

Minute of the Meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held in Rousay Community School on Saturday, 11 May 2019 at 10:15

Present:

Mr A Firth, Mrs C Cox, Mr R Friel, Mrs C Maguire and Mr R Tipper.

In Attendance:

- Chief Inspector M Webb, Orkney Area Commander, Police Scotland.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs E Soames, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Z Flaws and Mr J Garson, Mrs S Shaw (Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care), and Councillors S Clackson, G Sinclair and K Woodbridge.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr A Firth be appointed Chairperson of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mr R Tipper be appointed Vice Chairperson of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

C. Transport Representative

Resolved that Mrs C Cox be reappointed Transport Representative for Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

D. Planning Representative

Resolved that Mr R Friel be reappointed Planning Representative for Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the meeting held on 9 February 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr R Friel and seconded by Mr R Tipper

4. Visit from Orkney Area Commander, Police Scotland

The Area Commander introduced himself and advised members of his role within the community. He advised that he wishes to attend Community Council meetings to keep in touch and discuss crime within the community. He was keen to appear in person or use video conferencing if necessary. A discussion around Special Constables took place, about recruitment and their role in the community. The Commander advised that the use of the 101 number was the best way to get in touch with the local Police as they would make arrangements to come over to the islands where necessary. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

5. Matters Arising

A. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets

After hearing from the Clerk that a further £449.10 had been spent on books of tickets since the last meeting, and for 2018/2019 a total of £1,254.75 had been spent on books of tickets, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk continue to spend up to the budget of £500 until the next meeting.
2. To introduce a deadline for applications each month to allow tickets to be purchased in bulk.
3. To investigate if 50 ticket books can be purchased for Inter Isles, and if not to go back to members requesting that more than one book of 20 can be purchased at a time for those that use more than 20 in a month.

B. Scrap Car Scheme

After hearing from the Clerk that there were still vehicles to collect, and that there had not been enough notice given by the haulier to allow for pick up, it was resolved:

1. To re-advertise this scheme.
2. To get in touch with the haulier to see where they are at with the current collections and to try and give 24 hours' notice to residents ahead of collection.

C. Notice Board

Mr J Garson was not in attendance, however members heard that he had sourced a price for four new notice boards, two free standing and two wall mounted, at the estimated cost of £1,027.41. Delivery costs were still unknown, it was:

1. Resolved that the Chair was to investigate the possibility of St Combs in Kirkwall assisting with the production of notice boards.
2. That the Clerk would request CCGS funding to the value of £1,200.

D. NHS Orkney – First Responders

Mr R Friel, who was one of the island's new First Responder candidates, updated members with his experience. He explained where they were at with training and that currently there were three new responders who were now "on call", and it was:

Resolved to note the situation.

E. Kirkyard Matting

Mrs C Maguire reported to members that she was waiting for a specification from Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to ask in the business letter for a specification and whether OIC would meet 50% of the cost.

F. Egilsay Bin Store

Mrs C Cox updated members that Egilsay community were in touch with the builder with regards to location, however some more changes would be required at the pier on Egilsay, and it was resolved:

1. To add to the business letter a query on whether the bins at the pier in Egilsay could be swapped for 240-litre bins.
2. To check if the builder would be able to provide an invoice for the works, with a breakdown of the specific costs as well as exact details of what would be proposed.

G. Ferry Service Consultative Forum Meeting

Following the last Ferry Service Consultative Forum meeting, the Transport Representative was able to update that no-one would be left stranded if they forgot to book on as a foot passenger as long as Tingwall was advised of this prior to the last Egilsay sailing. She also advised that there had been valid arguments raised for the Shapinsay boat to be given for the Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre routes for the Summer, and that email bookings could be submitted to the Tingwall office, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk write to Orkney Ferries regarding issues with capacity.
2. To put in the REW Review the information regarding the Tingwall office accepting email booking requests.

H. Access within Kirkyards

Mr R Friel advised the meeting that photos had been taken of the repairs required at Scockness Kirkyard, and suggested that the Community Council should advertise for someone to undertake the repairs, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should advertise in the REW Review for someone to undertake the necessary repairs at Scockness Kirkyard.

I. Grass Cutting Tenders 2019

On discussion of the grass cutting tenders for 2019, members were made aware that Mr R Soames had been appointed to this task, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

J. Review of Insurance Policy

Members were provided with a copy of the insurance policy for the Community Council for 2019 to assess its contents and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents and that no amendments were required to the cover.

