

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 1 April 2019 at 19.30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer/Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr P Riley and Mr J Seaton.

2. Adoption of Minutes

A. General Meeting – 21 January 2019

The minute of the meeting held on 21 January 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr D Stout.

B. Special Meeting – 28 February 2019

The minute of the Special Meeting held on 28 February 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr S Weaver and seconded by Mrs S Whiteman.

C. Special Meeting – 3 March 2019

The minute of the Special Meeting held on 3 March 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr S Weaver.

Mr C Fraser joined the meeting at this point.

3. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that the Stronsay Community Resilience Plan had been sent to stake holders, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That if no comment had been received from stake holders by the date of the next meeting, the Stronsay Community Resilience plan would be adopted.

B. Your Island, Your Choice

Members heard that a public meeting had been held and four projects would receive funding from the Your Island, Your Choice funding, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

C. Stronsay Healthy Living Centre

Consideration was given to a written response to members' disappointment regarding the reduced operating/opening hours of the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That Councillor Sinclair would raise the issue of the reduced operating/opening hours of the Stronsay Healthy Living Centre with the Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

3. That the Clerk would liaise with the Westray and Sanday Clerks for information on the operating/opening hours of the Healthy Living Centres on their respective islands.

D. Grass Cutting Tenders

After opening and considering sealed tenders received for grass cutting, it was resolved:

1. To award the grass cutting contracts for the rear of 7 and 8 Council Houses, Royal Bank to Strynie, the Ayre of Myers, Wardhill, the War Memorial and the Bay Kirkyard to Mr L Flett.

2. To award the contract for the village Kirkyard and St. John's Viewpoint to Mr J Dunne.

3. That the Island Link Officer would write to both tenderers advising them accordingly.

4. That the Island Link Officer would complete the necessary paperwork to apply for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for the relevant grass cutting contracts.

E. Community Council Consultation – Energy Supply Company

Consideration was given to a letter from Democratic Services on behalf of the Strategic Projects Director, Development and Infrastructure, advising that the energy supply company, Our Power, had ceased trading and that Orkney Islands Council would continue to explore other means to tackle fuel poverty in Orkney, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Village Play Park

Members heard that the Stronsay Development Trust were aware of the removal of damaged equipment in the Village Play Park and that the Trust had received suggestions on possible alternative replacements, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That the Island Link Officer would write to the Stronsay Development Trust and ask if the Trust would consider replacing the damaged equipment and restore the area to how it had been.

G. Standby Generator

Members heard that a new battery had been purchased for the standby generator and that the link was yet to be installed, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That the Island Link Officer would contact E Fraser Electrical (Orkney) Ltd and pursue the link up installation.

4. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme - Update

Consideration was given to information on the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme Settlement Project – Whitehall, Stronsay, previously emailed to members by the Chair. Members also heard representatives from the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme would be visiting Stronsay on 25 April 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Cemetery Headstones

Consideration was given to information provided by the Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, in response to members' queries on whether it would be possible to receive a list identifying the headstones that had been deemed unsafe in Stronsay's three cemeteries, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Scrap Car Scheme

Members heard that funds allotted to the Scrap Car Scheme had been fully allocated but that seventeen vehicles had yet to be removed, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the owners who had yet to have a vehicle registered under the Scrap Car Scheme removed would be asked to confirm continued registration and arrange to have the vehicle removed.

7. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Details of the slaughterhouse usage between May 2018 and March 2019 was given to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

8. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

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

Since the last General meeting, two Special meetings had been held, on 28 February and 3 March, to discuss the continued running of the Fish Mart.

Members heard that there had been interest in the Fish Mart Operator vacancy, but that, as yet, no formal application had been received. The current Fish Mart Operators had offered to keep the Hostel open until alternative arrangements were made.

Members also heard that the Fish Mart television licence had been renewed and repairs had been undertaken to a malfunctioning mixer tap. Consideration was also given to a request to hang a large framed photograph of all the named properties on Stronsay, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That an invitation would be extended to the person interested in the Fish Mart Operator vacancy to meet with members.

C. That Mr S Weaver would meet with the current Fish Mart Operators and ask if they would continue to keep the Café and Hostel open and clean and maintain the public toilets and shower room until a new Operator is appointed.

D. That the Café would close if the current Operators were unwilling to keep it open.

E. That permission is given for a large framed photograph of all the named properties on Stronsay to be hung in the Fish Mart Café.

