

Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held in the Garden Room, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, on Monday, 19 August 2019 at 19:00

Present:

T Rendall, C A Hourie, K Burns, L A Craigie, D L Flett, C Gee, M Gordon, C E Marcus, R F Leslie, R A Lidderdale and J R Mowat.

In Attendance:

- Councillor A G Cowie.
- Councillor D Dawson.
- Councillor B Foulkes.
- Councillor S B Heddle.
- Councillor W L Manson.
- Councillor J T Richards.
- Councillor J A R Scott.
- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.

- 1 member of the local press.

- Sally Shaw, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care (for Item 3).

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from S Metcalf and Councillor G M Shearer.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters.

3. Orkney Health and Care

Mrs S Shaw, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care, gave a short presentation on the work of Orkney Health and Care, including the consultation on the draft Strategic Plan, and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved that members should submit any comments on the draft Strategic Plan to the Chair, no later than 24 August 2019, following which the Chair should submit a response, on behalf of the Community Council, to the consultation document.

C Gee joined the meeting during discussion of this item and Mrs S Shaw left the meeting at this point.

4. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 3 July 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs C E Harcus and seconded by J Mowat.

5. Matters Arising

A. Shrub Bed at Scapa Junction

After hearing an update from Mrs C Hourie regarding funding for clearing and replanting the shrub bed at the Scapa junction, it was:

Resolved to note that a response was still awaited direct from Robertsons regarding potential funding.

B. Traffic Issues at Watersfield Development

After hearing an update from the Chair and Councillor D Dawson regarding the current situation with traffic issues at the Watersfield housing development, it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting at which a significant update would be provided.

C. Bridle Path at Inganess – Damaged Walk Boards

The Clerk advised that, although the job had been passed to the contractor to mend damaged walk boards on the bridle path leading to Inganess, the work had still to be completed, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the current position.

2. That Councillor B Foulkes would investigate responsibility for cutting back the bushes on the core path at the opposite side of the A960, leading towards the farm of Wideford, and report back in due course.

D. Financial Assistance – Notes of Thanks

The Clerk had received notes of thanks from the undernoted groups and/or individuals in respect of financial assistance awarded by the Community Council, which had been emailed to members:

- Young Enterprise Scotland – Orkney Area Board – Scotland finals, Edinburgh, 5 June 2019.
- Orkney Gymnastics Club:
 - Scottish Gymnastics competition, Perth, 15 June 2019.
 - Garioch Glitterball competition, Inverurie, 30 June 2019.
- A Shearer – YDL3 Athletics competition, Aberdeen, 23 June 2019.
- Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Midsummer Meet, Lerwick, 15 and 16 June 2019.
- E Ballantine – Highland Badminton development squad training.
- T Russell – Highland dancing competitions and Athletics.

E. Bonfire and Fireworks Display at Pickaquoy – Insurance

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that the bonfire and fireworks display was not included within the current level of cover, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To meet the additional premium of £360, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.
2. To note that the Rotary Club's Bonfire Committee had met earlier, with the date confirmed as Saturday, 2 November 2019.
3. To note that the Rotary Club wished to pass on their thanks to the Community Council for continued partnership working in arranging the event, and appealed to Community Councillors to assist with stewarding the event.

6. Correspondence

A. OIC Press Release – Headstone Reinstatement Works

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council informing members of progress with headstone reinstatement works, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.

2. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council seeking the priority order for reinstating headstones, particularly those in the cemetery at St Magnus Cathedral, given the large number of visitors, including tourists, who visited that cemetery, and the current state with many headstones still lying down.

B. OIC Press Release – Planning Applications for Met Masts Lodged

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council informing members that planning applications had been lodged for met masts associated with the proposed community wind farm project, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council asking whether an element of the community benefit would be ring-fenced for specific use by the Community Council.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 6 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 6 August 2019 of £7,793.90.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/20 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 6 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £120.40.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 6 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

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

8. Financial Requests

A. E Poke – Inter-County and Highland District Hockey

Following consideration of correspondence received from E Poke requesting financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter participating in the Senior Inter-county hockey match in Shetland in July 2019, together with the Highland District Hockey district final in Edinburgh on 14/15 September and a training match in Inverness on 1 September 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded in respect of each of the three events, subject to confirmation of participation.

