## Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, on Tuesday, 20 November 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Hirst, Mrs S Sneesby, Mr K Rendall, Mr B Robertson and Mr R Thomson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor A Drever.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Mrs H Flett, Interim Clerk.

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# 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Martin Lee and Councillor Norman Craigie.

# 2. Police Matters

Resolved to note that there were no police matters for consideration at this time.

# 3. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the Meeting held on 29 August 2018 was approved, being proposed by S Sneesby and seconded by K Rendall.

# 4. Matters Arising

### A. East Mainland Tourist Brochure

Resolved to note that there was no further update on the East Mainland Tourist Brochure.

### **B. War Memorial**

Following an update from the Clerk regarding maintenance works at the war memorial, it was resolved:

1. To note that the war memorial had looked particularly good on Armistice Day, due to the weeding and painting works undertaken by the Blide Trust.

2. To note that the Blide Trust was still to provide a quote for the upgrading works.

### C. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Following an update from the Clerk regarding arrangements for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony to be held on 24 November 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the tree could be picked up on Friday morning from William Shearer, Victoria Street, Kirkwall, to be decorated on Saturday morning, S Sneesby would purchase ingredients for mulled wine as well as mince pies, the Salvation Army had confirmed they could attend and St Andrews Primary School had confirmed the names and contact details of the second eldest and youngest pupils.

### **D.** Applications for Financial Assistance

The Clerk had previously circulated correspondence from various organisations, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence from the following organisations thanking the Community Council for financial assistance provided:

- Police Scotland Youth Volunteers.
- Holm Community Association for the Hallowe'en Party.
- Holm Christmas Party.

• Orkney Gymnastics Club.

### 5. Correspondence

#### A. Lower Speed Communities

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding lower speed communities, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the Chair had been invited to attend a workshop on lower speed communities to be held in the Supper Room at Kirkwall Town Hall on 28 November 2018.

#### B. Women's Aid Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from Women's Aid Orkney regarding talks and drop-in sessions, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Women's Aid Orkney inviting a representative to give a short presentation on the work of Women's Aid Orkney and domestic abuse.

#### C. Room in Roof Insulation

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a new government grant for room in roof insulation, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Democratic Services inviting a representative of Insulation King to give a short presentation on the new government scheme providing insulation works for loft rooms.

#### **D. Northern Isles Ferry Services Contract**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding community engagement sessions arranged by Transport Scotland, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that community engagement sessions in respect of the next Northern Isles Ferry Services contract had been held in Kirkwall on 19 and 20 November 2018.

#### E. Tourism Week

Following consideration of correspondence from Destination Orkney regarding publicity for Orkney's first Tourism Week, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney's first Tourism Week, which aimed to inform and inspire both local tourism businesses and the wider community, was due to take place between 26 and 29 November 2018.

### F. Orkney Transmission Reinforcement Project

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN regarding its initial response to the latest round of consultation on Orkney's transmission reinforcement project, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the press release which set out the key points of SSEN's response to the latest consultation on the Orkney transmission reinforcement project.

# 6. Financial Statements

#### A. General – 1 April to 9 November 2018

Following consideration of a financial statement for the period 1 April to 9 November 2018 in respect of the Community Council's General Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 9 November 2018 of £10,014.

### B. Community Council Grant Scheme 2018-2019

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2018-2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval as at 9 November 2018 of £2,887.

### C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Development Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation as at 9 November 2018 of £6,500.

#### **D. Seedcorn Funding**

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Seedcorn Funding, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval as at 9 November 2018 of £3,093.33.

# 7. Financial Requests

#### A. Glaitness School

Following consideration of correspondence from Glaitness School requesting financial assistance towards a pupil taking part in the P7 multi-activity trip to Nethybridge from 29 April to 3 May 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be awarded.

#### **B. Holm Sailing Club**

Following an update from the Clerk regarding financial assistance provided towards Bag the Bruck events undertaken in Holm early in 2018, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £150 be made to Holm Sailing Club in respect of their participation in the Bag the Bruck event held in April 2018.

#### C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards one swimmer participating in the Gibson Cub held in Wick on 3 November 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £25 be awarded, subject to confirmation of participation.

## 8. Consultation Document - Gambling Policy

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a consultation on the review of the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board's Gambling Policy, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to make no comment.

## 9. Publications

The Clerk had received the following publications which had been circulated via email:

- The Orkney Partnership Community Planning News Autumn 2018.
- VAO October 2018 newsletter.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

#### A. Grass Cutting

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council requesting comments on prioritising grass cutting/shrub maintenance/weeding works within the Community Council area, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should advise Orkney Islands Council that the Community Council was satisfied with the works undertaken in the Holm area.

#### B. Orkney's Got Young Talent

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Orkney's Got Young Talent show held in August 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence thanking the Community Council for financial assistance granted towards the event.

#### C. Vacancy on Community Council

Following representations from S Sneesby regarding the vacancy on the Community Council, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council requesting that the process be commenced to fill the vacancy for one member on the Community Council.

# 11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 16 January 2019.

# 12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:15.