

# Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Monday, 4 March 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mr M Holbrook and Mr I Scott.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Ms S Moore, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs H Scott, Mrs J Montgomery (Democratic Services) and Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

## **2. Election of Office Bearers – A Yarn Company**

Resolved that Mr P Donnelly agreed to be appointed Representative of the Yarn Company.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 25 January 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Holbrook and seconded by Ms A Duncan.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Participation Request**

After hearing that no results from the pier survey had been received, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write a letter to Marine Services, through Democratic Services, asking if there had been an underwater survey done and, if so, what the results of that survey were and if any repairs were required at the pier.

### **B. Plastic and Silage Wrap**

Following discussion of plastic wrap, it was resolved:

1. To note there was nothing to report meantime.
2. That Councillor Woodbridge was still working on resolving issues.
3. To note that there were no recycling bins available from Orkney Islands Council, however, a member of the island is currently on a recycling course with a view to resolving these issues.
4. To note that the white goods recycling charge will remain the same for non-linked isles.

### **C. Display Boards for Island Map**

Following discussion of the island map and noticeboard, it was resolved:

1. That a large map and a small map would be required for each location.
2. That a budget of £700 would be allocated, subject to CCGS approval.
3. That the Community Council would like to thank Mr M Holbrook and Mr I Scott for the work they had put into the project.

## **D. Dark Skies Project**

Following and update from the Clerk, it was:

Resolved to note that Democratic Services has reversed the decision to cancel the Seed Corn funding and had paid the outstanding invoice to Jim Paterson.

## **E. Grass Cutting Contracts**

Following discussion of the two tenders received for the Kirkyard and Memorial Grass Cutting, it was resolved:

1. To award the contract to C Alexander.
2. That the Clerk would send out the relevant paperwork to the applicants.

## **F. Mooring Buoy**

After hearing from Marine Services that no mooring buoys were available and that they felt this was not a good location for one, it was:

Resolved that Councillor Woodbridge would take this matter forward.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. VAO – Community Lead Support Project**

Following consideration of correspondence from VAO providing information regarding a community lead support project, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Deputy Lieutenant**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Deputy Lieutenants for Orkney, which outlined their duties and ways in which the Community Council could assist them, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Possible Volunteering Opportunities**

Following discussion of correspondence from the Blide Trust, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and suggest they carry out Bag the Bruck while on the island.

### **D. Tesco Bags for Help Centenary Grants**

Following discussion of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding a grant for not-for-profit organisations, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided in the correspondence.

## **E. Bag the Bruck**

Following discussion of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding Bag the Bruck, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and forward it onto the Community Association.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 21 February 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £10,596.34.

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

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 21 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the fund had been fully allocated.

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

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 21 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 21 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £842.

## **7. Financial Requests**

### **A. Replacement Skips**

Following discussion of correspondence received from the Chair regarding costs for replacement skips, it was:

1. Resolved that the skips would be refurbished at a cost of £625 plus VAT per skip.
2. That the Clerk would apply for CCGS funding on the total cost.

### **B. Scottish Rural Housing Conference**

Members had agreed via email to assist Mrs H Scott, Community Development Manager, with the cost of attending the Scottish Rural Housing Conference. CCGS funding had since been approved, and it was:

Resolved to note that Mrs H Scott had been awarded £496.93 from CCGS towards attending the Scottish Rural Housing Conference.

### **C. Memorial Grass Cutting**

Following discussion of correspondence received from I Scott, regarding grass cutting at the memorial, it was:

Resolved to grant a budget of £240, subject to CCGS approval.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report regarding the Monday and Sunday flights, but that Loganair were looking into the complaints raised. Loganair had also asked if North Ronaldsay residents would allow an extra couple of hours for booking on the Sunday flight. It was also noted that it was not Orkney Ferries' responsibility to provide an emergency ferry should there be less than three weeks between ferries. It was agreed that if the island had two weeks without a ferry, members of the community should let the Clerk know their emergency and the Community Council would then contact Orkney Local Emergency Coordination Group (OLEG), and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put up a notice regarding emergency situations arising from having no ferry.

### **B. Planning Representative**

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

### **C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative**

Members heard that work on the Schoolhouse was progressing. The Community Council wanted to express thanks to Peter, Mark and Michael for their efforts in helping Firefly with the Schoolhouse work, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **9. Consultation - SSEN - Finstown Substation**

Following consideration of the consultation information received from SSEN in relation to their proposed Substation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence

## **10. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO – Newsletters, Training Needs Analysis and Training and Funding updates.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – January 2019.
- Letters from School Place.

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

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 6 May 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:43.