

Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held on Monday, 5 October 2020 at 19:00 via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Rikki A Lidderdale, Robert F Leslie, Kim Burns, David L Flett, Moyra Gordon, Cathleen A Hourie and Tom Rendall.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy G Cowie.
- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.

- 1 member of the local press.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Lorraine A Craigie and Councillor Dave Dawson.

2. HIAL – ATMS Plans

Following consideration of correspondence from various parties regarding an invitation to attend the meeting and provide a presentation on HIAL's ATMS plans, together with details of the consultation on the independent impact assessment, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that no one from HIAL was able to attend the meeting to provide an update on their plans for ATMS.

B. To note that several members had met Tom Matthew, the independent economic consultant undertaking the consultation on the impact assessment on behalf of HIAL, on 29 September 2020.

C. To note the summary of the meeting held with Tom Matthew, prepared by the Chair.

D. That the Clerk should submit, to Tom Matthew, the points outlined in the summary prepared and circulated by the Chair.

3. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters.

4. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the Meeting held on 17 August 2020 was approved, being proposed by Kim Burns and seconded by Tom Rendall.

5. Matters Arising

A. Town Centre Funding

Following consideration of correspondence from various parties regarding the Town Centre funding, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk should submit an application, for Town Centre funding, in the sum of £24,710, based on the proposals drafted by D Sneesby.

2. That powers be delegated to the Finance Sub-committee to review the detail of, and refine the projects, proposed by D Sneesby.

B. E-Bikes

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transport Planner, Orkney Islands Council, providing details of grant funding received in respect of e-bikes, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney Islands Council had received grant funding from Smarter Choices, Smarter Places, the Energy Saving Trust and the Town Centre Fund to purchase a total of 27 electric bikes and associated accessories for use throughout Orkney.

C. Pedestrian Connection from Foreland Road to Crantit Trail

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney regarding the footbridge connecting Foreland Road and the Crantit Trail, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that, as part of the planning conditions for the new hospital facility, there was a requirement to build a bridge to link the Foreland Road footpath to the Crantit walkway within two years of the discharge. NHS Orkney was complying with this condition and work was progressing to have the works complete within the required deadline, namely no later than 3 May 2021.

D. Bins at Ayre Mills Car Park

Following consideration of correspondence from the Liaison Officer regarding the possibility of relocating bins to the Ayre Mills car park, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that there were only two bins along the cycle/footpath at Grainshore Road and located close to either end so that the collector could park safely off the main road, service the bin and not have too far to carry the bag back to the vehicle.
2. To note that, as fast food vans were located at both ends – opposite Ayre Mills and at the Hatston slip – relocating one bin to nearer the Ayre Mills car park could be seen as favouritism.
3. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council seeking information on whether big belly bins were an acceptable alternative to the existing open bins, to avoid litter from blowing out and if not, any suitable alternative design of bin, which could potentially be purchased using Town Centre funding.
4. That, should an acceptable alternative type of bin be available, consideration be given to rationalising the number of bins across Kirkwall, particularly at pinch points, which may provide Orkney Islands Council with opportunities to make savings in bin emptying.
5. That the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council seeking clarification on which service was responsible for emptying the recycling bins at the head of Kirkwall Pier and requesting they were emptied more regularly.

E. The Reel

Following consideration of correspondence from the Liaison Officer regarding support for businesses, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the response from the Chief Executive, Orkney Islands Council, advising that the Council had worked hard over the last six months to respond to a wide range of business support issues and would continue to aim to respond as far as possible and appropriate moving forward.

6. Correspondence

A. ATMS Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Benbecula Community Council regarding their petition to the Scottish Parliament against HIAL's ATMS project and related airport changes, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 14 September 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 14 September 2020 of £13,125.05.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/2021 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 14 September 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,158.19.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 14 September 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,688.42.

8. Financial Requests

A. Women's Alcohol Dependency Support Group

The Clerk reported that, although a holding email had been received, no further detailed information had been received in respect of the proposed Women's Alcohol Dependency Support Group, in order that the Community Council could reconsider the application for assistance.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards coach education courses, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £187.50 be given towards the cost of one coach, resident within the Community Council area, undertaking coach education courses and that application should be made to Orkney Islands Council for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

C. Student Grants – HND Professional Dance Performance

Following consideration of correspondence from C Harrison requesting financial assistance towards her daughter attending Dance for All, a small private college in Edinburgh affiliated to Edinburgh College, and undertaking a three year HND in professional dance performance combined with a teaching qualification, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that no assistance be provided.

9. Consultations

A. Local Housing Strategy

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding consultation on the Local Housing Strategy 2017 to 2022, together with online events, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation.

B. Participation Requests and Asset Transfers

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Parliament regarding a survey on participation requests and asset transfers being undertaken by the Local Government and Communities Committee, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

10. Publications

The following publications had been sent to the Clerk and were forwarded to members via email:

- VAO Newsletters – August and September 2020.
- VAO – Training and Funding Updates – August and September 2020.
- Kirkwall BID Newsletter.
- CLAN Support and Wellbeing Centre – Re-opening for Appointments – September 2020.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – September 2020 – Routemap to Net Zero Emissions.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Patient and Public Reference Group

Tom Rendall reported that he continued to attend meetings of the Patient and Public Reference Group, organised by NHS Orkney, and would provide updates on matters discussed.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council should be held on 30 November 2020, commencing at 19:00, and held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:30.