

Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in the Eday Community School on Wednesday, 29 August 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr T McCabe, Mr K Redwood, Mr M Scott and Mrs S Thompson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Kevin Woodbridge.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Miss L Merry, Clerk.

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1. Election of Chair for 29 August 2018 meeting

In the absence of the elected Community Council Chair, the Clerk asked for nominations for the role of Clerk for this meeting only, and it was:

Resolved to note that Mr M Scott was nominated Chair by Mrs S Thompson and seconded by Mr K Redwood, and subsequently took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs A Byers, Mr H Thomson and Mr M Tchaikovsky, and from Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 27 June 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Thompson and seconded by Mr T McCabe.

4. Matters Arising

A. NHS Orkney – Nurse’s Accommodation

The Chair and Mr M Scott had looked around the property prior to the meeting and reported that the damage was not too bad considering that there had been a burst pipe in March. They explained that there was still damp in the north side of the property. Members agreed that quotes for repairs should be obtained, and it was:

Resolved to look around the property again and update this item at the next meeting.

B. Air and Ferry Service Consultative Forum Meetings

Members discussed information from the Transport Representative, copies of which had previously been distributed, which gave feedback on items that had been discussed at the recent Transport Consultative Forum meetings. The issue of Sunday Excursions was discussed, as members felt that these were not worthwhile as in every case, they had to go to Stronsay first instead of going direct. For example, getting a ferry to Westray on a day trip took two hours. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

C. Graveyard Maintenance

Members considered an update, copies of which had previously been circulated, from the Roads and Environmental Services Manager, which advised that action would be taken on the slabbed footpath at the kirkyard but that other works would need to be assessed and costed before any action could be taken. Members discussed the ditches around the kirkyard, which had become choked and were causing flooding, and suggested that the work be put out to tender, subject to authorisation from Orkney Islands Council, and it was resolved:

1. That Mr M Scott would contact a local workman to get a quote regarding cleaning the ditches around the kirkyard.

2. That the Clerk ask Democratic Services, through the business letter, to contact the relevant section to ask for authorisation for the Community Council to arrange for the work to be done.

D. Headstone Inspection Process

Members considered correspondence regarding the headstone inspection survey that was ongoing. It was noted that work had been carried out on the unsafe headstones on Eday, and that families affected would be contacted, where possible. Members reported that there was not a poster on the kirkyard gate to warn of these ongoing works, as suggested in the letter, and it was:

Resolved that a poster would be sent from Democratic Services to Mr K Redwood to be displayed on the notice board outside the Kirk.

E. Updated Telephone Book for Eday Residents

The Clerk advised that the telephone directory needed more numbers confirmed before it could be distributed, with folk being asked to submit their entry. The GDPR were discussed, and it was:

Resolved to add a suitable disclaimer on the bottom of the telephone list.

5. Correspondence

A. Digital Champion Training

Members considered correspondence from the Community Learning and Development Team, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding Digital Champion Training on 5 September, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Letter to Eday Community Association

Members had been supplied with a copy of a letter sent to Eday Community Association regarding their allocated Seedcorn funding, and agreed that Eday Community Association could apply again once they were in a position to carry out the project, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Letter of Thanks

The Clerk read a letter of thanks that had been received from the Orkney Area Young Enterprise Team thanking the Community Council for their donation towards next year's competition, and it was:

Resolved to note the letter of thanks.

D. Accessible Transport

Members were shown a copy of correspondence from Disability Equality Scotland, which had been received after the agenda had been compiled, regarding the Accessible Transport event being held on 20 September, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Inter-Island Transport Study - Outline Business Case Workshop

Correspondence had come in after the agenda had gone out to members, which advised of a brainstorming session with consultants and representatives of the island Community Councils, to be held on 24 and 25 October 2018, and it was:

Resolved that, the absence of the Chair/Transport representative, two other members should be asked attend on behalf of Eday Community Council.

6. Finance

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 17 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £16,792.22.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 17 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balances of £1,424.15, £662 and 85 pence were remaining for allocation in the three capping limits.

C. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 17 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £5,067.11 remained for allocation.

D. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 17 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £3,258.51 remained for allocation.

7. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

As the Planning Representative was not present at the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Transport

As the Transport Representative was not present at the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

8. Consultation Document – Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy

Members considered the consultation document on the Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comments regarding the consultation document.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members to view:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd – Statistics – April and May 2018.
- Loganair – Statistics – April, May, June and July 2018.
- Community Choices – Update.
- Police Scotland – Resilience Planning.
- VAO Newsletters – June and July 2018.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Water at Pier

A member advised that he had done some research regarding there being no water at the cattle pens by the pier. He advised that the pipe for the water is underneath the concrete and is leaking and should have been diverted. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that Mr M Scott would discuss this matter with Scottish Water and report to the next meeting.

B. Recycling

A member brought up recycling on the island, advising that he felt it was poor that only glass, paper and cans were collected. Following advice from the Community Council Liaison Officer, it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council could, if they wished, fund a scheme to help with the removal of certain items to be recycled.

C. Fly Tipping

A member advised that someone had fly tipped by the scrap cars that were being stored at the pier prior to being taken away. The Community Council Liaison Officer advised that the Community Council could consider funding a Special Collection for the island to encourage residents to dispose of their unwanted items responsibly, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Harvest Home – Amended Ferry Timetable

The Community Council Liaison Officer advised that the Community Council's request for amended ferries to accommodate the Harvest Home had been approved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The Clerk advised that she wished to have at least seven days' notice of any apologies so that a quorum could be ensured, or the meeting rescheduled if there was not to be a quorum. Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Eday Community Council would be held on Wednesdays 7 November 2018 and 16 January 2019, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:45.