

Minute of the Meeting of Birsay Community Council held in the Birsay Community Hall on Thursday, 1 November 2018 at 19:30

Present:

K Spence, Miss K Coghill, R Delday, M Hay, A Spence and S Spence.

In Attendance:

- Councillors O Tierney and D Tullock.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of D Scarth and Councillors H Johnston and R King.

2. Police Scotland Matters

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

3. Minute of meeting held on 23 August 2018

The Minute of the meeting held on 23 August 2018 was considered by members, and subsequently approved, being proposed by R Delday and seconded by S Spence.

4. Matters Arising

A. Chairman's Gratuity

The Interim Clerk informed members that the £1,100 previously approved and paid to the Chairman in recognition of extra time and work involved with the position had been returned by the Chairman and had been repaid into the Community Council General Fund, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Replacement Sign at Fisherman's Huts

Members were advised that the replacement sign had been obtained, and it was:

Resolved that R Rendall would erect the replacement sign, with M Hay advising him on the exact location.

C. Foreshore from Ministry Huts to Zanzibar

The Chairman informed members that he had been advised that in order to obtain external funding to develop the foreshore a lease would be required, rather than permission from landowners and, after discussion, it was resolved:

1. That the Chairman would obtain quotes for the proposed developments.
2. That the proposals would be discussed further at the next meeting.

D. Slip at Buckquoy

Following consideration of an update provided by Councillor King informing members that the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure had been in contact

with Historic Environment Scotland regarding the condition of the Slip at Buckquoy, it was:

Resolved that the Chairman would contact Historic Environment Scotland directly in this regard.

E. Repair to Kirkyard Shed

Following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note that A Norquoy had repaired the shed.
2. That M Hay would place a barrel next to the shed.
3. That the Chairman would fit a tap and pipework to the barrel.

F. Proposed Costa Head Wind Farm – Community Investment

The Chairman informed members that he had spoken to Local Energy Scotland who had advised that the Community Council should not proceed until after the planning appeal. He had also spoken to South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council and would contact them further should the appeal be successful, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Roon About Birsay Newsletter

The Chairman informed members that he was still the editor of the newsletter but hoped that another member would soon take over and, after discussion, it was:

Resolved to ask the Mums and Toddlers group to distribute the newsletter.

H. Forst, The Palace

The Chairman informed members that he had spoken to the owner of Forst regarding access to the car park for the purpose of taking her wheelie bin to the roadside, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would write confirming that Birsay Community Council had no objections to the proposals, but the bin must not be left in the car park or at the car park gate.

I. Birsay Playpark

M Hay informed members that he had spoken to the Birsay Hall Committee and they had agreed to give £20 each. It was recognised that G Flett and S Wylie had put a huge amount of work into the Playpark, and it was:

Resolved that the Chairman would speak to S Scarth about putting a thank you message in the Birsay Newsletter.

5. Correspondence

A. Royal Mail – Raising Awareness of Scam Mail

Following consideration of correspondence from Royal Mail regarding scam mail, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would email a pdf of the Royal Mail letter to the Chairman for inclusion in the newsletter.

B. Lower Speeds Communities

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services inviting members to a workshop to be held on 28 November 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Armistice Day – Reading of Names

Following consideration of correspondence from the Arts Officer, Orkney Islands Council, inviting parishes to read the names of those remembered at the commemorative events, it was:

Resolved to note that the information had been provided to the Minister.

D. Merchant Navy Day

Correspondence had been received, together with a Certificate of Commemoration, thanking Birsay Community Council for participating in the Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. Orkney Pilgrimage

Correspondence had been received from the Orkney Pilgrimage Trustees, and after discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would send an updated letter of support for the St Magnus Way.

F. Further Update on Headstone Inspections

Following consideration of correspondence from the Service Improvement Officer, Orkney Islands Council, regarding the headstone inspection process, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would obtain a quote for the repair of headstones in the new Kirkyard and for fallen stones to be turned over.

G. Letters of Thanks

Letters of Thanks had been received from Dounby School for the Primary 6 trip to Hoy and from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council for the contribution to the fireworks, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Consultation Documents

A. Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration of the Consultation Document Verge Maintenance Plan 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that two cuts per annum was a welcome improvement, but that it would be preferred if both cuts could be performed a month earlier – the later cut had been performed as the grass was dying down.

B. SSE Transmission Asset Development

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks regarding Transmission Asset Development, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for comments had been 31 October 2018.

C. Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of the Consultation Document Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board: Public Consultation Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments they wished to forward.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the General Fund statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £580.87 as at 12 October 2018.

B. Birsay Energy Fund

Following consideration of the Birsay Energy Fund statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £14,349.26 as at 12 October 2018.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that funding under the main capping limit had been fully allocated and that £662 remained available for approval under the additional capping limit as at 12 October 2018.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £8,183.37 as at 12 October 2018.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £21.64, as at 12 October 2018.

8. Financial Requests

A. THAW Orkney

Correspondence had been received from THAW Orkney informing members that THAW had secured funding for a second year and inviting Birsay Community Council to join the funding partnership. After discussion, it was:

Resolved not to donate to THAW Orkney at this time.

B. ADNA Festival Aberdeen

Correspondence had been received from M Shoesmith requesting funding towards the cost of her daughter travelling to Aberdeen for the U13 ADNA festival with Orkney Netball, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 be given towards the cost of the trip, to be met from the General Fund.

C. Police Scotland Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers requesting funding for an Emergency Services Fun Day, to be held early in December, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be given towards the Orkney Drug Dog, to be met from the General Fund.

9. Publications

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- Community Planning News – Autumn 2018.
- Sunshine Gym Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Broxap.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Crown Estate

Members were informed that Orkney Islands Council had been included in a pilot scheme to take ownership of the seabed to the twelve-mile limit, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Birsay Hall

Birsay Hall Committee had asked for help with the cost of grass cutting at the play area, and it was resolved:

1. That S Spence would find out the additional cost for grass cutting of the play area.
2. To resume consideration of this item at the next meeting.

C. Fisherman's Hut

Members were advised that Birsay Heritage Trust had agreed to share the cost of repairs at the Fisherman's Hut, and it was:

Resolved that the Chairman would arrange for the repairs to be carried out.

D. Dounby Bus

Members were informed that the Dounby Centre were seeking funding for the Dounby Bus and that they would be approaching Harray and Sandwick Community Council for a donation, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Consideration was given to the arrangements for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Friday, 7 December 2018, and it was resolved:

1. To note that the tree would be erected on Wednesday, 5 December at 18:30.
2. That the youngest child at Dounby Community School and a resident of Smiddybrae would be invited to turn on the Christmas Tree lights.

3. That Birsay Community Council would provide four of the eight wardens required for the event.

4. To note that monies collected at the event would be donated to Malawi towards digging of wells for fresh water.

5. To note that Birsay Community Council would be paying a share of the costs of the event, namely hiring a lorry and purchasing selection boxes and Santa presents.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following a discussion regarding possible dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Birsay Community Council would be held on Thursdays 24 January and 28 March 2019 at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:40.