

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Monday, 29 January 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mr I Deyell, Mr P Donnelly, Ms A Duncan, Mr M Holbrook, Mrs H Scott, Mr I Scott and Mrs S Wise.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mrs J McGrath, Democratic Services.
- S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

2. Minutes of Meetings

A. Minute of Special Meeting held on 30 August 2017

The minute of the special meeting held on 30 August 2017 was approved, being proposed by Mr I Scott and seconded by Ms A Duncan, subject to the following amendment:

Item 3D should read:

That passengers should confirm their travel intentions with Loganair if the first leg of their journey cannot be made.

B. Minute of General Meeting held on 29 November 2017

The minute of meeting held on 29 November 2017 was approved, being proposed by Mr M Holbrook and seconded by Ms A Duncan.

3. Matters Arising

A. Sheep Dyke

It was reported that the Awards for All form was still to be completed. It was also noted that there was no update as yet from the North Isles Partnership Scheme project, however it was noted that a decision on funding was to be announced by the end of March, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Access Road to Kirkyard and Scottish Water Storage Tank

Members noted that Scottish Water had arranged for three bags of chips to be delivered, but that the works to the road would need to wait until the weather improved, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this issue again at the next meeting.

C. Noticeboard at Airport

The Clerk reported that she had priced a noticeboard measuring 1050mm by 1012mm, and members agreed that they could consider what to display on the noticeboard once it was erected, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should go ahead and order the noticeboard and to apply to use CCGS on the cost.

D. White Goods

Mr P Donnelly joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

Members heard that the white goods that had been left at the pier had been removed, and that £75 of the £500 set aside by the Community Council had been used to cover the costs. It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Democratic Services on how the white goods scheme should be administered, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should advertise the white goods scheme, once advice had been provided by Democratic Services.
2. That Democratic Services would find out when the next scheduled Special Collection was due to happen, and let the Clerk know the details.

E. Community Resilience Planning

The Clerk advised that she had obtained prices for a satellite phone, however it was also discussed that these were very expensive to run. It was reported that Liam McArthur MSP was to be taking the issues of mobile coverage up with Vodafone, and that there was due to be another meeting of the Digital Forum. Members agreed that this item should be discussed again at the next meeting when more information may be available in this regard, and it was:

Resolved to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

F. Scrap Cars

It was noted that there were 17 vehicles on the list to be scrapped, and the Clerk relayed information on the costs involved in having them transported to the scrap yard. It was agreed that the Community Council should wait for better weather before making arrangements for them to be taken away. It was also agreed that the Clerk should circulate an updated notice advising that further vehicles would be considered for the scheme on a first-come-first-served basis until the fund was exhausted, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should put up an updated poster advising that funding was still available.
2. To add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

G. Water Runs

The Community Council Liaison Officer advised members that there was no specification for cutting water runs but that no stones should be put in for safety reasons, and that members of the public could report the need for water runs to be cut as well as other roads issues directly to the Council, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put up a notice containing this information.

H. Plastic Recycling

The Community Council Liaison Officer reported that the Council was due to carry out a review of plastic recycling facilities in Orkney, but that they would be willing to work with North Ronaldsay Community Council to reach a solution for being able to

recycle plastic. Members agreed that they would be interested in this idea, and it was resolved:

1. That Democratic Services would liaise with the Waste Team to find out what options could be made available to the Community Council.
2. To add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

4. Correspondence

A. Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forum Meetings

Members discussed various issues regarding the air and ferry service, including night landing, Sunday flights, statistics, and the first flight of the day, and it was:

Resolved that the Transport Representative would take up all issues on behalf of North Ronaldsay Community Council at the Consultative Forum meetings on 14 February 2018.

B. NHS Scotland

Members discussed the correspondence from NHS Scotland, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Energy Efficiency Funding

Following consideration of correspondence from Thrive Renewables regarding energy efficiency grants for community buildings, it was:

Resolved that the information had already been passed to the Development Trust and Community Association.

D. National Health and Social Care Standards

Following consideration of an invitation from the Scottish Health Council to National Health and Social Care Standards awareness sessions, it was:

Resolved to note the invitation.

E. Isles Storm Feedback

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services requesting feedback following the recent storm, it was:

Resolved that there was nothing to report following the bad weather.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £13,388.35 as at 15 January 2017/2018.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS)

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme Statement, it was:

Resolved to note the main capping limit was fully allocated, as at 15 January 2017/2018.

C. Community Development Fund (CDF)

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,000 remained available for allocation as at 15 January 2017/2018.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,258.51 as at 30 January 2017/2018.

6. Financial Requests

A. North Ronaldsay Sheep Festival

Following discussion of correspondence from North Ronaldsay Sheep Festival requesting financial assistance towards travel costs for the 2018 event, it was resolved:

1. To grant assistance of £756 towards Sheep Festival travel costs.
2. That the Clerk should apply for CCGS assistance on the agreed amount.

B. Request for Aggregates

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance towards the cost of aggregates under the road scheme, it was agreed that the Community Council should run a new scheme at the start of the next financial year, and it was resolved:

1. To run a new scheme commencing 1 April 2018.
2. That the Clerk would place a notice locally advising that applications would be considered from 1 April 2018.
3. To add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

7. Consultations

Resolved to note that no consultation documents had been circulated for comment.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that there was nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative

Members heard that an AGM had been held recently, where a new Chairman was appointed. Funding had been secured for a Development Manager, and the group was also hopeful of funding for a Dyke Manager and the Schoolhouse Project. Another volunteering event was planned for March/April to repair the bird hides, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO newsletter/training and funding update.
- Loganair Statistics – November and December 2017.
- Orkney Ferries Statistics – September and October 2017.
- Online Safety Leaflet.
- Growing up in Orkney.
- Voices Scotland – Taster Session information.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Islands of Orkney Brochure

Members heard that all amendments to the brochure had been submitted to Democratic Services and that hopefully a proof would be available for checking shortly, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Abattoir Closure

Following discussion of the recent closure of the abattoir in Kirkwall, it was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter on behalf of the Community Council to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure and the Chair of the Committee, highlighting the issue of animal welfare and stating the importance for isles farmers of having a small local abattoir on mainland Orkney, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would draft a letter for checking by the Chair.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion of future meeting dates, it was resolved that the next meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 26 March 2018 at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:40.