

Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 25 January 2021 at 19:00

Present:

Rikki A Lidderdale, Robert F Leslie, Kim Burns, Lorraine A Craigie, David L Flett, Christopher Gee, Moyra Gordon, Christine E H Marcus, Cathleen A Hourie, John R Mowat and Tom Rendall.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.

- 1 member of the local press.
- Temporary Sergeant Hugh Moonie, Police Scotland.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no formal apologies for absence had been intimated to the Clerk.

2. Police Scotland Matters

After hearing a presentation from the Police Scotland representative on local policing matters, including Police Scotland's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and changes to local policing procedures, the Orkney Drugs Dog and the White Ribbon campaign, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the presentation.

The Police Scotland representative left the meeting at this point.

3. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the Meeting held on 30 November 2020 was approved, being proposed by Cathleen Hourie and seconded by John Mowat.

4. Matters Arising

A. Town Centre Funding

After hearing an update from the Clerk on the application for Town Centre Funding in relation to works at Tankerness House Gardens, it was:

Resolved to note that CCTV would be included in the application for Town Centre Funding, and that applications for planning permission and Listed Building Consent had now been submitted.

B. Big Belly Bins

The Clerk advised that no update had been received from Orkney Islands Council on the proposal for Environmental Services to submit an application for Town Centre Funding to purchase big belly bins, and it was:

Resolved to note the current position.

C. Festive Lighting

The Clerk advised that no update had been received from Orkney Islands Council as to whether the proposals for festive lighting had any specific implications for Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the current position.

D. Connecting Scotland – Phase 2

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that organisations, including the Community Council, and not individuals, could apply to the Connecting Scotland scheme, together with further correspondence advising that the closing date had been extended to 29 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Correspondence

A. Orkney Scam Action Group

Following consideration of correspondence from Sergeant Simon Hay advising of the Orkney Scam Action Group, which had been set up with a view to tackling online scams, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Community Engagement Project

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO regarding the Aspiring Communities funded Community Engagement project which would involve consulting with communities to shape the next Locality Plans for Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Fair Start Scotland

Following consideration of correspondence from Fair Start Scotland advising of its services which provided help to people who found themselves unemployed and looking for work, together with specialist provision for those who may also have health issues or disabilities, together with an offer to meet the community council via a virtual meeting, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to the Fair Start Scotland Delivery Manager asking how the community council might assist in promoting the services on offer.

D. Disabled On-Street Parking Places

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding proposed disabled on-street parking places at various locations across Kirkwall, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to make no comment on the proposals.

E. R100 Roundtable

Following consideration of correspondence from Liam McArthur MSP regarding the R100 (Reaching 100%) roundtable event, to facilitate a discussion on the Scottish Government's rollout in Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the event would be held online, via Zoom, on Friday, 5 February 2021 between 13:00 and 14:30.

F. Annual Consultative Meeting

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water regarding arrangements for its annual consultative meeting, which had taken place online, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 13 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 13 January 2021 of £13,097.60.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 13 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,158.19.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 13 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,688.42.

7. Financial Request – Women’s Aid Orkney

The Clerk had received further correspondence from Women’s Aid Orkney advising that the officer responsible for the Women’s Alcohol Dependency Support Group was not currently at work, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

8. Hanging Baskets

Following discussion on arrangements for hanging baskets, it was:

Resolved:

A. That, in principle, the Community Council should continue the scheme to provide floral hanging baskets in the town centre during 2021, for private businesses and households only, on the same basis as 2019.

B. That powers be delegated to the Finance Sub-committee to determine the specific arrangements for 2021.

Councillor Dave Dawson joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

9. Flower Tubs at War Memorial

Following discussion of the continued provision of flower tubs at the Kirkwall and St Ola war memorial, it was:

Resolved:

A. That the Community Council should provide flower tubs at the Kirkwall and St Ola war memorial containing Royal British Legion colours.

B. That a grant of £120 be awarded towards the provision of the flower tubs, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

10. Consultation - Police Scotland – Equality Outcomes

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland regarding its equality outcomes for 2021 to 2025, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

11. Publications

The following publications had been sent to the Clerk and were forwarded to members via email:

- VAO Newsletters – November and December 2020.
- VAO Volunteering Summary – December 2020.
- Paths for All – eNews – 2 December 2020.
- Liam McArthur MSP – Coronavirus: Latest Information and Advice – 4, 8, 11, 18 and 22 December 2020 and 5, 13, 15, 19 and 22 January 2021.
- Scottish Rural Action – December 2020 and January 2021 Newsletters.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Proposed Relocation of Strynd Recycling Bins

Following discussion on correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council regarding the proposed relocation of recycling bins, initially sited at the foot of the Strynd, adjacent to 2 Broad Street, as part of the Kirkwall Places and Spaces project, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council advising that the Community Council supported the proposal that the recycling bins be relocated to the pierhead area.

Councillor Steven Heddle left the meeting during discussion of this item.

B. “Clear Your Head” Campaign

The Clerk had received correspondence from Healthcare Improvement Scotland regarding the “Clear Your Head” campaign, a national campaign to support the mental health of people in Scotland during the coronavirus pandemic, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Orkney Kickstart Scheme

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Scottish Government’s Kickstart Scheme, which had been established to support young people into employment and help grow business, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Prohibition of Waiting on Various Streets in Kirkwall

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding proposals to introduce a new traffic regulation order to control on-street parking on various streets along Kirkwall town centre, including consolidating existing traffic regulation orders and updating the order to reflect changes as a result of the Kirkwall Places and Spaces project, and it was:

Resolved that Community Council members should provide comments to the Clerk, no later than 12 February 2021, to enable a response to be submitted by the deadline of 15 February 2021.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council should be held on Monday, 15 March 2021, commencing at 19:00.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:25.