K. Bag the Bruck 2019

Members were advised that three groups had taken part in Bag the Bruck locally; Rousay Brownies, Egilsay Community Association and Rousay Nursery, and it was:

Resolved that each group should receive £100 from the £300 allocated from CCGS.

6. Correspondence

A. VAO - Free Sanitary Products

Members read an email from Voluntary Action Orkney regarding free sanitary products, and it was:

Resolved to request some for local outlets, including the school and the surgery.

B. Letter from J Marwick

Members read an email from Mr Jamie Marwick regarding the boat service, and it was resolved:

1. To send the correspondence on to Orkney Ferries copying in Councillors.
2. To respond to Mr Marwick, thanking him for taking the time to write to the Community Council.

C. Annual Grants

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services, which advised of the 2019/2020 Annual Grant allocation, which was due to be made and stood at £4,826.67, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. Thank You Letter

Members were advised that a letter had been received from Rousay School, thanking the Community Council for the donation towards Christmas presents, and it was:

Resolved to note the thank you letter.

E. Self-Build Loan Fund

Members were given information from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust regarding Self-Build Loan Funds, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. Energy Supplier - Our Power

Members considered correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the electricity provider Our Power, which had ceased trading, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. SSEN - Finstown Substation

Members considered correspondence from SSE regarding the planning application which had now been submitted for a proposed substation at Finstown, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Account

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 13 June 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £22,321.76.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 5 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the main and additional capping limits were fully allocated but that a balance of £642 remained within the island capping limit.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 5 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 5 April 2019, it was resolved:

That £9,035 remained available for allocation.

8. Financial Requests

A. 1st Rousay Guides

The Clerk declared an interest in this item.

Members considered a request from 1st Rousay Guides for £63.05 towards Guide equipment, and it was:

Resolved to grant £63.05 from Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS), subject to approval.

B. Rousay SWRI - Homemade in the Parish

Members considered a request from Rousay SWRI for assistance with the cost of travel to take part in the Homemade in the Parish event in May 2019. Members had previously agreed to fund this via email, and it was:

Resolved to award £110 from CCGS, which had already been applied for by the Clerk, and subsequently approved.

C. Rousay Parent Council

Members considered a request from Rousay Parent Council for £800 to assist with putting on a charity fundraiser on 20 July 2019, and it was:

Resolved to ask the applicants for more information and have it circulated via email to allow for further consideration prior to the next meeting.

D. KGS – On behalf of Kate Friel

Mr R Friel declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Members discussed an application from Kirkwall Grammar School, on behalf of Kate Friel, for a trip to Inverness. Members agreed that this was not an educational trip and, therefore, it was:

Resolved that a donation would not be awarded for this request.

9. Consultations

A. Orkney Partnership Board – National Islands Plan

Members considered the information provided in relation to the National Islands Plan consultation, and it was:

Resolved to note the closing date for comments of 6 July 2019.

B. Supplementary Guidance – Housing in the Countryside

Members considered information received from Orkney Islands Council with regards to the consultation on the Supplementary Guidance for Housing in the Countryside, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would circulate the document via email to allow members to consider it prior to the deadline for comments of 20 June 2019.

10. Reports from Representatives

A. Planning

The Planning Representative reported that there had been no further updates to any existing planning, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Transport

Resolved to note that all relevant transport issued had been covered earlier in the meeting.

11. Publications

The following publications were made available to members at the meeting:

- Scottish Health Council – March 2019 Newsletter.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – January, February and March 2019.

It was resolved to note the contents, especially of the statistics, and to mention in the letter to Orkney Ferries (Item 5G) that the increase in footfall will be because of the Shapinsay being on the Eynhallow Route in 2018.

12. Any Other Competent Business - Fire and Rescue Service

Mrs C Maguire brought up the lack of fire fighters on the island, and that the level of fitness required was too high compared to other emergency services. A discussion was had about a recruitment drive to encourage a greater take up, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Orkney Branch), copying in the Station Manager for Rousay, regarding concerns.

13. Dates of Next Meetings

Resolved that the next meetings of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on 29 June, 24 August and 9 November 2019 at 10:15 in Rousay Community School.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 12:30.