

# **Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, Holm, on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 19:30.**

## **Present:**

Jacqui Hirst, Shelagh Sneesby, Kenny Rendall and Bill Robertson.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.

## **Chair:**

- Jacqui Hirst in the Chair.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Martin Lee and Robbie Thomson and Councillors Norman R Craigie and Steve Sankey.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters.

## **3. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting held on 26 June 2019 was approved, being proposed by Kenny Rendall and seconded by Jacqui Hirst.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Tourist Brochure**

As both representatives on the Tourist Brochure Sub-committee had tendered their apologies, it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting, at which an update might be available on reprinting the refreshed brochure and determining whether the brochure should be uploaded to the Orkney.com website.

### **B. Policy on Financial Assistance**

As Martin Lee had tendered his apologies, it was:

Resolved to defer consideration of the policy on financial assistance to the next meeting.

### **C. Financial requests – 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:

- K Swan, Orkney Athletics Club, North District competition, Inverness, 11 and 12 May 2019.
- Orkney Gymnastics Club:
  - Scottish Gymnastics competition, Perth, 15 June 2019.
  - Garioch Glitterball competition, Inverurie, 30 June 2019.

### **D. Burial Ground Improvement Programme – Cemetery Extensions**

As Martin Lee had tendered his apologies, it was:

Resolved to defer, to the next meeting, the restriction on burial depths in the new cemetery extension.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. OIC Press Release – Headstone Reinstatement Work**

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 to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. East and West Brochures**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a request that the East Brochure be uploaded to the Orkney.com website, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that this item had been considered at paragraph 4A above.

### **C. Crimestoppers Scotland Charity**

Following consideration of correspondence from Crimestoppers Scotland Charity regarding their Communita event to be held in the Pickaquooy Centre on 10 September 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, if available, Bill Robertson would attend the event.

## **6. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Following consideration of arrangements for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, it was:

Resolved that the following arrangements be made:

A. An indoor tree lighting ceremony should be held in the Holm Community Hall on Sunday, 1 December 2019, or Saturday, 7 December 2019 should the Salvation Army be unavailable on the Sunday evening, at 6.30pm.

B. Shelagh Sneesby agreed to arrange refreshments, with Jacqui Hirst assisting.

C. The Clerk should order a 7 feet tree from William Shearer, Kirkwall, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved, to be collected by Councillor Drever on the Monday before the event.

D. The Clerk should contact the Salvation Army to see if they would be willing to play at the event.

E. The Clerk should contact Henry Manson to see if he would be willing to assist with the set-up of the hall etc.

F. Councillor Drever should send a poster to Radio Orkney nearer the time and advertise the event on Holm News and at St Andrews Primary School, the local Post Office and the Hall.

G. The Clerk should contact St Andrews Primary School to ask if they would nominate two children to switch on the Christmas tree lights and thereafter pass on the details to Councillor Drever.

H. The donations received in the charity boxes circulated on the night should be in aid of Women's Aid Orkney.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 22 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 22 August 2019 of £12,372.77.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2019/20 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,310.55.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 22 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £6,500.

### **D. Seed Corn Funding**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 22 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Orkney Amateur Football Association – 101<sup>st</sup> Milne Cup**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Football Association requesting financial assistance towards the cost of three residents participating in the 101<sup>st</sup> Milne Cup held in Lerwick on 27 July 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that no assistance be provided, as all the residents were over 18 years of age.

### **B. Girlguiding Orkney – Tartan Gig**

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

Resolved that a grant of £25 be awarded, subject to confirmation of participation.

### **C. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council – Bonfire and Fireworks Display**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council requesting financial assistance towards the annual bonfire and fireworks display to be held at Pickaquooy on 2 November 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £200 be given towards costs associated with the annual bonfire and fireworks display, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

### **D. Netball Orkney Under 17 Squad**

The Clerk had received correspondence from J Munro requesting financial assistance towards her daughter participating in the Netball Orkney under 17 squad as part of a District Day competition in Edinburgh on 13 and 14 September 2019, and it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be awarded, subject to confirmation of participation.

## **9. Meetings/Events Attended by Members**

### **A. Scottish Government – Community Land Unit**

The Community Land Unit of the Scottish Government had arranged a community asset information event held in the King Street Halls, Kirkwall, on 24 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council had not been represented.

### **B. Orkney Housing Association Ltd – Orkney ZE Car Club Launch**

Orkney Housing Association Ltd had launched its Orkney ZE Car Club at Holm Community Centre on 30 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council had not been represented.

### **C. Climate Challenge Fund – The Big Climate Conversation**

The Climate Challenge Fund had arranged an engagement event entitled The Big Climate Conversation on 14 August 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council had not been represented.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications had been received by the Clerk and had been distributed by email to all members:

- Climate Challenge Fund Newsletters.
- VAO – June and July 2019 Newsletter.

- VAO – Monthly Volunteering Summary, July 2019.
- OIC – Orkney Marine Planning Update.
- Scottish Health Council – Newsletter – July 2019.
- Carnegie UK Trust – News – July 2019.
- VAO – Training and Funding Updates, July and August 2019.
- Community Planning News – Summer 2019.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business – War Memorial**

After hearing an update on works at the war memorial, it was:

Resolved:

- A. To note that all work undertaken to date by the Blide Trust would be at no cost to the Community Council, as would bulb planting to be undertaken shortly.
- B. That, if applicable, should the Blide Trust charge for any further materials, the cost be met from the Community Council Grant Scheme.
- C. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting whether Orkney Islands Council owned the stoned/flagged area immediately in front of the memorial and, if so, whether it would be willing to remove the stones/flags, as they were cracked and weeds were growing through, and the area replaced with tarmac or concrete, which would make it easier to maintain.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council be held on 6 November 2019 in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:15.