

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Friday, 25 January 2019 at 19:30

Present:

I Deyell, A Duncan, M Holbrook, I Scott and H Scott.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from P Donnelly and Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

2. Election of Office Bearers – Yarn Company Representative

M Holbrook proposed that P Donnelly to be appointed Representative of the Yarn Company, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this matter at the next meeting when P Donnelly could be present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 29 November 2018 was approved, being proposed by M Holbrook and seconded by I Scott.

4. Matters Arising

A. Participation Request

After hearing that L McArthur MSP had been unsuccessful regarding the refusal of the participation request for a pier upgrade, members heard that Councillor Woodbridge was still working on these issues, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would write a letter of thanks to L McArthur MSP for his efforts.
2. That members would monitor the situation given the scheduled survey of the pier by engineers on 2 February.

B. Plastic Recycling and Silage Wrap

After hearing from Councillor Woodbridge that SEPA recognised that the isles are in a difficult situation, it was reported by the Chair that farm plastic collected by OIC was believed to be shipped to Shetland and possibly going to landfill, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would ask if there were bins available for plastic bottle recycling, to be stored at the pier.
2. To note that Councillor Woodbridge was still working on these issues and would provide an update at the next meeting.

C. Display Boards for Island Map

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

1. That the Clerk would email M Holbrook the link to the website for the noticeboard.
2. That M Holbrook and I Scott would work on the final design for the noticeboard.

A Duncan and Councillor Woodbridge arrived at the meeting at this point.

5. Correspondence

A. Planning Presentation from CC Conference

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services providing the planning presentation which had been given at the CC Conference in November 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Liam McArthur MSP - Broadband

Following consideration of correspondence from MSP Liam McArthur updating members on the reliability of broadband, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Inter-Island Transport Study - OBC Engineering Visits

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the proposed pier survey in relation to the Inter-Island Transport Study, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Air and Ferry Consultative Forum Meetings

Following discussion of the Air and Ferry Consultative Forum, it was noted that the Transport representative was not present, but the Chair encouraged members to raise any issues with him that they wished to be taken up at the meetings. M Holbrook raised the issue of a member of the community's difficulty in returning home due to the limitations in LO-LO pier, and it was:

Resolved to pass issues to the Transport Representative for discussion at the Consultative Forum meetings.

E. Response to Orkney Transmission Connection Consultation

Following discussion of correspondence from SSE regarding the height of the platform level at Finstown, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided in the correspondence.

F. Dark Skies Project

Following discussion of an item carried forward from the previous meeting regarding the outstanding invoice for J Paterson, it was resolved:

1. That M Holbrook would discuss with Mr Paterson regarding the nature of the invoice.
2. That the Clerk would ask Democratic Services to reverse the decision made in 2016 and reinstate the Seed Corn fund in order to pay this invoice.

G. Grass Cutting Contracts

Following discussion regarding the grass cutting contracts now tendering yearly as opposed to every three years, it was resolved:

1. That the deadline for submissions would be 28 February 2019.
2. That the Clerk would put up notices advertising the contract.

H. OIC Community Transport Grant

Following consideration of the correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding the Community Transport Grant, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

I. Update on Orkney Inter-Isle Transport Study – OBC

Following consideration of the correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding the Orkney Inter-Isle Transport Study Outline Business Case, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

J. Change of Isles Officer

Following consideration of the correspondence received from Police Scotland regarding the change of isles officer, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 8 January 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £11,508.04.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 8 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £170.81.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 8 January 2019, it was:

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

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 8 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,342.

7. Financial Requests

A. Replacement Kirkyard Lawnmower

Following consideration of quote received for the cost of a replacement lawnmower, it was:

Resolved to approve the spending of £1,395 + VAT, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. Replacement Skips

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Clerk regarding replacement skips, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would speak directly to Field Fayre regarding the inadequate forklift apertures quoted for the replacement skips.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that the Transport representative was not present to give a report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that the Planning representative had nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative

Members heard that work on the Schoolhouse was progressing, the application for Cloudnet had been delayed, and that the 5G equipment could not be supplied to the island yet, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Consultation – Our Power – Energy Supply Company

Following consideration of the consultation received from Democratic Services regarding a not-for-profit energy supply company, it was:

Resolved to note that the company had since gone into liquidation.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO – Newsletter, Training Needs Analysis and Training and Funding Updates.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – October and November 2018.
- Letter from School Place.
- Loganair – Statistics – October to December 2018.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Mooring Buoy

After hearing that a mooring buoy was needed at the north end of the island, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would submit a request to Orkney Harbours, via Democratic Services.

B. Old Noticeboard

Members were advised that the Airfield Superintendent had asked that the noticeboard on the old airport building be removed, and that this had since been done, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

C. Outside Light on SFRS Building

After hearing about the problems of the two new outside lights on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service building not complying with Dark Skies Status, it was:

Resolved that the Trust would be asked to take this matter forward.

D. Samaritans

After consideration regarding the request to give a talk to the island from the Kirkwall Samaritans, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would provide the date of the next meeting and the next coffee morning when the date was confirmed.

E. Monday morning flight to Eday

After hearing that the flight on Monday, 21 January dropped into Eday with Eday passengers and no students to collect, it was:

Resolved that the transport representative would take the issue up at the next Transport meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 4 March 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:20.