

Minute of the Meeting of Stronsay Community Council held in Stronsay Community Centre on Monday, 21 May 2018 at 19:15

Present:

Mr I Cooper, Mr C Fraser, Mr P Riley, Mr D Stout, Mr S Weaver and Mrs S Whiteman.

In Attendance:

- Councillor G Sinclair.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr J Seaton.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr I Cooper be appointed Chair of Stronsay Community Council.

B. Vice Chair

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs S Whiteman be appointed as Vice Chair of Stronsay Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that Mr C McAlpine, Island Link Officer, be appointed as Planning Representative for Stronsay Community Council.

D. Transport Representative

Resolved that Mr C Fraser be appointed as Transport Representative for Stronsay Community Council.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A. General Meeting – 19 March 2018

The minute of the meeting held on 19 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr P Riley.

B. Special Meeting – 16 April 2018

The note of the special meeting held on 16 April 2018 was approved, being proposed by Mrs S Whiteman and seconded by Mr D Stout.

4. Matters Arising

A. Community Resilience Plan

Members heard that both a trailer and generator had arrived for use in an emergency and arrangements were being made for an electrical link-up to be installed. Members also heard that a grant funding application had been submitted to Scottish and Southern Electricity to provide a resilient means of communication during an emergency, and amendments had been added to the draft Community Resilience Plan and were waiting approval, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.

2. That a letter of thanks would be sent to the landowner on whose property the trailer and generator were being stored.
3. That a copy of the draft Community Emergency Plan would be forwarded to members and emergency service providers.

B. War Memorial

Members heard that the upkeep of the small garden area at the War Memorial had been put out to tender. Two volunteers had since offered to maintain two sections of the garden area but a third was required and, following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Chair would talk to a third individual who had expressed an interest in maintaining the War Memorial garden as a volunteer.

C. Brown Tourist Sign

Members heard that the directional sign for St. John's viewpoint had been installed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. Repairs/Maintenance of Council Assets

Consideration was given to a letter from Democratic Services regarding members' request for the provision of a £400 fund to cover emergency repairs to Council owned assets, and it was resolved:

1. To note the response from Democratic Services.
2. That £400 would be allocated for emergency internal repairs to the Fish Mart.
3. That all other repairs/faults would be reported to Orkney Islands Council.

E. Parking Near Stronsay Pier

Members heard that issues regarding parking near the Stronsay pier had been resolved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

F. Bag the Bruck

Members heard that this year's Bag the Bruck collection had taken place and that an application for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for £300 had been approved, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That £300 be awarded to the group requesting sponsorship for this year's Bag the Bruck collection, subject to the return of a completed form giving information on the number of bags collected.

G. St. Catherine's Bay Picnic Bench

Members heard that the Chair had inspected the picnic bench at St. Catherine's Bay and had spoken with the landowner about relocating the picnic bench, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Chair would undertake a repair to the picnic bench.
3. That the landowner would contact the Chair about relocating the picnic bench after discussing this with his tenant.

H. NHS Orkney Fund Raising Group

Members heard that, in response to further consultation with members, a donation had been made to the NHS Orkney Fund Raising Group and that this had been acknowledged. Members also heard that details of how the donation had been spent could be provided, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That a request would be made for details on how Stronsay Community Council's donation had been spent.

I. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries – Outreach

Members heard that there had been no response to requests for further information on community engagement with Orkney Sustainable Fisheries, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Play Park Group

Members heard that advice had been received in response to a request for the Community Council to accept money from the Stronsay Play Park Group for the peppercorn rent owed to Orkney Islands Council for the next thirteen years and for this to be paid annually by the Community Council, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That Stronsay Community Council was unable to accept money from the Stronsay Play Park Group to pay an annual peppercorn rent to Orkney Islands Council for the next thirteen years.