B. Orkney Amateur Football Association – Senior Inter-County Football

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Football Association, requesting financial assistance towards 13 residents participating in the 101st Milne Cup Senior Inter-County football match held in Lerwick on 27 July 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded in respect of each of the three eligible residents, subject to confirmation of participation.

C. Girlguiding Orkney – Tartan Gig 2019

Following consideration of correspondence from Girlguiding Orkney requesting financial assistance towards 16 guiding members attending Girlguiding Scotland's Tartan Gig to be held in Glasgow on 31 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £350 be awarded, subject to confirmation of participation by the 16 eligible residents.

9. Consultations

A. Orkney Health and Care – Draft Strategic Plan

Following consideration of a consultation document from Orkney Health and Care on the draft Strategic Plan for 2019 to 2022, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that this matter had been considered under item 3 above.

B. Orkney Learning Disability Strategy

Following consideration of a consultation document from Orkney Islands Council regarding the draft Orkney Learning Disability Strategy for 2019 to 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members should submit any comments on the draft Orkney Learning Disability Strategy to the Chair, no later than 24 August 2019, following which the Chair should submit a response, on behalf of the Community Council, to the consultation document.

10. Publications

The Clerk had received the following publications which had been forwarded to members via email:

- Orkney Islands Council – Orkney Marine Planning Update – June 2019.
- Scottish Health Council – Orkney Newsletter – July 2019.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – July 2019
- SSEN – Connections Newsletter – Summer 2019.

- Scottish Rural Action – July Newsletter.
- VAO – July 2019 Newsletter.
- Community Planning News – Summer 2019.

11. Meetings Attended by Members

A. University of Glasgow – College of Social Sciences

The University of Glasgow's College of Social Sciences had organised a focus group meeting on the historic environment of Kirkwall held in the St Magnus Centre on 11 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note that neither C Gee, Mrs M Gordon or J Mowat had been able to attend the focus group meeting.

B. Scottish Government – Community Land Unit

The Scottish Government's Community Land Unit had organised a community asset ownership information event in the King Street Halls on 24 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note Mrs L Craigie's report on attendance at the event.

C. Orkney Housing Association Ltd – Orkney ZE Car Club Launch Event

Orkney Housing Association Ltd had launched its Orkney ZE Car Club at the Scout Hall, Junction Road, Kirkwall, on 31 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note R Leslie's report on attendance at the event.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Bignold Park

Following discussion on the ground conditions of the Bignold Park following the annual County Show and potential establishment of a trust to facilitate improvement works, it was:

Resolved to support and encourage Orkney Islands Council, Orkney Agricultural Society, Orkney Amateur Football Association and others to progress with establishment of a trust in order to address ground conditions at the Bignold Park.

B. Water Bottle Refill Station on Broad Street

Following discussion on the planning application submitted by Scottish Water for the proposed installation of a water bottle refill station on Broad Street, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council stating that, although the Community Council supported the proposal, querying whether the site of the water bottle refill station could be amended from outside 42 Broad Street to the open space in front of 4 Broad Street, and asking what measures would be incorporated regarding security and removal for events such as the Ba'.

C. Broad Street Public Realm Works – Phase 2

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of phase 2 of the Broad Street public realm works which were due to commence on 2 September 2019, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should forward the correspondence to all members for their information.

D. THAW Orkney – Annual Review

R Lidderdale circulated copies of THAW Orkney's Annual Review 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

E. Arcadia Park

Following discussion on the lack of any work at Arcadia Park in recent months, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact OACAS seeking an update on when works were to recommence and be completed.

F. Burial Grounds – Restrictions on Lair Depths

Following discussion on potential restrictions on lair depths in new kirkyard extensions, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council seeking clarification on whether lairs in new kirkyard extensions were single or double depth.

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, 7 October 2019 in the Garden Room, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, commencing at 19:00.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

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