

# Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in the Flotta Community Centre on Monday, 18 March 2019 at 16:00

## Present:

Mrs H Howe, Mrs P Gee, Mr D Hourston, Mr M Howe, Mr N Cheeseman and Ms I Smith.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor J Stockan.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- One member of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mr C Mullins and Councillors R Crichton and M Thomson.

## **2. Minute of meeting held on 28 January 2019**

The minute of the meeting held on 28 January 2019 was considered by members, and subsequently approved, being proposed by Ms I Smith and seconded by Mr M Howe.

## **3. Kirkyard Grasscutting**

Due to the sensitive nature of this item it was taken in private.

Following consideration of tenders that had been received for the grass cutting at Flotta Cemetery, it was:

A. Resolved to accept the tender from Mr Ward.

B. That the Clerk would send out acceptance and paperwork to the successful tenderer.

C. That the sub-committee would liaise with the tenderer to decide what equipment was required.

## **4. 13 and 14 Burnside**

Due to the sensitive nature of this item it was taken in private.

Members considered tenders which had been received for the refurbishment of 13 and 14 Burnside, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this item at the next meeting once members have had an opportunity to consider what is included in the tender document.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Orkney Ferries**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would write to Marine Services regarding the car park, asking for an acknowledgement that the car park would be put on a list of things to do, as they felt that it required attention.

## **B. Flotta Play Park**

Members heard that two items had been ordered and would be delivered to Aberdeen where Repsol would transport them, free of charge, onwards to Flotta. The items would take six to eight weeks to arrive and an approved contractor would need to be found to fit them. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would contact the Sport and Leisure Service Manager to arrange installation.

## **C. Fly Tipping/Island Tidy Up**

The Chair updated members that a couple of items of white goods were waiting to be taken away and that they were waiting for the weather to improve to cover over the rest. Members also heard that they would need to decide what they want written on the signs for this area to try and deter people from fly tipping.

Following an update from Councillor Stockan, members also wished to note their appreciation for 'island proofing' in relation to the cost of getting items taken away for removal.

It was also noted that that it had made a big difference where some ditching had been done around the West Side Road.

The Chair provided an update regarding her meeting with Repsol, who had agreed to include scrap cars with their general site tidy up. This would be a voluntary scheme with the same criteria as the CC scrap car scheme, and CC members should be approached by anyone wishing to dispose of their car through this scheme, the closing date for which was 5 April 2019. Following further discussion, it was resolved:

1. That the Interim Clerk would obtain a quote from OIC for the making up a sign that said 'No Fly Tipping' or 'Fly Tipping is an Offence'.
2. To note appreciation of the 'island proofing' in relation to the cost of getting items taken away for removal.

## **D. Your Island, Your Choice Application**

Members were advised that there was no update, apart from that an application had been submitted to improve the pavement area outside the surgery. It was thought that as long as completed to the OIC's specification, anybody could carry out the works, and it was:

Resolved that members would follow this up.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Our Power – Energy Supply Company**

Following consideration of information from Democratic Services, regarding the energy supply company Our Power, it was:

Resolved to note that the energy company had ceased trading.

### **B. Deputy Lord Lieutenant Letter**

Following consideration of correspondence from one of the Deputy Lieutenants of Orkney, informing members of their duties, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Bag the Bruck 2019**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services giving members details for the 2019 Bag the Bruck event, it was resolved:

1. To set aside £300 of Community Council Grant Scheme funds for sponsoring groups taking part in this event.
2. That the Interim Clerk should apply to use CCGS and to advertise locally with the deadline for applications.

### **D. Calor - Rural Communities Fund**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the Calor Rural Communities Fund, it was resolved:

1. To note the content of the correspondence.
2. To circulate it within the community and to mention it to the Community Association.

### **E. Tesco - Bags of Help Centenary Grants**

Following consideration of correspondence from Tesco, providing information on their Bags of Help Centenary Grants, it was:

Resolved to circulate the information to the Community Association.

### **F. Headstone Survey**

Members considered correspondence from the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure apologising for the delay in responding and informing members of the current review to the OIC's approach to the Kirkyard Safety Programme. Members reported that the one stone that had been dangerous, and reported as such, had now fallen down, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **7. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Historic Environment Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from Historic Environment Scotland informing members of proposed designation orders for the Queen of Sweden and Scapa Flow, it was:

Resolved to make no comments on the consultation.

### **B. Police Scotland Survey**

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland, it was:

Resolved to note the survey, and that any member could complete it individually if they wished.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Fund**

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £27,302.73 as at 2 February 2019.

