

Minute of the Meeting of Birsay Community Council held in the Birsay Community Hall on Thursday, 4 April 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mr S Spence, Mr D Scarth, Mr K Spence, Mr M Hay, Mr R Delday and Mr A Spence.

In Attendance:

- Councillor D Tullock.
- Councillor R King.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Democratic Services.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mrs N Hughes, Miss K Coghill and Councillors O Tierney and Johnston.

2. Minute of meeting held on 24 January 2019

The Minute of the meeting held on 24 January 2019 was considered by members, and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr D Scarth and seconded by Mr R Delday.

3. Matters Arising

A. Foreshore from Ministry Huts to Zanzibar

The Chair informed members that one quote had been received and that one was still awaited, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would contact the company again regarding a quote, and enquires should be made to ascertain if CDF funding would be considered for this type of project.

B. Slip at Buckquoy

Members were advised that work on the slip area was in progress, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that Councillor R King would follow this up.

C. Headstones Inspection

Councillor D Tullock advised members of Orkney Island Council's report on the headstone inspection and the reinstatement of the headstones, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Transport Grant

Members were informed that the Dounby Community minibus had been sold and that the Transport Grant information had been forwarded, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and members agreed that the funds supplied toward the running costs of the bus previously did not require to be returned to the community council.

E. Birsay Kirkyard Water Butt

Members were advised that the water butt would be installed following the meeting and the community council would be invoiced for the cost, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Ditch Maintenance

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising members' that the ditches and water offlets in various areas in Birsay would be investigated and, if required, drainage works would be programmed accordingly, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Winter Maintenance - Gritting

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising that roads in Twatt and Marwick were identified as either Priority 1 or 2 and were treated in accordance with the Winter Service Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

4. Correspondence

A. Energy Supply Company

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services informing members that Our Power had ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Lieutenancy

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council informing members on the lieutenancy process in Orkney, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Calor Rural Community Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from Calor Rural Community Fund informing members of opportunities to gain funding for the local area, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Tesco Bags of Help

Following correspondence received from Tesco informing members about how to apply for Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Letters of Thanks

Resolved to note that there were no letters of thanks.

F. Burn at the Palace

Members were advised that the property owner had organised the work on realigning the burn, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Finance

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 4 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £892.42.

B. Birsay Energy Fund

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £16,643.42 as at 4 March 2019.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that £1,006.63 remained available for allocation in the main capping limit and £662 in the additional capping limit.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £8,183.37 as at 4 March 2019.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £21.64 as at 4 March 2019.

6. Financial Requests

A. Bag the Bruck 2019

Following correspondence received from Democratic Services informing members of the details for the Bag the Bruck 2019 event, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on the project cost of £300.

B. Milestone Community Church

Following consideration of correspondence received from Milestone Community Church requesting sponsorship towards taking part in the 2019 Bag the Bruck event, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £300 be given towards the cost of the Bag the Bruck event from the Community Council Grant Scheme, providing that no other applications were received.

C. Orkney Schools Concert Band

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council requesting funding towards the cost of one pupil from Birsay travelling to participate in the Scottish Concert Band National Finals in Perth, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be given towards the cost of one pupil from Birsay travelling to Perth to participate in the Scottish Band National Finals.

D. Orkney Folk Festival

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Folk Festival requesting financial assistance towards the cost of putting on their 37th Orkney Folk Festival, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £250 be given towards the cost of running the festival.

7. Publications

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- THAW Orkney.
- VAO Newsletter January 2019.
- Keep Britain Tidy.
- Scottish Health Council.
- Community Led Support.

8. Any Other Competent Business

A. Roond About Birsay Newsletter

Members were advised that items had been invited for the newsletter and that it was proposed to ask the Mums and Toddlers group if they would be prepared to distribute the newsletter, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

B. Lairage

A member asked why equipment stored on private property was not stored on Orkney Islands Council property, which would be more cost effective, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor D Tullock would make enquiries and report back.

C. Fisherman's Hut

Members were advised that M Johnston had agreed to undertake the building repairs at the Hut, and it was also noted that the road was in a poor condition, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That arrangements should be made for the purchase of a load of chips to repair the road.
3. That an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance on the project cost.

D. Pontoon at Sand Geo

Members were advised on the situation of the pontoon which had become stuck in Sand Geo and that possible options for a salvage operation were being investigated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Gates at Birsay Kirkyard

Members were advised of the condition of the entrance to the Birsay Kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved to make arrangements for chips to be spread at the entrance to the kirkyard at the same time as the repairs to the road at the Fisherman's Hut was undertaken.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meetings of the Birsay Community Council would be held on Thursdays 20 June and 26 September 2019.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:35.