

# **Minute of the Meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council held in St Margaret's Hope Community School on Wednesday, 21 November 2018 at 19:30**

## **Present:**

Mr R Smith, Mr I Balcombe, Mr S Groundwater, Mr A Rosie, Mr D Ward, Mr D Woodcock and Ms J Woodhead.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor S Sankey.
- Ms S Bray, Clerk.
- Mr M Fleet, Chair of Burray School Parent Council.
- Mr R Madge, Insulation King

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillors N Craigie and A Drever.

## **2. Room in the Roof Insulation**

Members heard details of the Room in the Roof insulation scheme from the Insulation King representative, who explained that his company was carrying out the work, and that grants were available to cover the entire cost of having loft rooms insulated to current building regulations. Members were informed that details of the scheme were available from Insulation King, and it was:

Resolved to note the report.

## **3. Safe Routes to School - Burray Primary**

Members heard from the Chair of Burray School Parent Council that they were proposing that new pavements should be put in place and that the speed limit be reduced to 30mph through Burray village, in line with other villages in Orkney. They were also proposing that the speed limit be reduced from the national speed limit on the approaches where pavements are put in place. The Chair of the Parent Council advised that he would provide a map showing the proposed new pavements, and it was:

Resolved to note the report and await further information from the School Parent Council.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 12 September 2018 was approved, being proposed by Ms J Woodhead and seconded by Mr D Woodcock.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### **A. Burray War Memorial**

Members heard that the work on Burray War Memorial had been completed, and it was:

Resolved to note the report.

### **B. Smiddy Museum**

Members heard that the roof of the Smiddy was still leaking and that the cost of ready printed postcards would be £12 for a pack of 50, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would arrange for the leak in the Smiddy roof to be repaired.

### **C. Information Board – Sands of Wright**

Members heard that the artwork on the information board was too badly degraded to be used and that the Clerk was attempting to locate the original artwork used, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would continue to try and source the original artwork.

### **D. Rabbits in St Peter’s Kirkyard**

Members heard that the Clerk had visited the kirkyard in order to fix netting to the bottom of the gate and found that this had already been done. It would seem that the rabbits were getting in over the wall or burrowing underneath and not under the gate. Members discussed ways of preventing rabbits entering the kirkyard and causing damage, and it was:

Resolved to enquire as to whether Orkney Islands Council was aware of this problem in any other kirkyards and if they could suggest a solution.

### **E. Hanging Baskets**

Members received a quote of £3,019.14 for 40 hanging baskets and brackets to replace those in St Margaret’s Hope, and it was:

Resolved that these should be purchased from the general fund.

### **F. Burray Speed Limits**

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that there are no plans at this time to reduce speed limits through Burray village, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Hoolan Energy**

Members received correspondence concerning the planning permission appeal in relation to Hesta Head Wind Farm, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **B. Update on Headstone Inspections**

Members received correspondence from Democratic Services giving an update on the survey work carried out on headstones in Orkney cemeteries, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

### **C. SSEN Trident Line**

Members received correspondence concerning the public meeting held in Cromarty Hall on 20 August where concerns were raised over the proposed trident line on Hoxa. Members also received correspondence from SSEN advising that, due to

environmental and technical factors, they had now committed to underground the structure at Hoxa Head, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

## **D. Lower Speed Communities**

Members received correspondence inviting a representative to attend a workshop Lower Speed Communities to be held at Kirkwall Town Hall on 28 November, and it was:

Resolved that Mr D Woodcock would attend the workshop.

## **E. Grass Cutting**

Members received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council inviting comments on the prioritisation of grass cutting works within the Community Council area, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

# **7. Financial Statements**

## **A. General Finance and Smiddy Statement**

Following consideration of the General Finance and Smiddy statements, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £10,160.33 in the General Fund and £213.22 in the Smiddy Fund as at 8 November 2018

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme Statement**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS) statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance had been fully allocated as at 8 November 2018.

## **C. Seed Corn Statement**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn statement, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of the Seed Corn fund remaining for approval was £155.83.

# **8. Financial Request - Orkney Amateur Swimming Club**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club requesting financial support for costs of travel to the first leg of the Gibson Cup to be held in Wick, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £30 towards the cost.

## **9. Consultations**

### **A. Verge Maintenance**

Members received correspondence from Democratic Services asking for comments on the Verge Maintenance Plan 2018, and it was:

Resolved to suggest that Flaws Road on South Ronaldsay could be added to Schedule A as a conservation verge.

### **B. Review of Gambling Policy**

Members received correspondence concerning the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board Review of Gambling Policy, and it was:

Resolved that members had no comments to make on the consultation.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications were available to members:

- VAO News.
- VAO Training and Funding Update.
- SRCA Agenda and Minutes.
- Community Planning News.
- War Memorials Trust Newsletter.
- HAGS Play Equipment Brochure.
- Scottish Water Newsletter.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Demolition of Toilets in Cromarty Square**

Members discussed the problem of the blind corner by the toilets in Cromarty Square and the lack of parking for coaches. It was suggested that the present toilets could be replaced and that a plan for improvements to the facilities in St Margaret's Hope should be considered, and it was:

Resolved to discuss this further at a future meeting.

### **B. Stagecoach Buses**

Members heard that there had been no response from Stagecoach to the email sent by Mr D Ward concerning the buses deviating from the route, and it was:

Resolved that a representative from Stagecoach be invited to attend the next meeting.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved that the next meeting of South Ronaldsay and Burray Community Council would be held on Wednesday, 20 February 2019, in the Hope Community School at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21:30.