K. Accumulation of Scrap Cars

Members heard that the accumulation of scrap vehicles at a residential property had been brought to the attention of the Environmental Technical Officer and, following discussion, it was resolved:

1. To note the information.
2. That the Chair would contact the owner of the accumulated scrap vehicles.

3. That Democratic Services would provide information on End of Life Vehicle Schemes.

L. Rothiesholm Beach Access Road

Members heard advice had been given on the aggregate material needed to repair the Rothiesholm beach access road and that, on the agreement of members, an application for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for the purchase and delivery of twelve tonne of Class1B aggregate, had been made and approved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

5. Matters Arising from the Special Meeting

Members heard that a Community Council Grant Scheme funding application had been made for this year's grass cutting and that letters had been sent to the two contractors awarded the grass cutting contracts, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That D Stout would let the Island Link Officer know when the grass in the Village Kirkyard needed cutting so the contractor could be asked to cut it.

6. Bay Kirkyard

Members heard that, following a report on rabbits entering the Bay Kirkyard, the Chair had made a site visit, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the situation regarding rabbits entering the Bay Kirkyard would be monitored.

C. That a request would be made for maintenance and repair to the small door at the hearse house, the entrance gates and replacement of the anti-rabbit wire on the gates.

7. Stronsay Slaughterhouse Report

Members heard that the Island Link Officer had received, completed and returned information on the slaughterhouse forwarded by the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board. Members also heard details of animals slaughtered between May 2017 and April 2018 had been forwarded for invoicing, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

8. Stronsay Fish Mart Report

Members heard that a new Fish Mart Operator agreement, previously circulated and approved by members, had been signed and that a new commercial dishwasher had been installed in the Fish Mart Café. Members also heard that the Fish Mart television licence had been renewed, the carpets had been professionally cleaned following the recent storm damage and that following previous consultation a new

broadband and telephone supplier had been appointed. Consideration was given to previously circulated reports from the Energy Manager and to funds transferred to the Stronsay Community Council account the cost of toilet maintenance at the Fish Mart, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That a request would be made for the recommendations in the Energy Manager's report to be implemented.

C. That funds transferred to the Stronsay Community Council for toilet maintenance at the Fish Mart be paid to the Operator in two equal instalments on the 1 November 2018 and on the 30 April 2019.

9. Transport Representative's Report

Members heard that the next Inter-Isles Air Services and Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forums would be held on 22 August 2018 and that the draft 2019 timetables should be available before then, and it was resolved:

A. To note the information.

B. That the 2019 draft ferry and inter-isles timetables would be displayed locally with a request for comments to be made to the Transport Representative.

10. Planning Representative's Report

Members heard details on three planning decisions had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

11. Correspondence

A. Islander Magazine 2018 Launch Invitation

Members considered correspondence from The Orcadian, inviting members to the 2018 launch of the Islander magazine, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Royal British Legion Scotland – Best Kept War Memorial Competition 2018

Members considered correspondence from the Branch Secretary, Legion Scotland, inviting the Stronsay parish to enter the Stronsay War Memorial in this year's Best Kept War Memorial Competition, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Your Island Your Choice

Members heard that the Island Link Officer had been asked to submit an end of project report after having received a grant from the Your Island Your Choice fund, and that this had been done. Members also heard that a bench funded through the project was now in position at the Stronsay War Memorial, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Orkney Alcohol & Drugs Partnership Training Needs Analysis – Survey

Members considered correspondence from Orkney Alcohol & Drugs Partnership, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting members' response to a Training Needs Analysis Survey, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Scottish Transport Awards 2018 – OIC Airfields Service Shortlisted

Members considered correspondence from the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising that Orkney Islands Council Airfields had been short listed for a national award, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Orkney Transmission Infrastructure Project – Public Consultations

Members considered correspondence from the Community Liaison Manager, Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting the public and all interested parties to attend a series of public consultation events, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Calor Rural Community Fund – What's Your Project?

Members considered correspondence providing information on the Calor Rural Community Fund, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

H. Orkney Harbour Master Plan

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Orkney Harbour Master Plan, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.

2. That Orkney Islands Council would be asked to consider moving the ferry linkspan terminal from its current position in Whitehall Village to the west side of Stronsay, that a dog-leg extension be built on the existing west pier at Stronsay harbour, that pontoons be installed within Stronsay harbour to provide increased berthing facilities, that the protruding ladders on the west pier be reset in the pier, that the marshalling area for North Isles vehicles on the Kirkwall pier be restored to how it used to be, that the ferry signage at Kirkwall and Stronsay piers be improved and that the waiting room facilities at the Kirkwall pier be improved to include drink dispensers and better information on ferry arrivals and departures.