### **B. Burnside Account**

Following consideration of the Burnside Account statement, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £9,784.72 as at 22 February 2019.

### **C. Wind Power Fund**

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Wind Power Fund, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,139.41 as at 22 February 2019.

### **D. Community Council Grant Scheme**

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

Resolved to note that funding under the main capping limit and island capping limit had been fully allocated and that £615.86 remained available for approval under the additional capping limit as at 22 February 2019.

## **E. 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 £9,825.31 as at 22 February 2019.

## **F. 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 £3,161.00, as at 2 February 2019.

## **9. Financial Request – Defibrillator Pads**

Following information received from Mr D Hourston, members agreed to pay £100 for replacement defibrillator pads for the Community Defibrillator. Members also discussed the need for a new battery for the defibrillator in September at a cost of £150, and it was:

Resolved to pay for the replacement defibrillator pads, and a new battery, once required.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- VAO newsletter January and February 2019.
- Macmillan and CLAN/THAW Orkney – Funding Support.
- Scottish Health Council – Local News – January 2019.

## **11. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport**

The Transport Representative reported that a proposal for Hoy to have Flotta's afternoon boat on a Tuesday and Thursday had not gone through, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **B. Planning**

Resolved to note that there were no planning matters to report.

## **12. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Repsol Timetables**

Members reported that alterations to Repsol timetables had recently been publicised on Facebook. However, members were advised that Repsol were not keen to do this as it was a privilege, not a right, and there were restrictions on using this boat. Members agreed that islanders should be encouraged to keep this information to themselves and, following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To ask Repsol to display/circulate rules and regulations regarding carriage.
2. To reiterate to members of the public in Flotta that this is a courtesy service provided at the Skipper's discretion.
3. To monitor the situation as the timetables were due to change quite regularly at present.

### **B. Cutting Offlets**

Mr N Cheeseman reported that he had not had any response regarding offlets being cut in the vicinity of his property. Councillor Crichton had reported in the previous meeting that Mr Cheeseman would have to put a drain at his own drive further down. Councillor Stockan reported that cutting offlets was not a statutory requirement, but that the Council were doing work as and when they could, as this was a problem all across the county. He further reported that OIC were trying, through Empowering Communities, to forward a better process for CCs doing their own work, including jobs like this. In the meantime, it was:

Resolved that Mr N Cheeseman should pursue this matter with Roads Services himself.

### **C. Flotta 10K**

It was reported to members that the organisers of Flotta 10K had not heard anything from Orkney Athletics Club. The fun run was usually scheduled to take place on the third Sunday in May. Members expressed disappointment that their community event seemed to have been made more official in recent years by having to provide times and medals, however they recognised the need for keeping it going and keeping the event 'in the calendar'. It was noted that the Orkney Nature Festival now happened on the same weekend as the fun run. Members felt that the event should be handed over to Orkney Athletics Club, if they wanted it to be an official 10K. Members agreed that they would need to let Orkney Ferries know if they were not going to hold the event so that the ferry could be cancelled. Members also considered Repsol's input into the event and how they may not be involved in the future if the Community Council was no longer involved. Finally, members discussed the difficulties in getting people to assist at stalls, etc, and it was:

Resolved to liaise with Orkney Athletics Club and find out what the current plan for the day is, then circulate to members and possibly set up a special meeting of the Community Council, depending on the response.

## **D. Pentland Firth Route**

Councillor Stockan advised of issues surrounding the government funded service on the Pentland Firth route and the court case to try and prevent a monopoly on this route. Members were encouraged to write to support the Scottish Government's case for needing a government subsidised service on this route. Members also discussed the difference in mileage costs between the Gills and the Scrabster routes. Councillor Stockan advised that the court challenge threatened the whole public service, so he wanted to make Community Council's aware that the Council were putting their emphasis on this. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **E. Funding Request – Burnside Parking**

Due to its sensitive nature, members took this item in private.

Members discussed the outstanding financial request for assistance with installing a parking area outside a property. It was agreed that, as no evidence of permit or permission had been received, the Community Council were not in a position to offer assistance, and it was:

Resolved to await further information from the applicant.

## **F. Retirement of Local Postal Worker**

Members noted that a local postal worker was retiring after 25 years' service, and it was:

Resolved that a retirement gift should be sent to the retiring local postal worker in appreciation of her years of service to the Flotta community.

## **13. Dates of Future Meetings**

Following a discussion regarding possible dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the date of the next meeting of Flotta Community Council would be confirmed by the Chair in due course.

## **14. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 18:30.