

# Minute of the Meeting of Harray and Sandwick Community Council held in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 19:00

## Present:

Mr D Hamilton, Mr G Brown, Mr I Flett, Mrs E Grant, Mr C Kirkness, Mrs K Ritch and Mr S Sinclair.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor R King.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs S Shaw, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care.
- Mr S West, Planning Manager.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs N Phillips, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mr K Groundwater, Councillor O Tierney and Sergeant Martin Arbuckle, Police Scotland.

## **2. Dounby Market Green**

The Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care, distributed copies of the new Draft Strategic Plan for 2020-2022, which she explained was a condensed replacement of the old plan and gave information on what the priorities of Orkney Health and Care were for the next five years. It was stated that consultation for the plan would be open until 12 August. It was discussed that there was to be a drop-in clinic on Monday, 27 May in the Milestone Kirk for anyone wishing to see the plan, ask questions and give suggestions. Members also heard that stands would be present at this year's Dounby and County shows, where the community could put their opinions and requirements forward. It was stated that an email address was available for anyone who wished to get an electronic response. Sheltered Housing, provisions for people with health conditions and requirements for the varied age range of residents were discussed.

The Planning Manager passed round the contact details of the officer assigned to the master plan for Dounby, and he advised that work was due to start on the project as soon as they had completed the one in Stromness, estimated to be September/October time.

The redundant land at the back of the Co-op was discussed, and the Planning Manager said they could approach the Co-op if it transpired that the community thought the land could be used in the development. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided, and that the Planning Manager and Planning Officer would be happy to attend the next meeting in July.

The Planning Manager and the Chief officer left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Election of Office Bearers**

### **A. Election of Chairperson**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr D Hamilton be appointed Chairperson of Harray and Sandwick Community Council

### **B. Election of Vice Chairperson**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr C Kirkness be appointed Vice Chairperson of Harray and Sandwick Community Council

## **C. Planning Representative**

Resolved that Mr S Sinclair remain as Planning Representative for Harray and Sandwich Community Council.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 27 March 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr G Brown and seconded by Mr I Flett, subject to the following amendment:

Item 10.B should read "Copland's Corner" not "Clouston's Corner".

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Speed Limits around Dounby**

The Vice Chair reported that he and the Chairman had met with the Roads Support Manager to discuss different areas around Dounby where the community council would like to see 30mph zones extended. The Roads Support Manager had advised that speed limit counts would be carried out prior to any decision on changing limits, and that he had taken on board the concerns raised. He suggested that the Community Council write a letter itemising everything that they would like to see happen with regard to speed limits. It was also proposed that the Planning Manager would be asked to write a letter supporting the Community Council's suggestions, as there were land allocations around the outskirts of Dounby where there could be development in future, and it was resolved:

1. That the Planning Manager would be asked to write a letter of support to submit along with the letter from the community council to Roads.
2. That the Chair and Vice Chair would mark up a plan to of the Dounby area to show exactly where the community council felt the existing limits should be moved to.
3. That the Clerk would compile a letter to Roads in this regard once all the supporting information and maps had been received.

### **B. Land at Amenity Site in Dounby**

The Community Council Liaison Officer provided an apology from the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure for lack of feedback in this regard, and members noted disappointment that there was nothing further to report at this time, and it was:

Resolved to continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

### **C. St Magnus Way Interpretation Board**

Members were advised that the board was going to be placed on the Market Green, at the corner nearest the Smithfield Hotel, but that it could be moved without causing an issue, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **D. Dunsyre Corner**

The Community Council Liaison Officer advised that the Education department were willing to liaise with Roads regarding the suggestion to have "Bus Stopping" signs at the Dunsyre Corner, however the community council may be asked to provide funding towards any signage as there was no available Council budget for this at present. Following discussion regarding this being a health and safety issue, it was:

Resolved that Councillor H Johnston would speak to Councillor A Drever and relevant departments about this matter and report back to the next meeting.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Annual Grants**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Democratic Services Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing the Clerk of the amounts allocated for the new financial year 2019/2020, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. SSEN - Finstown Substation**

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Energy Networks, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members of the submitted planning application for the Finstown substation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Community-Led Support Event**

Following consideration from the Community Led Support Event, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members about the Dounby development taster session taking place, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. Thank You Letter**

