

Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, Holm, on Wednesday, 6 November 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Jacqui Hirst, Shelagh Sneesby, Martin Lee and Kenny Rendall.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Norman R Craigie.
- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.
- Sergeant Richard Morris, Police Scotland.

Chair:

- Jacqui Hirst in the Chair.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Bill Robertson and Councillor Steve Sankey.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Following a presentation from Sergeant Richard Morris on Police matters in the local area, it was:

Resolved to note the extremely low levels of Police matters affecting the Holm area.

Sergeant Richard Morris left the meeting at this point.

3. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 4 September 2019 was approved, being proposed by Kenny Rendall and seconded by Shelagh Sneesby, noting that Martin Lee had attended Orkney Housing Association Ltd.'s launch of its Orkney ZE Car Club at Holm Community Centre on 30 July 2019.

4. Matters Arising

A. Tourist Brochure

Following consideration of an update from Martin Lee on the Tourist Brochure, it was resolved:

1. To note that the existing tourist brochure had been reprinted for the 2019 season.
2. That Martin Lee should contact the representatives from the other community councils with a view to prioritising an update of the brochure for the 2020 season.
3. That the Clerk should advise Orkney Islands Council that, subject to agreement from the other community councils, Holm Community Council supported the request that the tourist brochure be uploaded to the Orkney.com website.

B. Policy on Financial Assistance

Following consideration of a proposal for a revised policy on financial assistance from Martin Lee, it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting, to enable members to consider the proposal and for the Clerk to confirm decision making powers.

C. Burial Ground Improvement Programme

Following consideration of an update from Martin Lee on discussions with Orkney Islands Council and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency regarding a restriction on lair depths in the new extension to the Holm Kirkyard, it was:

Resolved that, although it was suggested that the guidance may be reviewed to allow double depth interments, Martin Lee would seek confirmation from Orkney Islands Council and report back to the Community Council.

D. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Following an update from the Clerk regarding arrangements for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, it was:

Resolved to note:

1. That as the Salvation Army had advised they were not available on Sunday, 1 December 2019, the date was confirmed as Saturday, 7 December 2019.
2. That the Community Association had confirmed arrangements for setting up the hall.
3. That the tree was ordered from William Shearer, Kirkwall.
4. That St Andrews Primary School had provided details of the youngest and oldest Holm children.

E. Financial Requests

The Clerk had received correspondence from the undernoted organisations and individuals thanking the Community Council for financial assistance:

- Girlguiding Orkney – Tartan Gig, Glasgow, 31 August 2019.
- Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council – Bonfire and Fireworks Display, November 2019.
- J Munro – Netball Orkney Under 17 squad, District Day competition, Edinburgh, 13 and 14 September 2019.

F. War Memorial

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding ownership and maintenance of the area of ground surrounding the war memorial, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the area formed part of the road verge and, as such, was maintained by Orkney Islands Council. There were also no plans to carry out any maintenance or improvement works, although the area would be inspected, and any defects identified attended to.

5. Correspondence

A. 2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration of correspondence from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland regarding the 2019 review of electoral arrangements in the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland council areas, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence, together with a further news release advising of the consultation period, which closed on 2 December 2019.

B. Winter Service Plan Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the outcome of consultation on the Winter Service Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence, including approval of the request that the B9052 between the Memorial and the First Barrier be upgraded to a Priority 1, with the section of Moss Road downgraded to a Priority 2S.

C. Verge Maintenance Plan Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the outcome of consultation on the Verge Maintenance Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Scapa Flow and Queen of Sweden

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Government regarding a consultation on proposals to designate historic marine protected areas in Scapa Flow and for the wreck known as the Queen of Sweden, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation, for which responses were required by 27 November 2019.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 25 October 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 25 October 2019 of £11,708.30.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 25 October 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,160.55.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 25 October 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £6,500.

D. Seed Corn Funding

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Funding Statement as at 25 October 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

7. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso Open Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one resident participating in the Thurso Open Meet on 14 and 15 September 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given.

B. Fyrish Gymnastics Competition

Following consideration of correspondence from S Robertson requesting financial assistance towards her daughter's participation in the Fyrish gymnastics competition held in Alness on 28 and 29 September 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given.

C. Under 17s Netball

Following consideration of correspondence from J Munro requesting financial assistance towards her daughter's participation as part of Netball Orkney's Under 17s squad in trips south on 20 October 2019, 16 November 2019 and 14 March 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given in respect of each trip.

D. Ross County Football and U15s Netball

Following consideration of correspondence from M Ewing requesting financial assistance towards her son's participation in the Ross County football squad and her daughter's participation in Netball Orkney's Under 15s squad, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the following donations be given:

- Ross County – £25 each in respect of two further matches (from the six listed).
- Netball Orkney – Under 15s Squad – £25 each in respect of three competitions (30 November 2019, 18 January 2020 and 15/16 February 2020).

D. Holm Community Association – Hallowe'en Party

The Clerk had received correspondence from Holm Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the Hallowe'en party, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £200 be given.

E. Children's Christmas Party

The Clerk had received correspondence from N Clitheroe, on behalf of the organising group, requesting financial assistance towards the Holm children's Christmas party, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 be given.

8. Meetings/Events attended by Members

A. Crimestoppers Scotland Charity – Communita

Crimestoppers Scotland Charity had organised a Communita event in the Pickaquoy Centre on 10 September 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note that, although it was not confirmed whether Bill Robertson had been able to attend, Councillor Drever gave a short report on his attendance.

B. National Transport Strategy – Engagement Event

Transport Scotland had arranged an engagement event held in the Kirkwall Town Hall on 9 October 2019, as part of the consultation on the National Transport Strategy, and it was:

Resolved to note that Martin Lee had attended the engagement event and gave a short report on the main items raised.

9. Publications

The Clerk had received the following publications which were made available to members via e-mail:

- VAO – August, September and October 2019 newsletters.
- VAO – Monthly Volunteering Summary – September, October and November 2019.
- Carnegie UK Trust – News – September 2019.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – September and October 2019.
- Climate Challenge Fund Newsletters (issued 18 September and 5 November 2019).
- Scottish Water Newsletter – October 2019 – Renewables and Low Carbon Energy.
- Scottish Health Council – October 2019 Newsletter.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Orkney Harbour Master Plan

Martin Lee advised that, although he had submitted a response to the consultation on the Orkney Harbour Master Plan, he had not received any communication acknowledging receipt and, should Orkney Islands Council get a customer for decommissioning, plans for the Scapa Flow deep water berth may be progressed, and it was:

Resolved that Martin Lee should contact Orkney Islands Council to seek confirmation that the consultation response was received and inviting an officer to attend the next meeting to give a short presentation on the Master Plan.

B. Remembrance Sunday – Community Wreath

Councillor Andrew Drever asked whether the Community Council would assume responsibility for meeting the cost of the community wreath laid at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, if asked, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council should assume responsibility, if asked.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Holm Community Council should be held on 15 January 2020 in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, Holm, commencing at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:35.