

# Minute of the Meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council held via Zoom on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs W Dunnett, Mr R Hourston, Mr M Lynch, Mr N Macleod, Mr V Muir and Mrs A Stevenson.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that an apology was received from the Clerk due to his late arrival for the meeting.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 29 April 2021 was approved, being proposed by Mr N Macleod and seconded by Mr V Muir, subject to the following amendments:

- Item 4J should read “from this year’s goodwill donation” and not, “from our annual goodwill donation”.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Securing Wreath, Finstown War Memorial and Firth Park Donation box**

Members heard that some research had been carried out regarding the donation box, and it was:

Resolved to note that Mr M Lynch would report back at next meeting.

### **B. Christmas Decorations and Storage**

Members heard that there was to be a meeting on 6 July regarding the choice of Christmas decorations and that the Chair would be attending the meeting on behalf of Firth and Stenness Community Council, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would report back to next meeting.

### **C. Heddle Road Layout**

Members heard there had been no feedback as yet from the Roads Department, and it was:

Resolved that this issue would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **D. Security Cameras within Schools**

Members heard there had been no feedback as yet from Democratic Services regarding the use of security cameras within school properties, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to the headteacher to enquire if security cameras are used within school property.

### **E. St Magnus Festival – Firth Park**

Members heard that Firth Park would not be used for this particular event of the St Magnus festival, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

## **F. Pavement Widening**

Members heard that several members of the public had intimated that they were willing to donate a piece of their property to allow pavement widening around the area of Maitland Place on the A965 running towards Kirkwall. It was agreed that other members of the public would also require to be contacted regarding the widening of the pavement in this area.

Members also heard that there had been previous requests to Orkney Island Council on this subject, and it was:

Resolved

1. That the Clerk would approach Democratic Services for assistance on this matter.
2. That Councillor Tierney would approach the Roads Department regarding the situation.
3. That the Chair would speak to the police regarding speed checks in the area.

## **G. Island Community Funds**

Members discussed the possible funding but agreed that these seemed to be for large projects, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. OIC Adoption of Planning Guidance**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the guidance adopted by OIC in May 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Tesco Community Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the grant scheme, which was reopening as of May 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Surface Dressing Programme**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising of the surface dressing programme for summer 2021, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **D. Workshop 3 Mobile Networks**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the situation with mobile networks and an upcoming workshop, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **E. Connecting Scotland Phase 3**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the third phase of a fund to help end the digital divide, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. Agri-Environment Climate Scheme - Improving Public Access**

Following consideration received from the rural planner copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking scheme applications, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 9 June 2021 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £12,032.04.

### **B. Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund**

After consideration of the Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund statement as at 9 June 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £5,000.

### **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 9 June 2021 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,153.98.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 9 June 2021 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for allocation was £3,615.63.

## **6. Financial Requests**

Resolved to note that there were no financial requests to consider.

## **7. Consultation Documents**

### **A. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021**

Following consideration of an Orkney Island Council consultation document, copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking public consultation on the revised scheme, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make on the consultation.

### **B. Winter Service Policy and Plan**

Following consideration of an Orkney Island Council consultation document, copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking comments and feedback on both the policy and plan for winter service delivery, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for comments had passed and that some queries had been forwarded and responses provided.

### **C. GO-HI Rural MaaS project - Background Survey**

Following consideration of a consultation received from Zahara Batool on promoting an online background survey on the area covered by HITRANS, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. Local Place Plan Regulations**

Following consideration of a consultation received from the Scottish Government concerning community led, but collaborative, approach to creating great local places, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make on the consultation.

## **8. Publications**

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

- VAO Small Grants Scheme Information - May 2021.
- VAO Training and Funding Update - May and June 2021.
- VAO Newsletter - May 2021.
- Orkney Ferries - Base Copy Statistics – March 2021.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Wind Damage to Orkney Flag**

Members discussed the current state of the Orkney flag flying at Finstown. The last flag was purchased through Kemps in 2019 and members agreed that it would require to be renewed, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact Democratic Services to enquire where Orkney Island Council purchases their flag.

## **B. Community Benefit Fund from Wind Turbines**

Members were informed that the community councils represented at a recent meeting thought that an even distribution of a portion of the profits from the community wind turbine development, if it goes ahead, was reasonable, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council would be held on Thursday, 2 September 2021 (perhaps via Microsoft Teams depending on tier rules), commencing at 19:30.

## **11. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:45.