Members were advised by the Clerk that a thank you letter had been received from Dounby School for financial help with this year's P7 trip to Lagganlia, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **7. Consultations**

### **A. Housing in the Countryside - Supplementary Guidance**

Following consideration of the consultation document on Housing in the Countryside, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members should complete the dedicated questionnaire available or submit their comments to the Clerk prior to the deadline of 20 June 2019

## **B. Winter Service Plan 2018/2019**

Following consideration of the consultation document on the Winter Service Plan 2018/2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was discussed that members had previously tried to get a winter upgrade on the Northbigging Road, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would request on behalf of the members that the Northbigging Road be upgraded, and that the two "S" roads needed to be done earlier in the morning before school went in.

## **C. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Draft Strategic Plan 2019/2022**

Following consideration of a consultation document from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members of their draft strategic plan for 2019/2022, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and the deadline of 18 July for comments.

## **D. National Islands Plan**

Following consideration of a consultation on the National Islands Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and the deadline of 6 July for comments.

## **E. Proposed Telecommunications Installation**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Harlequin group, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members of the proposed location of a telecommunications mast, it was discussed whether the proposed location was suitable, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk, on behalf of the members, would enquire as to why that was the site chosen and if they had considered any other alternative sites.

# **8. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Fund**

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

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £3,106.10 as at the end of the 2018/2019 financial year, and £7,061.93 as at 17 May 2019.

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

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

Resolved to note that funding of £3,093.58 remained available for approval under the main capping limit and that £662 remained available for approval under the additional capping limit as at 17 May 2019.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

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

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £9,640 as at 14 May 2019.

### **D. 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 £2,500 as at 14 May 2019.

## **9. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Buckie Age Group Meet**

Following consideration of a financial request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club on behalf of Eve Wood, Calvin Clark and Charlie Fulton, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting funding towards attending a competition in Buckie on 13 and 14 April 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 each be given towards the cost of the trip, totalling £150.

### **B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Inverness Graded Meet**

Following consideration of a financial request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club on behalf of Leah Robertson, Rune Sundholm-Durkin and Bradley Cormack, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting funding towards attending a competition in Inverness on 20 April, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 each would be given towards the cost of the trip, totalling £150.

### **C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Thurso Mini Meet**

Following consideration of a financial request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, on behalf of Eve Wood and Ruari Wood, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting funding towards attending a competition in Thurso on 4 May, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 would be given to Ruari Wood only as Eve Wood had already been allocated the allowed £50 a year assistance at Item 9A.

## **D. Orkney Youth Development Group U15 Squad – 2019 Trips**

Following consideration of a financial request from Orkney Youth Development Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance with the cost of taking Owen Buchanan, Charlie Fulton and Ross Hewison to various football trips within 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 each would be given to Owen Buchanan and Ross Hewison only as Charlie Fulton had already been allocated the allowed £50 a year assistance at Item 9A.

## **E. Harray SWI**

Following consideration of correspondence from Harray Scottish Woman's Institute, a copy of which was read at the meeting, requesting funding towards their annual senior citizens dinner party in June 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of up to £400 would be provided, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme assistance, and that the group would be advised accordingly.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members and noted:

- VAO Newsletter – March and April 2019.
- Scottish Health Council Newsletter – March 2019.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Bench at St Peters Kirk**

Members reported that the application for the erection of a memorial bench at St Peters Kirk was yet to be validated. It was understood the plans were not to scale and were to be submitted correctly before the application could be processed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

### **B. Parking in Passing Places**

Members reported that there had been complaints about drivers parking in passing places along the Brodgar Road and on the Lylie Banks (along the Skail Loch), and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would get in touch with the local police to advise them of the community council's concerns.

### **C. Cemetery Headstones**

A member queried the timescale for the works to reinstate the headstones that had been taken down. Councillor D Tullock explained that there was only one local firm qualified to do the job. However, he further explained that training was to be

delivered in June to allow others to gain the qualification, which would hopefully speed up the process of reinstating stones. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **12. Dates of Future Meetings**

Following a discussion of dates for the next three meetings, it was:

Resolved that the next three meetings of Harray and Sandwick Community Council would be held at the Milestone Community Church, Dounby, on Wednesdays 3 July, 21 August and 30 October 2019.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:55.