

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir School and via Teams on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mrs B Clubley, Mr S Pyke and Mr N Sclater.

In Attendance:

- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor I Taylor.
- Ms L Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services (via Teams).
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated by Miss R Black, Mr J Mackay and Mr N Sclater and Councillors S Cowie and K Leask.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting of Orphir Community Council held on 23 April 2024 was adopted, being proposed by Mrs B Clubleby and seconded by Mr M Clouston.

3. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter – Smoogro Road End

The Chair advised that the weather had been too wet to complete the preparatory work on site however it was hoped that this would be done by the end of the summer, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Orkneyinga Saga Centre Refurbishment

The Chair reported that the centre was open for the summer season and that the contractor would be carrying out the work during the close season, and it was:

Resolved to note the report.

C. Road Speed Limits

The Community Council Liaison Officer advised that there had been no response to the request for a breakdown on the costings for the purchase and installation of speed indication devices, however the Head of Neighbourhood Services advised that the cost would be £5,000 per device. A member commented that the speed indication devices that were currently in place were located too far into the village this time so that drivers were already within the 30mph zone before they saw the light.

The Head of Neighbourhood Services also commented that the other options mentioned – zebra crossing or traffic lights – would not be appropriate in this situation, but that there may be an opportunity to look at dropped kerbs at certain crossing points, and that this would be best picked up as part of work on the School Travel Plan.

Councillor L Manson expressed his disappointment at the length of time it had taken to get information on this matter, and following discussion it was suggested that Councillor I Taylor would investigate this matter and engage with relevant officer to try and get some information, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.

2. That Councillor I Taylor would contact relevant officers and ask for information on the criteria for how the eligibility for school transport was set, and whether a safe walking assessment had been carried out for this stretch of road.

D. School Transport and Road Safety

This item had been covered during discussion of the above, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Orphir Cemetery

The Head of Neighbourhood Services advised that they do everything they can to do remove excess water properly prior to a burial, and that they were not unduly concerned with anything in Orphir, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Grit bin at Orphir Kirk Junction

The Head of Neighbourhood Services advised that the grit bin would be put back to its original location at the appropriate time, and it was:

Resolved to note the update.

G. Post Box at Scorradales

The Interim Clerk advised that the post box was now back in situ, and it was:

Resolved to note that the post box was back in its original location at Scorradales.

4. Correspondence

A. Scottish Water – Keeping Orphir’s Water Clean

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Water regarding completion of a capital project to improve the Waste Water Treatment Works that serves customers in Orphir village, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. BT Digital Voice Roadshow

Following consideration of correspondence from BT regarding a drop-in session they were holding at Orkney Library on 23 July where you could go and speak to representatives about their new home phone service, Digital Voice, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Annual Grants 2024/2025

Member considered correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that the Community Council Annual Grants had been approved and details of allocations for all Community Councils provided. Capping limits and additional allocation figures had also been provided, and it was:

Resolved to note that the annual grant amount provided to Orphir Community Council for financial year 2024/2025 was £3,821.66.

D. OHAL Committee Recruitment Event – 3 July

Following consideration of correspondence from OHAL regarding a drop-in session they were holding on 3 July to recruit new members to join the committee, it was

Resolved to note the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service National Public Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Fire and Rescue regarding a pre-consultation exercise titled ‘Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say’, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Review of Orkney’s Local Development Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a review of Orkney’s Local Development Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board carrying out a review of its Gambling Policy, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for comments was 28 June 2024.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the general fund statement for Orphir Community Council as at 13 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £24,213.93.

B. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

Following consideration of the Orkneyinga Saga Centre fund statement as at 13 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £50,077.47

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 13 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the capping limit was £3,321.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 13 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £18,755.42 available to allocate to projects.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 25 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £3,518 available to allocate to projects.

7. Financial Request - Highland Dancing, Wick

Following consideration of correspondence from Cheryl Seatter requesting financial assistance towards travel to Wick on 26 May 2024, for her daughter to compete in a Highland Dancing competition, it was:

Resolved to award a general fund donation of £50.

8. Publications

The following publications had previously been circulated to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletter – April and May 2024.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – May 2024.
- Scottish Rural Action – Newsletter – May and June 2024.
- Review of OLDP – Newsletter June 2024.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Posts in Verges

A member enquired as to what the posts were that had recently appeared in the verges on the road towards Bu, and it was:

Resolved to note that the posts were for data collection on number and speed of vehicles, cyclists and walkers using the road.

B. 20mph Engagement with Communities

The Chair referred to correspondence that had been sent to all CC members that day, in relation to the implementation of 20mph speed limits on appropriate roads within Orkney, which included through Orphir village and roads to the south of the village. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation and that members would rather see a pedestrian crossing in the village than a blanket speed limit reduction.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Orphir Community Council would be held at 19:30 on Tuesday, 27 August 2024 at Orphir School and via Teams.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:50.