

Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in the Flotta Community Centre on Tuesday, 3 October 2023 at 15:45

Present:

Mr Nigel Cheeseman, Ms Rose Biddle, Mrs Phyllis Gee (via Teams), Mr Carl Mullins, Mrs Isobel Smith and Mrs Janet Ward.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Bevan (via Teams).
- Mr K MacPherson, Head of Property Asset Management and Facilities.
- Mr A Rodwell, Head of Improvement and Performance.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.

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1. Apologies

Members heard that Ms Jackie Smith had resigned from the community council and would therefore not be attending the meeting.

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors L Hall and J Stockan.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Flotta Community Council held on 8 August 2023 was adopted, being proposed by Mrs J Ward and seconded by Mr C Mullins.

3. Matters Arising

A. Community Transport

The Chairman advised members that a meeting had not been held yet in relation to the possible provision of community transport and that the group originally investigating this possibility appeared to have disbanded. Mrs J Ward advised members that she wished an apology recorded regarding misinformation that she had provided at the last meeting in relation to costings, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that a meeting of the sub-committee would be arranged in the future.

B. COMAH Plan

The Chairman advised members that a meeting had been arranged between Repsol Officers and the community council however it had been postponed without a new date being set. The Chair advised that he would get in touch with Repsol again to arrange a new date, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. Community Asset Transfer – Area of Land

The Chair advised members that a meeting of the sub-committee had not been held yet. It was suggested that consideration should be given to possibly of holding a public meeting inviting ideas from the community as to how the residents saw the land being utilised, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

D. 13 and 14 Burnside

The Chair advised members that following an email discussion it had been agreed to ask a painter and decorator, who was already working on the Island, to provide a cost for painting the windows at 13 and 14 Burnside. It was also noted that the windows had also been repaired. The Interim Clerk advised that the Short Term Let application had been submitted to Orkney Islands Council and that it would appear that there were several electrical issues that required to be addressed at the two houses, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that members had agreed to painting the windows at 13 and 14 Burnside at a cost of £1,027.
2. That Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the cost of the painting.
3. That Mr K Gee should be thanked for the repair work undertaken on the windows.
4. To note that the Short Term Let application had been submitted to Orkney Islands Council.
5. To note that members had agreed that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost of £380 for the application.
6. That the Interim Clerk should collate a list of all the electrical needs for the two properties and secure costs for the works.

E. New Notice Board

Mrs R Biddle advised members that the noticeboard should be completed by the end of October. Members also discussed the possibility of locking the noticeboard to prevent inappropriate materials being posted on it, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that the noticeboard would not be locked.

F. Tarmac at Gibraltar Pier

Members asked again if white lines were to be painted on the new tarmac and also noted that the kerbing along the railings came to a sudden end, which was a possible safety issue at the railings, and it was:

Resolved to advise Orkney Islands Council of members concerns.

G. Pier End Container

Members were advised that the container was beyond economical repair. It was felt that there was a need for a container to be sited at the same location to be used for storing deliveries until they could be collected, and it was:

Resolved to ask the Terminal if they might have something available that would be suitable for storing deliveries in at the pier.

H. Flotta Men's Shed

Mr C Mullins advised members that the Planning application had been re-submitted and that funding would only be known following receipt of planning approval, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

I. Photographic Competition

After hearing a report from Mrs R Biddle advising members that the deadline for receipt of photographs was 30 September however, she asked if members felt the deadline could be extended, and it was:

Resolved that the deadline should be extended to 31 October following which Mrs R Biddle would forward the picture to be judged.

J. Play Park Renewal Fund

Members discussed the repairs required to equipment. The Interim Clerk advised members that the Playpark Renewal Fund would be opening up again and that a new Crown Estate fund would be opening soon which would cover playpark equipment. Members discussed whether there would be any equipment that should be renewed, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Interim Clerk should forward the catalogue link for playpark equipment to members.
2. That members would look to see if any of the older equipment required to be replaced.

K. Scrap Car Scheme

The Chair advised members that the individual who had shown an interest in moving the vehicle on behalf of the community council would no longer be available to do so. Members discussed how the vehicles could be transported to the collection point along with the possible numbers to be collected, and it was:

Resolved that a poster should be put up locally inviting residents to get in touch with Democratic Services should they wish to have scrap cars removed, which would enable the community council to gauge the interest locally and what would be required to put the scheme in place.

4. Correspondence

Resolved to note that no correspondence had been received.

5. Consultations

Resolved to note there were no consultations to be discussed.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the community council's general finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £52,083.45 as at 14 September 2023.

B. Wind Power Fund

Following consideration of the community council's Wind Power Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £4,275.77 as at 14 September 2023.

C. Burnside Account

Following consideration of the community council's Burnside Account statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £6,992.95 as at 14 September 2023.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2023/2024 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 14 September 2023, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the balances remaining for approval of £628.52 in the main capping limit, £743 in the additional capping limit and £719 in the island capping limit respectively.
2. To note that Mrs R Biddle advised members that agreement had previously been given to Burnside Residents Association to purchase a plastic bench however it had been agreed since that the Association wished to have the bench made locally.

E. Community Development Fund

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £5,980.51 as at 14 September 2023.

F. Seed Corn Fund

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

Resolved to note the funds remaining for approval of £3,161 as at 14 September 2023.

7. Financial Requests

Resolved to note there were no financial requests to be considered.

8. Publications

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – July and August 2023.
- Invitation to Scottish Water ACM 2023.
- Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament Event – 1-3 November 2023.

- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command – Newsletter - August 2023.
- ORSAS – Newsletter – September 2023.

9. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport

The Chair advised members that he had attended the Ferry Consultative Forum meeting held on 13 September 2023 and that discussion had been held around the Summer 2024 timetables. He advised that there had not been a review of the weekend timetables for many years and that it had been suggested that review of them may be useful, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Planning

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report at this meeting.

C. Health and Care

As Flotta Community Council had not appointed a Health and Care representative yet, it was:

Resolved that Mrs R Biddle would be the Health and Care representative for Flotta Community Council.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Short Term Let Application

The Interim Clerk advised members that the application had been submitted however there could be works required to meet the requirements of the application, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Documents

The Head of Improvement and Performance advised members that copies of the property documents and financial statements had been emailed to members, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. Post of Clerk

The Head of Improvement and Performance advised members that the advertising of post of clerk to the community council was scheduled to be done, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

D. Member Resignation

The Chair advised members that Mrs J Smith had tendered her resignation from the Community Council with immediate effect, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and to thank Mrs J Smith for her efforts during her time on the Community Council.

E. Minutes

A member advised the Interim Clerk that there appeared to be no Flotta Community Council Minutes on Orkney Islands Council's website since January 2023, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would arrange for the Minutes to be uploaded.

F. Consultation Documents

The Head of Improvement and Performance wished to advise members that there would be a consultation document coming out on the National Islands Plan Review Consultation and advising members that they should respond, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

G. Grass Cutting Tenders

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

Members reconvened discussion from the last meeting regarding the grass cutting at the putting green and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note thanks to the volunteers and to discuss again at the next meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the date of the next meeting would be held on 28 November 2023 at 15:45 in the Flotta Community Centre.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There be no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 17:40.