

# **Minute of the Meeting of St Andrews and Deerness Community Council held in St Andrews Primary School on Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at 19:30**

## **Present:**

Mrs L McAdie, Mr D Alexander, Mrs G Barnby, Mr W Bruce and Mr L Flett.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor S Sankey.
- Sergeant D Robb, Police Scotland.
- Mrs J Lennie, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillor A Drever.

## **2. Police Scotland Update**

The Police Scotland officer asked members if they had any issues they wished to raise with him. A member advised that there had been a gathering of individuals in 5 to 20 cars and disturbance at St Andrews Primary School car park, on occasions, mainly at the weekend. The officer advised that if there were incidents of dangerous driving then it would require two witnesses to report this to Police Scotland. However, he could ask colleagues, when on patrol, to check this area. Members also heard updates on the implementation of the drugs dog, Police Scotland campaigns, and parking issues in Kirkwall, and it was:

Resolved to note members had no further questions and to note this information.

The Chair thanked the officer for attending the meeting and the officer left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 27 February 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Alexander and seconded by Mr L Flett.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Travel Grant Review**

Following consideration of the 2017/2018 travel grant rates, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the policy and conditions for travel grants in 2018/2019 be as follows:

£10 grant for travel within Orkney.

£30 for travel within the UK and outwith Orkney.

£60 for travel outwith the UK.

Any individual can claim travel grants up to a maximum of £180 in any given financial year, which could be any combination of the three travel grant rates as detailed above. School curriculum travel would be considered on available finance at any given time.

### **B. Education Grant**

Following consideration of the education grant criteria, copies of which had been circulated, and an allocation of funding towards a 2018/19 Education Grant, and following discussion, it was resolved:

1. That members approved the education grant criteria.

2. That members approved a 2018/19 Education Grant.
3. That the education grant would also be advertised on this Community Council's website, local outlets, Orkney College and Kirkwall Grammar School.
4. That the education grant would have a set fund limit of £3,000 and that, following consideration of the annual education grant applications, any funding not disbursed would be returned to the main Ayrenergy Ltd fund.
5. That the closing date for Education Grant applications for 2018/19 would be 27 August 2018, with no consideration given to late education grant applications.

### **C. Groatsetter Road, St Andrews**

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated, advising that no further ditch and off let cleaning will be undertaken on the Groatsetter Road, Tankerness. Councillor S Sankey advised that any person can report road issues or other issues to OIC directly through Customer Services, and that photographic evidence could be effective in progressing any issue, and it was:

Resolved to note this information and, if necessary, report any future flooding on the Groatsetter Road to Democratic Services.

### **D. Flooding of Ditch and Drain at St Andrews Primary School**

A member advised that, with the last rain, there was flooding in the ditch at St Andrews Primary School and that a drain could not cope with the water either, and it was:

Resolved that, following the next rainfall and subsequent flooding, Mrs G Barnby would provide photographic evidence to OIC of this issue.

### **E. Flooding and Other Maintenance Requests at Deerness Kirkyard**

Mr W Bruce advised that he had provided photographic evidence to the Council regarding flooding and other maintenance issues, however, to date, no response or progress report had been provided. Councillor S Sankey requested that the Clerk sends by e-mail her previous requests for maintenance at Deerness Kirkyard to the three East Mainland Councillors and that Mr W Bruce should submit his photographic evidence to them also, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk submit the Community Council's previous written requests for maintenance at Deerness Kirkyard and Mr W Bruce would submit his photographic evidence to the three East Mainland Councillors.

### **F. Potholes on Roads**

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, advising that the repair to the pothole on the top of Wideford Brae had been reported, however they could not report the potholes requiring repair in Deerness without details of their exact location. It was reported

that the previous temporary repair to the Wideford Brae pothole had not been effective, and it was resolved:

1. That Mr D Alexander would report the pothole again to Customer Services.
2. That Mr W Bruce would investigate and report the pothole repairs required in Deerness to the Clerk, which were known to be in the Lighthouse Corner to Stove Road, and on the Greentoft Road, in Deerness.

