

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 19 March 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mr C Fraser, Mr D Stout and Mrs S Whiteman.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer.
- Mr C Richings, Stronsay Ranger.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr A MacLean, Mr P Riley and Mr J Seaton, and Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

2. Island Ranger Presentation

The Chair welcomed the Stronsay Ranger who gave a detailed presentation of the work undertaken to inaugurate a Stronsay Ranger service. Members were also presented with details of the service to be provided. Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information presented to members by the Stronsay Ranger.
2. That Stronsay Community Council would not be averse to considering any request for financial support from the Stronsay Ranger should this be requested.

The Stronsay Ranger left the meeting at this point.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A. General Meeting – 22 January 2018

The minute of the meeting held on 22 January 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Stout and seconded by Mrs S Whiteman.

B. Special Meeting – 5 February 2018

The minute of the special meeting held on 5 February 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr S Whiteman and seconded by Mr C Fraser.

4. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that a trailer to accommodate a sit on generator had been ordered and delivery was expected within the next few weeks, and that arrangements would then be made for a supply link up to be installed at the Stronsay Community Centre. Members also heard that amendments had been suggested to the draft Community Resilience Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

B. Ferry Diversion Request

Members heard that requests had been made for a ferry diversion to allow Stronsay residents to attend the 2018 Sanday Show and for ferry diversions to allow residents from Eday, Sanday and Westray to attend a Stronsay Fun Day, and it was thought that both requests had been approved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Members heard that a draft of the Stronsay pages in the Islands of Orkney Brochure 2018 had been circulated to members and that amendments had been forwarded for inclusion in a final draft, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. War Memorial

Members heard that there had been no response to notices seeking a volunteer to maintain the garden area within the War Memorial. It was also reported that Community Council Grant Scheme approval had been given to purchase plants to the value of £50 for use in the War Memorial garden, and it was:

Resolved that the upkeep and maintenance of the War Memorial garden would now be put out to tender.

E. Brown Tourist Sign

Members heard that the directional sign for St. John's viewpoint was ready and waiting to be erected, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor Woodbridge would enquire into the whereabouts of the sign.

F. Repairs and Maintenance of Council Assets

Members heard that there had been no response to members' proposal to Orkney Islands Council to authorise Stronsay Community Council to expedite repairs of Council owned assets, up to a limit of £400, and it was:

Resolved that a further request would be made for the proposal that, in order to facilitate emergency repairs, Orkney Islands Council authorises Stronsay Community Council to expedite repairs of Council owned assets, up to a limit of £400.

G. Hearse House Doors

Members heard that repairs had been undertaken to the hearse house doors, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

H. Transport of Aggregates

Members heard that twelve requests for financial assistance towards the haulage of aggregates had been received and that all the necessary payment paperwork had been submitted before a given deadline, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

I. Parking at Area Near Stronsay Pier

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was held in private.

Members noted recent issues at these premises, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Island Link Officer would speak with the property owner.

J. Stronsay Fish Mart

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was held in private.

Members heard that the Chair had met with the Fish Mart operators and discussed measures that could be put in place, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Energy and Utilities Officer would be contacted for information.
3. That various actions would be put into motion by the Island Link Officer.

5. Bag the Bruck

Members heard that in response to a previously held consultation with members, this years' Bag the Bruck event was advertised and one written request for Community Council sponsorship had been received, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That an application for £300 would be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for this year's Bag the Bruck collection.
3. That fifty pence would be awarded for each bag collected, subject to a maximum of £300.
4. that the Island Link Officer would write to the applicant to confirm sponsorship of fifty pence per bag, up to a maximum of £300, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

6. Grass Cutting Tenders

Members heard that tenders for grass cutting in 2018 would be required before the next General Meeting, and it was resolved:

1. That invitations to tender for grass cutting in 2018 would be advertised locally.
2. That the closing date for tenders would be 16 April 2018.
3. That a Special Community Council meeting would be held at 19:30 on 16 April 2018 to consider the 2018 grass cutting tenders and award contracts.

7. Sunday Flights

Consideration was given to a detailed report, previously distributed to members, on the payments deducted from the Stronsay Community Council General Fund

Account under the Sunday flight airfield staff incentive initiative which came to an end after one year, and it was:

Resolved that the Island Link Officer would write and thank the Sunday airfield staff for their participation in the Sunday flight incentive payment initiative.

8. Volunteer Escorts

Consideration was given to a request from the Vice Chair asking the Community Council to advertise the need for Volunteer Escort Drivers to accompany patients to hospital appointments, and it was:

Resolved that Stronsay Community Council supported the advertising for volunteer Escort Drivers to accompany patients to hospital appointments.

9. St Catherine's Bay Picnic Bench

Consideration was given to a request to inspect and relocate the picnic bench at St Catherine's Bay to a better location, and it was resolved:

A. That the Chair would inspect the picnic bench and carry out any necessary repairs.

B. That the Chair would consult the land owner about relocating the picnic bench to an alternative location in St Catherine's Bay.

10. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that a new power washer and hose attachment had been purchased and was ready for use. A new weather resistant padlock had also been purchased. Consideration was also given to disposal of several concrete blocks which were surplus to requirements, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the concrete blocks would be sold for £1 each and the money raised deposited into the Community Council's Slaughterhouse Account.

11. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that a new commercial dishwasher for use in the café kitchen had been ordered and would be delivered within the next few days. Members also heard that a repair had been carried out to the gable end entrance door and that enquiries had been made into reducing the broadband cost, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That details of a new broadband contract would be forwarded to members.

12. Transport Representative's Report

The Transport representative informed members that he had attended the Air and Ferry Service Consultative Forum meetings on 14 February 2018 and, after consideration of issues raised at the meetings, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

13. Planning Representative's Report

Consideration was given to two planning applications relating to Stronsay that had been submitted to Orkney Islands Council, details of which had been previously circulated to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

14. Correspondence

A. Marine Spatial Plan

Members considered correspondence from Orkney Islands Council Planning, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Marine Spatial Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Stress Control

Members considered correspondence from Voluntary Action Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding stress control classes, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Promoting Stronsay

Members considered correspondence from Promoting Stronsay, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding current activity, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Isles Officer

Members considered correspondence from the Isles Officer, Orkney Command, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding his role and that he was willing to attend isles meetings, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. NHS Orkney Fundraising Group

Members considered correspondence from the NHS Orkney Fundraising Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding fundraising for items for the new hospital, and it was:

Resolved that, pending further consultation with absent members, a donation would be made to the NHS Orkney Fund Raising Group.

F. New Hospital Mock up Room

Members considered correspondence from NHS Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding open sessions to view a mock-up room of the new hospital, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Orkney Business Festival

Members considered correspondence from Business Gateway, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the upcoming Business Festival, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Isles Operations

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding a review of systems of work and training programmes, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

I. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries - Outreach

Members considered correspondence from the Fishery Development Manager, Orkney Sustainable Fisheries, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding community engagement, and it was:

Resolved to request further information from the Fishery Development Manager.

J. Letter of Thanks

Members heard that a letter of thanks had been received from Mr M P Burger de Fremol, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

15. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Orkney Ferries Statistical Reports for December 2017 and January 2018.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Newsletters.
- Orkney Partnership Community Planning News.
- Loganair Inter-Island Statistics for January 2018.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Training and Funding Update.
- Holyrood Highlights – Update of Activities from Liam McArthur MSP.

16. Consultation Documents

A. Winter Service Plan

Members considered the consultation on the Winter Service Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the consultation.

B. Licensing – Overprovision Assessment

Members considered the Licensing consultation on overprovision, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the consultation.

C. Verge Maintenance Plan

Members considered the consultation on the Verge Maintenance Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the consultation.

D. Locality Plan 2018-2021 – Non-linked Isles

Members considered the consultation on the Locality Plan for the Non-linked Isles, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comment to make on the consultation.

17. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the general account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £22,163.83, as at 8 March 2018.

B. Fish Mart Account

Following consideration of the Fish Mart account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £566.49, as at 8 March 2018.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

Following consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £898.26, as at 8 March 2018.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of financial statements for the Community Council Grant Scheme, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that a balance of £726.94 remained for approval in the OIC main capping limit.

18. Any Other Competent Business

A. Car Scrappage Scheme

In response to a question about the car scrappage scheme, members heard that the scheme was still open, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

B. Play Park Group

Consideration was given to a request for the Community Council to accept money from the Stronsay Play Park Group for the peppercorn rent owed to Orkney Islands Council for the next thirteen years and for this to be paid annually by the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved that the Island Link Officer would enquire as to whether this arrangement could be accommodated.

C. Core Path at Holland Farm

Consideration was given to a request to amend the Core Path marked at Holland Farm, and it was:

Resolved that a request would be made for the Core Path marked at Holland Farm to be amended to show access to the bird hide and Lea Shun via the footpath to the shore, passing the seal hide and then on to the bird hide and Lea Shun, and not along the side of the field.

D. Accumulation of Scrap Cars

Consideration was given to the accumulation of scrap vehicles at a residential property, and it was:

Resolved that the accumulation of scrap vehicles at a residential property would be brought to the attention of Orkney Islands Council.

E. Rothiesholm Beach Access Road

Members heard that several potholes had appeared in the Rothiesholm Beach access road and that these needed to be filled, and it was:

Resolved that a request would be made for the potholes in the Rothiesholm Beach access road to be filled using aggregate owned by the Community Council.

19. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next general meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 21 May 2018 at 19:30, and that a special meeting to open and award grass cutting tenders would be held on Monday, 16 April 2018 at 19:30, both at the Community Centre.

20. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 22:05.