

Minute of the Meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council held in the Garden Room, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, on Monday, 20 January 2020 at 19:00

Present:

Tom Rendall, Kim Burns, Lorraine A Craigie, David L Flett, Moyra Gordon, Christine E Marcus, Robert F Leslie, Rikki A Lidderdale, Steven Metcalf and John R Mowat.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Sandy G Cowie.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

- Mrs H Flett, Clerk.

- 1 member of the local press.
- Sergeant Martin Arbuckle, Police Scotland.

- Sean Young, Papdale East Play Park Association.
- Sandra Deans, Project Manager, John Rae Society.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Christopher Gee, Cathleen A Hourie, and Councillors David Dawson, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle and W Leslie Manson.

2. Police Scotland Matters

After hearing an update from Sergeant Martin Arbuckle regarding various Police Scotland matters, it was:

Resolved to note the updates in relation to the following Police Scotland matters:

- All local officers being issued with mobile data devices, rather than paper notebooks.
- Proposals to increase the number of officers trained to deploy tasers.
- Statistics for the period 20 December 2019 to 20 January 2020.
- Recruitment exercise for special constables.

Rikki Lidderdale joined the meeting during discussion of this item and Sergeant Martin Arbuckle left the meeting at this point.

3. Papdale East Play Park Association

After hearing a presentation from representatives of the Papdale East Play Park Association and Councillor John Ross Scott regarding progress with redevelopment of the play area at Papdale East, it was:

Resolved to note progress to date.

Sean Young left the meeting at this point.

4. Hall of Clestrain Development

After hearing a presentation from Sandra Deans, Project Manager, John Rae Society, regarding the restoration of the Hall of Clestrain to provide an interpretation centre, it was:

Resolved to note the presentation.

Councillor John Ross Scott left the meeting during discussion of this item and Sandra Deans left the meeting at this point.

5. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 25 November 2019 was approved, being proposed by Kin Burns and seconded by Steven Metcalf.

6. Matters Arising

A. Shrub Bed at Scapa Junction

Following an update from the Chair regarding maintenance of the shrub bed at the Scapa junction, it was:

Resolved to note that Cathleen Hourie was now in contact with a different department and hoped to have a response shortly.

B. Town Centre Funding

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council requesting projects for potential Town Centre funding, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that Councillor John Richards would investigate how many projects had been submitted for the Kirkwall area, and report back to the next meeting.

C. Care Home, Kirkwall

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council responding to concerns raised by two members of the public regarding delays and potential reductions in the size of the proposed new care facility in Kirkwall, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

7. Correspondence

A. Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orphir Community Council requesting support for additional verge cutting in the Scapa area, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orphir Community Council supporting its request regarding verge maintenance at the Scapa bends as follows:

- Verges to be cut every 6 weeks from May to September.
- Area to be cut to be extended to Scapa Distillery.
- Potential for “safety cuts” to be included in addition.

B. Further Gravestone Remediation Work

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of progress with the headstone reinstatement programme, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Junction of Palace Road/Watergate – Traffic Calming Measures

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding potential funding to extend traffic calming measures on Palace Road to the junction with Watergate, including extending pavements, narrowing the road and creating crossing points, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should write to Orkney Islands Council advising that the Community Council supported the project, subject to external funding and the outcome of the project leading to improved safety.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 10 January 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 10 January 2020 of £6,893.63.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 10 January 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £91.47.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 20 January 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,688.42.

9. Financial Requests

A. Glaitness School – P7 Nethybridge Trip – May 2020

Following consideration of correspondence received from Glaitness School requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 26 pupils participating in the P7 Nethybridge trip between 11 and 14 May 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that, as the trip would take place in financial year 2020/2021, a total grant of £275 be awarded, in accordance with the new policy to take effect from 1 April 2020.

B. Dance for All Audition

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance received from M Want towards her daughter attending an audition at the Dance for All dance school in Edinburgh on 17 December 2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded, subject to proof of attendance.

C. Orkney Youth Climbing Club

Following consideration of a request for financial assistance received from E Wallace towards his daughter participating in the Youth Climbing series to be held in Aberdeen on 25 January 2020 and in Inverness on 8 February 2020, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £30 be awarded in respect of each event, subject to proof of attendance.

10. Hanging Baskets

Following discussion on arrangements for hanging baskets, it was resolved:

A. That the Clerk should write to Kirkwall BID requesting financial assistance towards the cost of replacement brackets, bolts and washers.

B. That the Community Council should continue the scheme to provide floral hanging baskets in the town centre during 2020 for private businesses and households only, on the same basis as 2019.

C. That the Clerk should make the necessary arrangements to secure a contract for the provision of hanging baskets during 2020.

11. Shrub Bed at Scapa Junction

Following discussion of continued maintenance of the shrub bed at the Scapa junction, it was:

Resolved to note that this matter had already been discussed at item 6A above.

12. Flower Tubs at War Memorial

Following discussion of the continued provision of flower tubs at the Kirkwall and St Ola War Memorial, it was:

Resolved:

A. That the Community Council should provide flower tubs at the Kirkwall and St Ola War Memorial containing Royal British Legion colours.

B. That a grant of £120 be awarded towards provision of the flower tubs, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

13. Consultations - Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020 to 2025

Following consideration of a consultation document received from Orkney Health and Care regarding the Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020 to 2025, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the consultation, the closing date for which had been extended.

14. Publications

The following publications had been sent to the Clerk and were forwarded to members via email:

- VAO Newsletters – November and December 2019.
- VAO – Volunteering Summary – December 2019 and January 2020.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – December 2019 and January 2020.
- SSEN – Connections Newsletter – Autumn/Winter 2019.

15. Meetings attended by Members

A. Scottish Parliament – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

As part of its public inquiry into Marine Planning Partnerships and Regional Marine Plans, The Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee had met at Kirkwall Grammar School on 29 November 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note that the Community Council had not been represented at the meeting.

B. Highlands and Islands Airports – Air Traffic Management Strategy

As part of its community engagement programme, Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd held a briefing session on its Air Traffic Management Strategy in the Pickaquoy Centre on 16 January 2020, and it was:

Resolved to note the report from the Chair on his attendance at the briefing session.

16. Any Other Competent Business

A. Future of Peedie Breeks Nursery

The Clerk had received correspondence from the Manager, Peedie Breeks Nursery, outlining the impact closure of the nursery would have on the local area, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

Cathleen Hourie joined the meeting at this point.

B. On-Street Parking in Central Kirkwall

Councillor John Richards highlighted three consultation events regarding proposed amendments to on-street parking in central Kirkwall, to be held in the Town Hall on 21, 22 and 23 January 2020, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council should be held on 16 March 2020 in the Garden Room, King Street Halls, Kirkwall, commencing at 19:00.

18. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.