## **G. Reprint of East Mainland Tourist Leaflet**

The Chair advised members that both Holm and South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Councils had approved that a reprint of the East Mainland Tourist Leaflet (EMTL) could progress, and a meeting of the six representatives to the EMTL sub-committee would be held in May 2018; with a date to be confirmed. Mrs L McAdie and Mrs G Barnby were this Community Council's representatives to the EMTL sub-committee.

It had already been agreed between the three community councils that businesses within the East Mainland area would be contacted to see if they would be interested in being included in the reprint of the brochure and, if so, they would be charged a fee for their business being included in the EMTL. The Chair advised that the revised EMTL would have the same format, and it was:

Resolved to note this information regarding the progress of a reprint of the EMTL.

## **H. Ayrenergy Ltd – Business Rateable Value**

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Scottish Assessors Association's Practice Note on Onshore Wind Farms, which details how assessors approach the valuation of wind turbines, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Clerk should write to Ayrenergy Ltd advising them that the BRV does remain within Orkney.

## **5. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Scottish Water – Shaping the Future of your Water and Waste Water Services**

Following consideration of the Scottish Water consultation document, copies of which had been previously circulated, and which required responses by 31 August 2018, it was:

Resolved that members should submit their individual response online and by 31 August 2018.

## **B. Amended Core Paths Plan Consultation**

Following consideration of the Amended Core Paths Plan Consultation, copies of which had been previously circulated, which required responses by 1 June 2018, Mrs G Barnby advised that the Dingieshowe Core Path, EM12, was eroded in places and required attention from a health and safety perspective. She agreed to report this to the Rural Planner, Development and Infrastructure, and it was resolved:

1. That Mrs G Barnby would report the issues on the Dingieshowe Core Path.
2. That members should forward any further comments on the Amended Core Paths Plan Consultation to the Clerk prior to the deadline for receipt of comments of 1 June 2018.

## **C. Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework**

Following consideration of the Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework consultation, copies of which had been previously circulated, for which the deadline for responses was 15 May 2018, it was:

Resolved that members should forward their comments on the Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework Consultation to the Clerk prior to the deadline for comments of 15 May 2018.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries Outreach**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Fishery Development Manager, copies of which had been circulated, regarding meeting and engaging with the community, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Scottish Transport Awards 2018**

Members considered correspondence received from the Executive Director, Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, regarding OIC's airfield service being shortlisted for a 2018 Scottish Transport Award, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2018**

Members considered correspondence received from Royal British Legion Scotland, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2018, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **D. Thank You Letters**

Following consideration of letters of thanks that had been received from Orkney Folk Festival, Kirkwall Squash and Racketball Club and Kirkwall Grammar School, it was:

Resolved to note the letters of thanks.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

Following consideration of the General Fund statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance remaining in the account of £6,408.45, as at 31 March 2018.

### **B. 2017/2018 Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2017/2018 CCGS statement, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the statement.

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

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

Resolved to note the fund was fully allocated to projects.

### **D. Ayrenergy Ltd Fund**

Following consideration of the Ayrenergy Ltd Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £11,234.34 in the Ayrenergy Ltd Fund, as at 31 March 2018.

## **8. Requests for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Quoybrae Housing Development, Toab**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been circulated, from a local resident on behalf of the residents of the Quoybrae Housing Development, Toab, requesting financial assistance towards road materials to maintain the road surface within the development, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to the local resident advising them that this Community Council discontinued financial assistance towards roads materials some years ago and therefore no funding was available for road repairs.

## **B. Scottish National Inter-Regional Squash Competition**

Members considered correspondence received from Kirkwall Squash and Racketball Club, copies of which had been circulated, requesting travel assistance for a local boy to play in the Scottish National Inter-Regional Squash Competition in Glasgow, and it was:

Resolved to grant the local schoolboy £30 assistance for his participation in the Scottish National Inter-Regional Squash Competition in Glasgow.