I. NHS Orkney Review – Public Sessions

Members considered correspondence from the head of Transformational Change and Improvement, NHS Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting Members to take part in a review process, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

J. Annual Grants Allocation

Consideration was given to the Community Council Annual Grants allocation, copies of which had been previously circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

12. Publications

The following publications were made available for members to view:

- Holyrood Highlights – Update of Activities from Liam McArthur MSP.
- Air Passenger Figures.
- Orkney Ferries Statistical Reports for February 2018.
- Voluntary Action Orkney Training and Funding Update.
- Scottish Rural Action April Newsletter.
- THAW Orkney Report.
- Voluntary Action Orkney April Newsletter.

13. Consultation Documents

A. Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework

Members considered the consultation on the Draft Kirkwall Urban Design Framework, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was:

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

B. Amended Core Paths Plan

Members considered the Amended Core Paths Plan Consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, and it was resolved:

1. That, in members' opinion, Stronsay Core Path S2 is unsafe in its current state and that an amendment should be made to remove the marked path from the Chambered Tomb along the shoreline to the Rothiesholm beach car park entrance.
2. That Stronsay Core Path S4 should be amended to show that this is not a circular Core Path and that access to the bird hide and Lea Shun is via the existing marked footpath to Mells Kirk, following the shoreline pass the seal hide in the Bight of Scarma and then on to the bird hide and Lea Shun.
3. That Councillor Sinclair would liaise with relevant officers and request direct contact with Core Path landowners.

14. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the general account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £26, 748.48, as at 11 May 2018.

B. Fish Mart Account

Following consideration of the Fish Mart account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £342.10, as at 11 May 2018.

C. Slaughterhouse Account

Following consideration of the Slaughterhouse account statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £1,263.98, as at 11 May 2018.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of financial statements for the Community Council Grant Scheme, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that a balance of £2,456.80 remained for approval in the OIC main capping limit.

15. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Stronsay Community Association – North Isles Sports

Consideration was given to a written request from Stronsay Community Association, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, for financial assistance to host this year's North Isles Sports, and it was:

Resolved to award Stronsay Community Association £600 to host this year's North Isles Sports, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

B. Year of Young People

Consideration was given to a written request from four representatives from “Year of Young People” Ambassadors in Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, for a financial contribution towards a youth concert, and it was resolved:

1. To note the request from four representatives from “Year of Young People” Ambassadors in Orkney for a financial contribution.
2. That no financial contribution would be made towards a youth concert being organised by the “Year of Young People” Ambassadors in Orkney.

C. THAW Orkney

Consideration was given to a written request from THAW Orkney, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, for a financial contribution towards partnership funding, and it was resolved:

1. To note the request from the Manager, THAW Orkney for a financial contribution towards partnership funding.
2. That no financial contribution would be made to THAW Orkney.

16. Any Other Competent Business

A. Helipad at New Hospital

Consideration was given to an email from a resident regarding the lack of a helipad at the new hospital in Kirkwall, copies of which had been forwarded to members, and it was resolved:

1. To note the email correspondence from a resident regarding the lack of a helicopter pad at the new hospital in Kirkwall.
2. That the Island Link Officer would write to the resident acknowledging their concern and include a copy of correspondence received from the Chief Executive, NHS Orkney, on the issue of a helipad previously raised by members.

B. Pier Terminal Waiting Room Toilets

Members heard that a door and light needed attention in the pier terminal waiting room toilets; and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Island Link Officer would visit the pier terminal waiting room toilets and report any necessary maintenance requirement for attention.

C. Aspiring Communities Fund

Consideration was given to information on the Aspiring Communities Fund, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That members would consider projects that may meet and benefit from future funding opportunities.

D. Merchant Navy Day

Members heard that the Campaign's Manager, Seafarers UK had written to request help in raising public awareness of our island nation's reliance on seafarers and shipping by flying the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day, 3 September, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

17. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next general meeting of Stronsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 27 August 2018 at 19:30 in the Stronsay Community Centre.

18. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 22:15.