

# Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held in the Church Centre Hall, Rousay on Saturday, 10 February 2018 at 10:15

## Present:

Mr A Firth, Ms C Cox, Mrs Z Flaws, Mr R Friel, Mrs C Maguire and Mr R Tipper.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs E Soames, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated by Mr J Garson and Councillors G Sinclair and S Clackson.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 11 November 2017 was approved, being proposed by Ms C Cox and seconded by Mrs Z Flaws.

## **3. Medical Emergency Evacuation Procedures**

Following discussion of an incident on Egilsay where delays were experienced, it was agreed that it should be ensured that medical assistance is sought in a timely manner, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Scottish Ambulance Service, copying in L McArthur MSP and the NHS Orkney Chairman, outlining that after 15 months an adequate service had not been reinstated, that a real-time incident occurred, and procedures were not fit for purpose, and requesting that a meeting should be scheduled as soon as possible to address this.

## **4. Kirkyard and War Memorial Maintenance**

Members were advised that the 2018 Kirkyard and War Memorial maintenance contract was due to go out to tender, and it was:

Resolved to advertise the tender with a closing date prior to the next meeting.

## **5. Vermin Eradication Scheme**

Members were advised that funding was available, through Community Council Grant Scheme, to run a vermin eradication scheme and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should put an advert in the Rousay Review advising of the funding available.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **A. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets**

It was reported that, following advertisement, a number of residents had put their names forward for tickets, and it was resolved:

1. That the Community Council would purchase tickets, at a cost of £362.35, for those residents who had applied.
2. That the Clerk would arrange the tickets from Orkney Ferries.

## **B. Scrap Car Scheme**

Members heard that, following an additional advertisement in the Rousay Review, a number of residents had come forward to request their cars be scrapped in the scheme, and it was:

1. That the Clerk would put forward the form with the additional names.
2. That Democratic Services would assist the Clerk with making arrangements for the vehicles to be removed.

## **C. Notice Board**

Resolved to note that J Garson was pursuing a quote from a new company for the provision of a notice board.

## **D. NHS Orkney – First Responders**

Resolved to note that, in the absence of any progress in this regard, the situation would continue to be monitored and discussed at the next meeting.

## **E. Kirkyard Matting**

A number of solutions were presented by Mrs C Maguire with long term and short-term measures discussed, and it was resolved:

1. That Mrs Maguire would measure the Kirkyard from the gate to the graves.
2. To defer consideration to the next meeting.

## **F. Egilsay Kirkyard Gates**

Following on from the last meeting's update, members were advised that the Egilsay Kirkyard gates were included in the Orkney Islands Council 5 Year Kirkyard Improvement Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **G. Travel Grants**

Members were advised that a Travel Grant policy had been established previously, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would check as to what the policy was set at.

## **H. Wifi at Rousay School**

Mrs Flaws reported that she had spoken with the Head Teacher of the school, and now had the phone number for the existing phone line for Wifi to be installed in the community rooms, and it was:

Resolved that this would be monitored by Mrs Flaws.

## **I. Egilsay Grit Facilities**

After hearing a report from Ms Cox, it was noted that the grit bin was full and wheel barrows and shovels had been supplied, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **J. Egilsay Bin Store**

After hearing a report from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advising members that a response on this was still awaited, it was:

Resolved to wait for an update.

## **K. Surface Dressing in Rousay**

After hearing an update that a list of the roads needing to be resurfaced had been sent to Orkney Islands Council, it was:

Resolved to wait for an update.

## **L. Sunday Ferry Hire**

After further discussion regarding the proposal to hire out the ferry for one Sunday during the winter timetable for a special event, it was:

Resolved to note that members were keen to ensure this happens in the future.

## **M. Islands of Orkney brochure**

After a discussion regarding the current information contained within the document, such as text and photos, it was resolved:

1. That the Chair would investigate whether there would be someone locally who could be responsible for updating this information.
2. That the Clerk would send the brochure via email to the Chair, after the meeting.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Islands Council – Ferry Consultative Forum Meeting**

Members heard that the Transport representative would be attending this meeting on behalf of the Community Council, and it was resolved:

That the Transport representative bring up the following items:

- That car ticket books be generic.
- That 50% discount should be available on a smaller number of tickets.
- That consideration should be given to a book of vehicle tickets being available for multiple vehicles.
- If costs were available for the last five years refit of the MV Eynhallow.

