

Minute of the Meeting of Stromness Community Council held in the Town House, Stromness, on Monday, 8 May 2018 at 19:00

Present:

G Deans, A Esslemont, E Knight, J Mowat, W Mackay, P McLaughlin and J Park.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- One member of the press.
- P Breck, Clerk.
- S Craigie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies were intimated on behalf of K Bevan and Councillor Stockan.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A Esslemont proposed to retain the status quo for Chair, Vice Chair and Planning Representative as it has been such a short time since the last election of office bearers, it was:

Resolved to note that all members agreed with this proposal.

3. Police Matters

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report at this time.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the meeting held on 12 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by E Knight and seconded by P McLaughlin.

5. Matters Arising

A. Parking Consultation

Resolved to note that this was discussed at Item 6D.

B. Scottish Water – Update

The Chair informed members that he had emailed Scottish Water regarding the legacy bequest but has had no response to date, he would email again.

P McLaughlin informed members a bench was being sourced by the family concerned to be placed on the area of ground between “Norland” and “Monivey”, and it was:

Resolved that this be noted.

C. Public Stage

P McLaughlin asked if the taller plants in the borders could be kept to the sides and back and the lower plants to the front border. J Mowat informed members that the daffodil bulbs which have been dug out from the grass at the GMB garden could be planted along the borders, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Clerk would contact D Gray informing him of this.

D. Entrance onto Market Green from North End Road

The Clerk informed members that payment for the road materials had now been made to the Sports and Leisure Manager. W Mackay agreed to check to see if the work had been carried out, and it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor Crichton would contact the Sports and Leisure Manager if the works had not been carried out.

E. Serco Northlink

The Chair informed members that the letter to the Transport Minister, copied to Transport Scotland had been sent. He also informed members that he had attended the public meeting with the Transport Minister where he raised the concerns about RET (Road Equivalent Tariff), the suitability of the vessel covering the refit period and other issues. The Transport Minister had stated that there was a strong will by the Scottish Government to introduce RET and hope to make an announcement in due course, and it was:

Resolved that this be noted.

6. Correspondence

A. Consultation Document – Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework

Following consideration of the above consultation document, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comment to make on the consultation document.

B. Consultation Document – Amended Core Paths Plan Consultation

J Mowat asked if the footpath between 13 Hoymansquoy and “Guardhouse” could be put forward for consideration, and it was:

Resolved to note that members would forward any further proposals to Democratic Services.

C. Scottish Transport Awards 2018 – Orkney Islands Council Airfields Service Shortlisted

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Executive Director Development and Infrastructure informing members that the Airfields have been shortlisted for a national award, it was:

Resolved that this be noted.

D. The Orkney Islands Council (Stromness) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2018

Concerns were raised regarding parking at the Surgery especially on the street/pavement on either side of the entrance to the surgery car park which has resulted in emergency vehicles being unable to enter/exit the surgery car park, and it was:

Resolved to forward the concerns regarding the entrance/exit to the surgery car park and ask if road markings or signage could be put in place as emergency vehicles

have been obstructed from entering/exiting. Note that members would forward any further comments to the Clerk by 28 May 2018 for these to be forwarded to Legal Services.

E. Stromness Primary School

Following consideration of correspondence received from Stromness Primary School asking permission to use the Stromness Coat of Arms on a mural as part of the Stromness 200 celebrations, it was:

Resolved to write Stromness Primary School giving permission for the Stromness Coat of Arms to be used in a mural depicting the iconic street scene of Stromness as viewed from the sea as part of the Stromness 200 celebrations.

F. Harbour Area Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding the Harbour Area Consultation, it was:

Resolved to note that members would forward any comments to the Clerk by 31 May 2018.

Councillor Crichton joined the meeting at this point.

G. Year of Young People

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney's Year of Young People ambassadors informing members of a youth concert to be held in Orkney in August this year and asking if members would consider making a financial contribution, it was:

Resolved to note members agreed a contribution of £75 towards the Year of Young People's concert in Orkney.

H. Stromness Museum

J Park and W Mackay declared an interest in this item and did not take part in discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Stromness Museum informing members of a proposed project to expand the museum's premises and requesting financial support from the Community Council towards a feasibility study for this project, and following discussion it was:

Resolved to write Stromness Museum informing them that members strongly support this project however were hesitant to contribute to a feasibility study which might not come to fruition, however if the project does move forward members would be more than happy to look favourably on a future request.

7. Reports from Community Council Representatives

A. MARS

W Mackay informed members that he had raised various issues all of which were ongoing. Mention was made regarding the large number of tar patches appearing along the street.

E Knight raised concerns about the amenity site, especially the lack of capacity in the garden waste skip. The Chair raised concerns about the lack of capacity in the domestic waste skip which lead to bags being put in the large open skip resulting in complaints from residents in the Hamnavoe housing area about the smell coming from the open skip. Members also discussed the appearance of the site considering the possibility of high fencing or relocating it to larger more appropriate area, it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor Crichton would speak with the relevant service regarding the concerns raised.