## **C. Netball Scotland and Hadhirgaan Trips**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been circulated, from a local mother regarding travel assistance for her daughter to participate in a Netball Scotland Development Squad Competition in Glasgow, and a Hadhirgaan trip to play at Dornoch Cathedral and at the top of the funicular railway in the Cairngorms, it was:

Resolved to grant the local mother £60 travel assistance towards the trips.

## **D. Deerness Community Association (DCA)**

Mr D Alexander declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been circulated, from DCA requesting financial assistance towards the 2018 season grass cutting at Deerness Community Centre (DCC), the Clerk advised that she had asked the secretary of DCA for the cost of the 2018 season grass cutting at DCC or alternatively the estimated cost and she advised that she did not know the cost due to building works and areas cordoned off for workmen and their equipment and after some discussion and consideration of the 2017 season grass cutting cost, it was resolved:

1. To grant DCA £130 towards the 2018 season grass cutting costs at DCC, subject to approval from the CCGS.
2. That the Clerk writes to advise DCA that without details of the cost or estimated cost of the 2018 season grass cutting that it was only due to the good will of members that DCA received this funding accordingly from this Community Council.

## **E. Hadhirgaan Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had been circulated, from a local mother regarding travel assistance for her daughter's participation in a Hadhirgaan trip to Tain, it was:

Resolved to grant the local mother £30 travel assistance for her daughter's participation in the Hadhirgaan trip to Tain.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Scottish Government – Planning and Building Newsletter.
- Scottish Rural Action – March Newsletter.
- Proludic Ltd - Leaflet.
- Elancity – Leaflet.
- Wicksteed – Leaflet.

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

### **A. Live List**

Members reviewed items on the Live List, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk remove item 3, Passing Place signs - Sandesquoy to Shore Road, Tankerness, and item 10, Ayrenergy Ltd – Business Rateable Value and Community Benefit, as a response had been received.

### **B. Halley Road, Deerness**

A member advised that a member of the public had approached him advising that there were no designated passing places on the Halley Road, Deerness and requesting that consideration be given to the creation of passing places on this road, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Democratic Services requesting the creation of passing places on the Halley Road, Deerness.

### **C. Heatherhouse Road End to Rerwick Junction, Tankerness**

A member requested that consideration be given to the creation of a passing place between Heatherhouse Road end and the Rerwick junction, Tankerness. Councillor N Craigie advised that this would not be the first time that such a request had been made for a passing place on this road, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Democratic Services requesting that consideration be given to the creation of a passing place between Heatherhouse Road end and the Rerwick junction, in Tankerness.

### **D. Public Recycling Bins at Deerness Stores**

A member advised that the public recycling bins at Deerness Stores were in a poor state of repair and were always full and overflowing. He provided photographic evidence of this issue. Councillor N Craigie advised that he had reported this issue to Orkney Islands Council and that he had been advised that the bins would be replaced accordingly, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **E. Air Traffic Tower Control at Kirkwall Airport**

A member advised that Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) had plans to remove the air control personnel at Kirkwall Airport and operate a remote-control tower. She thought that this was an important issue for the East Mainland to consider



and the Chair advised that this Community Council could make representation to a consultation on this proposal. However, the member advised that the consultation had already taken place and this action was being progressed.

Councillor S Sankey advised that there had been a recent meeting of Kirkwall Airport Consultative Committee, however not many people had been advised of this meeting. The Clerk advised that this Community Council had previously had a representative of the Community Council attend these meetings, however, they had not been advised of the scheduled meetings for some considerable time.

Councillor S Sankey advised that he had written a letter to HIAL requesting information on their consultation with the public regarding car parking charges and had yet to receive a response. He agreed to investigate this issue with HIAL also, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor S Sankey would investigate the loss of air control personnel and the implementation of a remote-control tower at Kirkwall Airport.

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

Resolved that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 26 June 2018, at 19:30 in St Andrews School.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:00.