

# **Minute of the Special Meeting of Harray and Sandwich Community Council held in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesday, 11 September 2019 at 19:00**

## **Present:**

Mr D Hamilton, Mr G Brown, Mrs E Grant, Mr C Kirkness, and Mrs K Ritch.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor R King.
- Mr R Delday, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mr D Scarth, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mr S Spence, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mrs S Shearer, Planning Officer.
- Mrs N Phillips, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr I Flett, Mr K Groundwater, Miss K Coghill, Mr M Hay, Mr A Spence, Mr K Spence and Councillors H Johnston, O Tierney and D Tullock.

## **2. Dounby Market Green**

A Special Meeting was held with members of Harray and Sandwich Community Council, Birsay Community Council and the Senior Planner to discuss and draw up ideas on a map for the development of the Market and Green and surrounding area in Dounby. The ideas came from the Community Council Members and visitors to the Community Council stand from Dounby Show day.

### **A. Ideas**

#### **Market Green**

- New toilet block.
- Create a through road and parking for two buses.
- Electric vehicle charging points.
- Create an electric point for the Christmas Tree.
- Drinking water fountain.
- Car parking.
- Disabled car parking.
- Remove phone box.
- Re-site Post Box.
- Children's play area.
- Picnic benches.
- Footpath area.
- Green space.

#### **Dounby Village**

- Create more pavements including from Quilco, up past Marwick Brae and onto the Swartland Road.
- Create safe paths around and through the village.
- Replace and upgrade the service bus stop.
- Move the bus stop for Stromness Academy pupils to Dounby School, where there is already a bus shelter and pupils get picked up more than half an hour before Dounby School opens.
- Create a through road at the Co-op so that the delivery van does not block up the main road and would make the delivery drivers deliveries easier.
- Look at upgrading and possibly moving the amenity site to the outskirts of Dounby.
- Create parking at the back of the Co-op and possibly where the amenity site is.

- Create footpaths with dog walking areas on the unused land on Hillside Road, between Market Green and Quilco.
- Reinstate the redundant playpark next to the garages.
- Extend 30mph signs up the Hillside Road, the Vetquoy Road and the Swartland Road.
- Create a different road surface from the Community School to Swartland Road to help slow traffic down.
- Install a roundabout or widen the road at the crossroads.
- Parking in front of the Co-op where the cash machine is abolished as it can be unsafe.
- Define and make safe the existing parking across from the Co-op, in front of the Market Green houses and create a pedestrian crossing.

## **B. Potential Issues**

Members discussed potential issues that could hinder the development:

- The Dyke at Market Green would need to be removed, it has fuel tanks which need to be made sure are safe.
- The Co-op need to agree to a through road on the carpark.
- The amenity site may not be able to be moved.

## **C. Next Steps**

Members discussed what the next steps would be, and it was resolved:

1. That the Planning Officer would take the map and discuss the suggestions with her team.
2. That the clerk would send the list of suggestions from the Dounby Show day to Democratic Services.
3. That a consultation meeting inviting stakeholders and Orkney Islands Council officials would be arranged at the Dounby Community School for November.

The Planning Officer and Birsay Community Council members left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Any Other Competent Business**

Members discussed a communication from Orkney Islands Council, Estates Department, regarding the area of ground adjacent to the recycling centre advising that if the Community Council was interested in this area of land they should submit a formal written expression of interest, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would request that Democratic Services forward a formal expression of interest to the Estates Department.

#### **4. Dates of Future Meetings**

The next Community Council meeting would take place at the Milestone Kirk on Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 19:00.

#### **5. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:45.