B. Stromness Community Business Forum

The Business Forum Representative informed members that the Business Forum were going to hold the "Shop Along the Street" again during Shopping Week with a £600 prize. The Business Forum had also been in talks with Orkney Folk Festival regarding food provision during the Folk Festival, and the business community cardboard skip was up and running again at Wilson's.

Councillor Crichton informed members that the Business Forum were hoping to have a meeting with the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure regarding recycling and business waste, it was:

Resolved that this be noted.

C. Stromness Development Trust

Resolved to note that there was nothing further to report at this time.

D. Playpark Sub-committee

E Knight informed members that they were awaiting a response from Scottish Water and also from the person preparing the plans, and it was:

Resolved that this be noted.

8. Financial Statements

A. Community Council General Account

After consideration of the Community Council's General Finance Statement as at 30 April 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £1,777.74.

B. Sea Haven Account

After consideration of the Sea Haven Account statement as at 30 April 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £3,607.90 would be held in the Sea Haven account and released once Christmas lights had been purchased for the town. The Clerk informed members that the balance of £1,735.62 from the stage bank account would be paid into the Sea Haven account and this is to be used solely for any upkeep on the stage area.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme Statement

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme Statement as at 30 April 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the grant scheme was fully allocated.

D. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 30 April 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the total remaining for allocation of £4,844.51.

E. Seed Corn

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund as at 30 April 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that £3,263.78 remained for approval.

9. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Stromness and Parish Eventide Club

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Stromness and Parish Eventide Club for assistance towards their summer outing and autumn social, it was:

Resolved to grant £1,000 to Stromness and Parish Eventide Club for assistance towards their summer outing and autumn social, subject to approval from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Aberdeen

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for assistance towards one Stromness swimmer taking part in the University of Aberdeen Long Course in June, it was:

Resolved to grant £13 to the one Stromness swimmer taking part in the University of Aberdeen Long Course in June.

C. Stromness Youth Football Club

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Stromness Youth Football Club for assistance towards the hire of the games hall and pitches, it was:

Resolved to grant £200 to Stromness Youth Football Club for assistance towards the hire of the games hall and pitches, subject to approval from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

D. THAW Orkney

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from THAW Orkney for assistance towards Wellbeing Orkney project year 2, it was:

Resolved to write to THAW Orkney stating that the Community Council has very limited funding and unfortunately at this time were unable to support their request.

E. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club for assistance towards five Stromness swimmers taking part in the Thurso Mini Meet in May, it was:

Resolved to grant £13 each of the five Stromness swimmers taking part in the Thurso Mini Meet in May.

F. Bag the Bruck

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Orkney Youth Development Group for taking part in the Bag the Bruck event, it was:

Resolved to grant £300 to the Orkney Youth Development Group for taking part in the Bag the Bruck event.

G. Zoe Adamson – Orkney Gymnastics

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Zoe Adamson for assistance towards taking part in the Furish Open Competition in Alness in March, it was:

Resolved to grant £13 to Zoe Adamson for taking part in the Furish Open Competition in Alness in March.

H. Zoe Adamson – U13's Shotputt

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Zoe Adamson for assistance towards taking part of the Orkney Athletic Club's team events in Inverness and Aberdeen during April and May, it was:

Resolved to grant £13 to Zoe Adamson for each of the four events attended as part of the Orkney Athletic Club's shotputt team.

I. U9's Football Group

Following consideration of an application for assistance received from Sheila Adamson for assistance towards ten U9's Stromness footballers taking part in a Super 5's competition in Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved to grant £13 each of the ten Stromness U9 footballers taking part in a Super 5's competition in Aberdeen.

10. Publications

Resolved to note there were no publications.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Coat of Arms

J Park informed members that it had come to her attention that a local tour business was using the Coat of Arms on their business letters, it was:

Resolved to write the local business asking for the Stromness Coat of Arms to be removed from their business letters.

B. GMB Garden

J Mowat informed members that the garden had now been tidied up, bushes pruned and the daffodil bulbs dug out of the grass.

W Mackay informed members that the picnic bench in the GMB garden was in poor condition and asked if a new bench could be purchased, it was:

Resolved to note that the Clerk would look at a price for a plastic picnic bench for the June meeting.

C. Tourist Information Office

J Mowat asked if there was any update on relocating the Tourist Information office, it was:

Resolved to ask Councillor Stockan for an update at the June meeting.

D. Traffic on Ferry Road

J Mowat raised concerns regarding fast flowing traffic on Ferry Road approaching the zebra crossing at the Co-Op and asked if a "Smiley" could be placed there for a period of time, it was:

Resolved to note that Councillor Crichton would enquire with Roads Services regarding the "Smiley".

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 18 June 2018 at 19:00 in the Town House, Stromness.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 21:10.