- As part of Any other Business ask about the possibility of the provision of a new vessel, Sunday ferries over the winter period and that there was no erosion of the present service to the Islands.

## **B. Liam McArthur MSP – Fair Ferry Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence received from L McArthur MSP, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding Fairer Ferry Funding, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **C. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme - Update**

Following consideration of correspondence from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme update members on the progress, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **D. SSEN Projects**

Following consideration of correspondence received from SSEN, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a public consultation on unlocking Orkney's renewable potential, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **E. Bag the Bruck 2018**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Bag the Bruck 2018, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would place an advert in the Rousay Review.
2. That the Clerk would apply for funding of £300 from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

## **F. Thank You Letter**

Following consideration of a letter from Rousay Primary School, thanking members for their donation towards the Christmas presents, and a letter from Rousay Healthy Living Centre for contribution to Boxercise, it was:

Resolved to note the letters of thanks.

# **8. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 31 January 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £19,321.33.

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

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 January 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £989.64.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 31 January 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,500.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 31 January 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £9,035.

# **9. Financial Requests**

## **A. Rousay Horticultural Society**

Following consideration of correspondence from Rousay Horticultural Society, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the 2018 Horticultural Show, it was:

Resolved to award a general fund donation of £350.

## **B. 1st Rousay Rainbows and Brownies – Uniform**

The Clerk and Mrs Z Flaws declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of correspondence received from the 1st Rousay Rainbows and Brownies, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards costs of new uniform for 5 Brownies, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £115.

## **C. 1st Rousay Rainbows and Brownies – Thinking Day**

The Clerk and Mrs Z Flaws declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of correspondence received from the 1st Rousay Rainbows and Brownies, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting financial assistance towards costs of a Brownies outing for Thinking Day 2018 in Stromness, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £25 towards their costs.

## **D. Yoga Instructor - Ferry Fares**

Correspondence had been received from the Yoga class requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the instructor's ferry tickets for an eight-week course, and it was:

Resolved that a CCGS grant of £57.40 to cover the cost of the tickets had been agreed, via email.

## **E. Rousay Healthy Living Centre**

Correspondence had been received from Rousay Healthy Living Centre, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of repairs to the treadmill, which members believed belonged to Orkney Islands Council. They also noted that the usage of the gym had increased greatly over time and with the Active Life charges set by Orkney Islands Council they should have some responsibility for the repair of the equipment, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk advise Rousing Healthy Living Centre to contact Orkney Islands Council asking them to repair or replace the treadmill.

## **10. Consultations**

### **A. Winter Service Plan 2017/2018**

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make on the Winter Service Plan 2017/2018.

### **B. Verge Maintenance Plan Specification**

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make on the Verge Maintenance Plan Specification.

### **C. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Overprovision Assessment - Consultation**

Resolved that the Clerk would respond to Democratic Services advising that there is no overprovision of licensed premises on Rousay.

### **D. Locality Plan 2018-2021 – Non-linked Isles**

Resolved that members would submit comments to the Clerk for compiling and submitting to Corporate Services in time for the closing date of Monday, 5 March 2018.

## **11. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Planning**

After hearing an update from the Planning representative that there had only been one planning permission granted, dated December 2016, with no changes, it was:

Resolved that this application would be monitored along with other applications, if any.

## **B. Transport**

After hearing a report from the Transport representative advising of the upcoming Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting, it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would provide an update to members after attendance at the Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting.

## **12. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – July – December 2017.
- Orkney Policing Report – October 2017.
- Stress Control Classes.

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should email any publications not already seen by members.

## **13. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Sailing Club**

Members discussed the possibility of having pontoons at the pier, which was considered to be a good idea, and it was:

Resolved to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

### **B. Ferry**

Members discussed the occasions when the ferry goes to Tingwall for repairs and wondered whether these additional journeys could be advertised for passengers to use, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put the request to Democratic Services.

### **C. Tingwall Car Park**

Members discussed the lack of parking spaces at Tingwall Pier, with particular attention to spaces being used by boats. They discussed whether the layout and repainting of white lines could be considered. Members also commented on the ongoing requirement for electric vehicle charging points at Tingwall and what the situation was, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would forward these requests to Democratic Services.

### **D. Abattoir**

Following consideration of the closure of the abattoir in Kirkwall, and discussion around alternatives, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.



## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Following discussion of possible dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Saturday, 21 April 2018, in Rousay School.

## **15. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12:20.