biodiversity Officer, ONWP, and ask him to draft something for the Community Council to consider.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Circular Economy and The Planning System**

Following consideration of correspondence from Planning Aid Scotland, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding events open to community councillors to advise on the circular economy of Scotland in relation to planning, it was:

Resolved to note that the events had since taken place.

### **B. Scottish Water – Appeal for Help**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding assistance with locating leaks and bursts in the system following the recent spell of cold weather, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the content of the correspondence.

2. That a notice with the information should be displayed on the local notice board.

### **C. Islands of Orkney Brochure**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Democratic Services Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the 2021 brochure, and that any amendments would be made to the digital version only, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. To send any amendments to the Interim Clerk by 17 May.

### **D. Calor Rural Community Fund**

Members considered correspondence from Calor, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising that they were opening their Rural Community Fund for applications, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **E. HITRANS E-Cargo Bikes**

Consideration was given to correspondence sent on behalf of the Transportation Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding E-Cargo bikes being made available via HITRANS, and it was:

Resolved to note that members could not think of a use for the bikes in Flotta.

## **5. Consultations**

### **A. VAO – Your Community, Your Voice**

Members considered information received from VAO on the survey “Your Community, Your Voice”, which had previously been circulated via email, and it was:

Resolved to note that the survey had since closed.

### **B. Easing of Covid-19 Restrictions**

Members discussed a consultation, details of which had previously been circulated, in relation to views on the proposed easing of Covid-19 restrictions in the islands, and it was:

Resolved to note that the consultation had closed on 26 March.

### **C. Orkney Partnership – Community Priorities**

Members had been forwarded a copy of the consultation being done by the Orkney Partnership on Community Priorities, and it was:

Resolved that comments should be returned by the end of April.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 2 April 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £44,568.78.

### **B. Burnside Account**

After consideration of the Burnside statement as at 2 April 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £13,949.20.

### **C. Wind Power Fund**

After consideration of the Wind Power Fund statement as at 2 April 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,101.77.

### **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 1 April 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £1,121.60, £669 and £648 remaining in the main, additional and island capping limits respectively.

### **E. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 1 April 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £5,980.51 remained available for allocation.

### **F. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 1 April 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that £3,161 remained available for allocation.

## **7. Financial Request – CC Insurance 2021/2022**

Members considered funding the community council insurance for financial year 2021/2022, and it was:

Resolved to provide funding of £538.29, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

## **8. Publications**

Resolved to note that the following publications had been circulated to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – December 2020 and February 2021.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – February 2021.

## **9. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

It was reported that the ferry fares were being reviewed and that there may be changes to the timetable following the announcement that the Council would be getting extra funding from the Scottish Government, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Planning**

Resolved to note that there were no issues to report in relation to planning matters.

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

### **A. Flotta School**

Members discussed the possible reopening of the school and the Councillors reported that this was being kept an eye on, along with information which was awaited on the official number of children on the island, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

### **B. Bag the Bruck**

Members queried whether Bag the Bruck would be happening this year, and it was reported that there was nothing planned due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19 but that the community council could organise something themselves later in the year if they wished, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Road Aggregate Scheme**

Members discussed operating another scheme for island residents, to provide assistance with the purchase of road aggregate materials, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That £1,500 would be set aside, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval, for the operation of a scheme.
2. That posters would be displayed with information on how to apply, with a closing date of end of June.
3. That applications would be discussed at the next meeting.

## **D. Scrap Cars and Special Collections**

Members discussed arrangements for any scrap cars to be removed from the island, and also queried when the next special collection would be. It was agreed that they would consider running schemes again at a later date, and it was:

Resolved to note that there was a special collection scheduled for Flotta on the week beginning 5 July 2021.

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

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

Resolved that the next meeting of Flotta Community Council would take place on Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 19:30, either online or in Flotta Community Centre.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:27.