

Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 28 June 2021 at 19:00

Present:

Rikki A Lidderdale, Tom Rendall, Robert F Leslie, Moyra Gordon, Christine E Marcus, Cathleen A Hourie and John R Mowat.

In Attendance:

- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.
- 1 member of the local press.
- Sergeant Richard Morris, Police Scotland.
- Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Kirsty Groundwater, Project Officer (Communications and Engagement), Strategic Projects, Orkney Islands Council.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from David L Flett, and Councillors Sandy G Cowie, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle and John A R Scott.

2. Police Scotland Matters

After hearing a presentation from the Police Scotland representative on local policing matters, including the appointment of the new Chief Inspector, Alistair Garrow, and ongoing work with the Scam Action Group, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the presentation.

The Police Scotland representative left the meeting at this point.

3. Waste Management

As the Strategic Policy and Projects Officer, Orkney Islands Council, was not present, no presentation was given on waste management and the item was held over to the next meeting.

4. Adoption of Minute

The Minute of the Meeting held on 10 May 2021 was approved, being proposed by Tom Rendall and seconded by Christine Harcus.

5. Matters Arising

A. Town Centre Funding – Tankerness House Gardens

The Chair advised that The Yard was now progressing with the works at the Tankerness House Gardens, with the first claim for grant funding submitted, and it was:

Resolved to note the current position.

B. Hanging Baskets

The Chair advised that the hanging baskets were up, and that some funding applications for assistance towards the costs had been unsuccessful with others still outstanding, and it was:

Resolved to note the current position.

C. Community Renewal Fund

The Chair advised that the Community Council's application to the Community Renewal Fund had been unsuccessful, as the project did not satisfy all the gateway criteria as required by the funding agency, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

D. Orkney Rowing Club

The Clerk had received correspondence from the Orkney Rowing Club thanking the Community Council for financial assistance towards a beach clean, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. Dog Litter Bins

Councillor John Richards updated the Community Council on a meeting with two members of the Youth Forum and officers from the Development and Infrastructure service, Orkney Islands Council, where the outcome was that a policy on litter bins was required. Unfortunately, with a number of senior staff losses, the current workforce was firefighting. Also, as the Youth Forum meeting had been cancelled, Councillor Richards had not yet received approval to pass on the information regarding the location of bins around Kirkwall to the Community Council but would follow this up again at the next meeting of the Youth Forum. Following a request from an individual member regarding a dog litter bin in the field opposite Lambaness, Councillor Richards undertook to ensure the bin was emptied, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

6. Correspondence

A. Agri-Environment Climate Scheme – Improving Public Access

Following consideration of correspondence from the Community Council Liaison Officer regarding the Agri-Environment Climate Scheme which helped landowners create and/or develop existing access routes on their land, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Road Naming – New Street off Peerie Sea Loan

Following consideration of correspondence from the Community Council Liaison Officer seeking names for a new street off Peerie Sea Loan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, although both suggestions from the developer were acceptable, the Community Council preferred Manson Court, as a tribute to the late Robert Budge, being the last development he worked on before he passed away, with Manson being his middle name, over Peerie Sea Court, which was a functional name to assist with identification of the area.

C. Orkney Islands Council – Surface Dressing Programme

Following consideration of correspondence from the Community Council Liaison Officer regarding Orkney Islands Council's surface dressing programme, including estimated dates, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Scapa Bench

Following consideration of correspondence and photos from members regarding refurbishment of the bench at the shrub at the junction of Scapa, for which an individual member had passed on the Community Council's thanks for the work undertaken by a member of the community, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Island Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from the Community Council Liaison Officer regarding a new Island Communities Fund, launched by the Scottish Government to support delivery of the National Islands Plan, seeking applications for transformative capital projects costing between £10,000 and £150,000, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

7. Accounts for year ended 31 March 2021

Following consideration of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the final certified accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 31 March 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £12,051.74.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2020/21 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 March 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,985.09.

C. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £17,869.99.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2021/22 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,951.19.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 16 June 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,188.42.

9. Consultation - Scottish Government – Local Place Plan Regulations

Following consideration of correspondence from the Community Council Liaison Officer regarding a consultation by the Scottish Government on Local Place Plan Regulations, which offered the opportunity for a community led, but collaborative approach to creating great local places, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

10. Meetings Attended by Members - 5G New Thinking Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a third workshop on the 5G New Thinking Project in relation to mobile networks, held virtually on 17 June 2021, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

11. Publications

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

- VAO Newsletter – May 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Updates – May and June 2021.
- L McArthur MSP – Coronavirus/Covid-19: Latest Information and Advice – 11 and 19 May and 1, 15 and 22 June 2021.
- L McArthur MSP – Holyrood Highlights – 28 May and 4, 11, 18 and 25 June 2021.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – May 2021.
- Paths for All – eNews - June 2021.
- Scotland's Towns Partnerships – Scotland's Towns and Improvement Districts News – June 2021 bulletin.
- Kirkwall BID – June 2021 newsletter.
- SEPA Update – June 2022.
- Scotland's Towns Partnership – Scotland Loves Local Awards open for nominations.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Application for Variation of Premises Licence

The Clerk had forwarded an email from the Community Council Liaison Officer regarding an application from Lidl Great Britain Ltd for a variation of the premises licence in respect of the store at Pickaquoy Road, Kirkwall, by permanently increasing the off-sale display capacity from 46.44 square metres to 60.77 square metres plus retention of the previously approved seasonal increase of additional 12.02 square metres from 1 December to 2 January inclusive each year, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Get Into Summer

The Clerk had forwarded correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Get Into Summer campaign, funded by the Scottish Government and sportscotland and supported by Parent Club, aimed at creating opportunities for children and young people impacted by COVID-19 to socialise, play and reconnect this summer, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. 2019 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

The Clerk had forwarded correspondence from Boundaries Scotland advising that it had considered all responses to the public consultation on proposals for the number of councillors and electoral ward boundaries in the Orkney Islands Council area and had submitted its Final Proposals to Scottish Ministers, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project

Following a presentation from the Project Officer (Communications and Engagement), Strategic Projects, Orkney Islands Council, regarding the consultation on a potential location-specific community benefit scheme, it was:

Resolved that the consultation documentation be circulated to all Community Council members, with any proposals thereafter submitted to the Chair no later than Friday, 16 July 2021, for collation and consideration at a special meeting to be held on Monday, 26 July 2021.

13. 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 Monday, 16 August 2021, commencing at 19:00.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:18.