

# Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr A Dixon, Mr A Dundas, Mr D Marwick, Mr K Thomson and Mr N Sclater.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor J Richards.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Marwick and Councillor B Foulkes.

As Mr M Clouston was not in attendance, at this point the Vice Chair, Mr D Marwick, took the Chair.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters to report.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 12 February 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Dundas and seconded by Mr N Sclater.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Bus Shelter Germiston Road**

After members discussed the current situation regarding a possible new bus shelter stating that the hard standing was still in place and that it was Orkney Island Council who erected the bike stands, it was resolved:

1. That Mr D Marwick would measure the hard standing and send details to the Clerk.
2. That the Clerk would contact the Orkney Men's Shed group with the sizes.
3. That the Clerk would seek the help of Democratic Services to establish who owns the land and to check if permission was required to erect a shelter.

### **B. Clowally Viewpoint**

After discussing the reply from Orkney Law Practice and acknowledging there was more land available and that access rights wished to be retained, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact the solicitor and inform him that the committee accepted the offer of more land and would have no problem with access rights.

### **C. Orphir Football Pitch**

After hearing there was no update available, it was:

Resolved that this issue be carried forward for discussion at the next meeting.

### **D. OrkneyInga Saga Centre**

Members heard that the caretaker had agreed to continue in post, and that she had expressed a need for a Hoover to maintain the cleanliness of the centre.

There was further discussion on the installation of the decorative stone to mark the St Magnus Way which, as per the correspondence which had been received from Reverend D McNeish, and it was resolved:

1. That the purchase of the hoover and any further supplies needed to maintain the centre would be ascertained by Mr A Dundas who would then pass this information to the Clerk for purchase.
2. That members approved the installation of the St Magnus Way decorative stone at the centre.
3. That the Centre be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

## **E. Road Clearance**

Members again discussed the issue of water build up at West Cottage. Members acknowledged that the work was not programmed as yet, but again expressed a need to know when the issue would be dealt with as they felt it was very hazardous to traffic during wet periods, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would again ask Democratic Services for information on when the work was likely to take place and that this issue be added to the next agenda for discussion at the next meeting

## **5. Correspondence - Bag the Bruck 2019**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, advising of the dates of this year's Bag the Bruck event and advising that CCGS funding of up to £300 could be allocated towards sponsoring groups taking part in the event, it was:

Resolved to apply for £300 from the Community Council Grant Scheme for this purpose.

## **6. Grass Cutting Tender**

Members discussed the description of work, general conditions and obligations document provided to applicants, in particular section 9 - payment details. Members also discussed the two tenders presented, and it was resolved:

- A. That the wording of section 9 - payment details, should be changed to show that the payments will be per month and not at the end of the last cut.
- B. To accept the tender from Kirkpatrick Gardening Services.
- C. That the Clerk should write to inform both tenderers of the Community Council's decision.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 4 March 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £15,954.46.

## **B. Saga Centre**

After consideration of the Saga Centre Fund statement as at 10 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was -£508.14.

## **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 4 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £622.82.

## **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 4 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £13,755.42.

## **E. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 4 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.

# **8. Requests for Financial Assistance**

## **A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Aberdeen - March 2019**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two Orphir residents attending a swimming championship in Aberdeen in March 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted to each of the two attendees.

## **B. Orkney Folk Festival 2019**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Folk Festival, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the festival in 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted.

## **C. Road Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence received from T Jackson, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of aggregate for Sandygill, Waukmill, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to T Jackson informing her that there was no financial assistance available at this time but that the Community Council would be setting up a Road Scheme for the year 2020 and that she should re-apply at that time.

### **D. Stenness Community School – Hoy Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Stenness Community School, copies of which were presented by the Clerk, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two children attending an outdoor education programme to Hoy in May 2109, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £20 be granted.

### **E. Orphir Community School – Hoy Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orphir Community School, copies of which were presented by the Clerk, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of twenty-two children attending an outdoor education programme to Hoy in May 2109, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £220 be granted.

### **F. Bag the Bruck 2019**

Members considered the request from Orphir Community School, advising that they would be taking part in the 2019 Bag the Bruck event and asking for funding, and it was:

Resolved that the funding would be divided equally between any groups who applied prior to the event.

## **9. Publications**

Resolved to note that no publications had been sent to the Clerk.

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

### **A. Culture Fund Application**

Members discussed correspondence received Orkney Island Council regarding the application to the Culture Fund. Members noted that, on this occasion, the application had been turned down, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Plastic and Other Debris from Refuse Truck**

Members heard once again that the verges and fields were again littered with all manner of plastic dispersed over the Germiston Road and surrounding fields which was mainly coming from the refuse truck, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would ask Democratic Services for an update on this matter.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Orphir Community Council would be held on Tuesdays 28 May and 20 August 2019 in the Orphir Community School, commencing at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:05.