9. Transport Representative's Report

Members heard that posters had been prepared and displayed regarding alterations to the ferry service to accommodate the Stronsay Massive Weekend event on Saturday, 17 August 2019, and that information on the Outer North Isles Resident Survey had also been displayed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

10. Planning Representative's Report

Members heard that their attention had had been previously brought to two new planning applications and the decision on a third, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

11. Correspondence

A. Firestarter Festival

Following consideration of correspondence from the NHS Orkney Patient Public Reference Group regarding the national Firestarter Festival, it was:

Resolved to note the information.

B. Letter from the Deputy Lieutenant of Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from the Deputy Lieutenant of Orkney giving an explanation about the Lieutenancy, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. 15 Step Challenge

Following consideration of correspondence from the NHS Orkney Patient Public Reference Group on the 15 Step Challenge, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Public Tours of the New Hospital

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney regarding public tours of the new hospital, it was

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Self-Build Loan Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust regarding the Self-Build loan Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that this had been displayed locally.

F. Bag the Bruck

Following previously considered correspondence from Democratic Services on Bag the Bruck 2019, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence:
2. That the event had been advertised and one request for Community Council sponsorship had been received.
3. That an application for £300 would be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for this year's Bag the Bruck collection.
4. That 50p would be awarded for each bag collected, subject to a maximum of £300.
5. That the Island Link Officer would write to the applicant to confirm Community Council sponsorship up to a maximum of £300, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

G. Police Scotland Engagement – Shaping Our Direction and Delivery 2019-2022

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Area Commander, Police Scotland, wanting to hear from the public and their partners about how Police Scotland shape the service they provide, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Calor Rural Community Fund

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the Calor Rural Community Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. NHS Orkney Patient Public Reference Group Agenda and Associated Documents

Following consideration of correspondence from the NHS Orkney Patient Public reference Group it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

J. NHS Orkney Annual Review Public Session Invitation

Following consideration of correspondence from the Quality Improvement Hub Support Officer, NHS Orkney regarding the Annual Review Public Session, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

K. Islander Magazine Launch Invitation

Following consideration of an invitation for members to attend the 2019 launch of the Islander magazine, previously circulated to members, it was

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

12. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 28 February 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £11,028.61.

B. Fish Mart Account

After consideration of the Fish Mart account statement as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £844.09.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

After consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,129.14.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £733.12.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £5,930.86.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance had been fully utilised.

13. Financial Request – Stronsay Community Association

Following consideration of previously circulated correspondence received from the Chair, Stronsay Community Association, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of a replacement window in the Stronsay Community Centre, it was:

Resolved that a grant award of £451.15 be given towards the cost of a replacement window in the Stronsay Community Centre, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

14. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Garbology Issue 5 – January 2019.
- Air Service Passenger Figures November and December 2018 and January 2019.
- Scottish Health Council News from Your Local Office.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Newsletters and Training Updates for February and March 2019.
- Scottish Rural Action Newsletter.
- Loganair Statistics – April 2018 to March 2019.

15. Any Other Competent Business

A. 5G Trial

Members heard that a public meeting had taken place locally to discuss an ongoing 5G trial introduced by the BBC and others. Consideration was given on how to respond to public opinion on the trial, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That if the trial were to continue, a request would be made that a drop-in session be held for members of the public to meet representatives from Orkney Islands Council and possibly the BBC.

3. That Councillor Sinclair would ask the Strategic Advisor, Renewables and Connectivity, Orkney Islands Council, to contact the Chair to discuss the trial and possible drop in sessions.

B. Visit Stronsay Funds

Consideration was given to a request by the Chair to minute information circulated to members on 6 September 2018, regarding the cost of leaflet holders and web site costs associated with Visit Stronsay, and it was resolved:

1. To note the request to minute information circulated to members on 6 September 2018.

2. That the cost of leaflet holders and web site costs associated with Visit Stronsay had been met from Promoting Stronsay funds held by the Community Council.

C. Start Time of Meetings

Consideration was given to the start times of Community Council General Meetings, and it was:

Resolved that Community Council General Meetings would start at 19:30 unless a presentation was taking place, in which case the meeting would start at 19:00.

D. Sunday Flight Time Bookings

Consideration was given to the restricted booking times for the Sunday Inter Isles flights, and it was:

Resolved to note that the times Sunday Inter Isles flights could be booked would change from 16:00 to 12:00 on the preceding Friday.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was

Resolved that the next meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 20 May 2019 in the Stronsay Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

17. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:35.