

# Minute of the Meeting of Eday Community Council held in Eday Community School on Wednesday, 3 July 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

Mrs A Byers, Mr T McCabe, Mr M Scott, Mrs S Thompson, Mr H Thomson and Mr K Redwood.

## In Attendance:

- Miss L Merry, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors G Sinclair, S Clackson and K Woodbridge.

## **2. Appointment of Office Bearers**

### **A. Chairperson**

Resolved that Mrs A Byers be appointed Chairperson of Eday Community Council.

### **B. Vice Chairperson**

Resolved that Mr M Scott be appointed Vice Chair of Eday Community Council.

### **C. Transport Representative**

Resolved that Mrs A Byers be appointed Transport Planning Representative.

## **3. Community Council Vacancy**

Members discussed the date for a public meeting to elect to the vacancy on Eday Community Council, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would to put a notice in the public areas asking for interested members of the community to contact the Clerk.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 27 March 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr T McCabe and seconded by Mr M Scott.

Subject to the following amendments:

Item 4, following consideration of tenders for the grass cutting of the Eday Kirkyard during 2019, it was:

Resolved to award the Kirkyard grass cutting contract to Mr I Thomson.

To be replaced by:

Following consideration of tenders for the Kirkyard maintenance, it was:

Resolved to award the Kirkyard Maintenance Tender to Mr I Thomson.

Item 6c, Highlands Small Communities Housing Fund – Self Build Load Fund

To be replaced by:

Highlands Small Communities Housing Fund – Self Build Loan Fund.

## **5. Review of Insurance Policy Schedule**

Resolved that the Chair is to review the policy schedule.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **A. Eday War Memorial**

Members received an update from Mr K Redwood regarding the Eday war memorial and that the necessary works would hopefully be completed in the next few months. He advised that the company responsible was closed for holidays at present, and it was:

Resolved that Mr K Redwood would update the Clerk when the office reopens.

### **B. NHS Accommodation**

Members received an update from the Chair, who advised that NHS had confirmed that money had been allocated within their capital budget for the renovation of the property adjacent to the Eday Surgery so that it could be used as accommodation for visiting nurses. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Chair would update when further information becomes available.

### **C. Water Supply at Eday Pier**

Members received an update from the Chair that, following correspondence with Kevin Woodbridge and Orkney Harbours, it was understood that the contractor originally appointed to carry out the works had retired; thus, it was necessary for the works to be retendered. It was envisaged that the tender process would take around six months. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and to regularly request updates from the relevant departments and officials at OIC via Democratic Services.

### **D. Interactive Table**

Members previously agreed that Eday Community Council would contribute financially to the purchase of an Interactive Table for the community. It was agreed that the agreed amount would be transferred to Eday Community Association, which is the body responsible for managing the transaction. Members heard that Eday Community Council had requested a copy of the receipt, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk will arrange payment to Eday Community Association.

### **F. Wall outside the Old Kirkyard**

The Chair asked if the Community Council had received a further response from Democratic Services regarding the eroding wall and urgency for repair, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would liaise with Democratic Services to gain information regarding this matter.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **A. Annual Grants**

Following correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the annual grants, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Inter-Isles Air Services Consultative Forum**

Following the correspondence from Inter-Isles Air Services Consultative Forum, it was:

Resolved to note the date of the next meeting.

### **C. Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forum**

Following the correspondence from Inter-Isles Ferry Services Consultative Forum, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. SSEN Transmission**

Following the correspondence from the SSEN Transmission, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **8. Finance**

### **A. General Fund**

After consideration of the General Fund statement dated 7 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £12,982.38.

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

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 25 June 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balances of -£1,088.20, £662 and -£671.99 were remaining for allocation in the three capping limits.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 18 June 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance of £5,067.11 remained available for allocation.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 9 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £7,258.51 remaining for allocation.

## **9. Applications for Financial Assistance**

Resolved to note that no financial applications had been received.

## **10. Reports from Representatives**

Resolved to note that no reports were provided.

## **11. Consultations**

### **A. Winter Service Plan**

Following consideration of the consultation of the Winter Service Plan for 2018/2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline for comments of 30 July 2019.

### **B. Orkney Inter-Island Transport Study – Outline Business Case**

Following consideration of the consultation from OIC on the Orkney Inter-Island Transport Study – Outline Business Case, it was:

Resolved that members will review and comment upon a response produced by the Chair, and that this response will be submitted to Democratic Services.

### **C. Housing in the Countryside – Supplementary Guidance**

Following consideration of the consultation on the Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance, members note that the deadline date for the questionnaire had already passed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **D. Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan**

Following consideration of the consultation on the Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan 2019-2022, members suggested forwarding the information to Eday Surgery staff for their information, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would pass on to Eday Surgery.

### **E. Draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1**

Following consideration of the consultation of the Draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1, members agreed that they were of the view that the North Isles had been excluded from the masterplan, even though a second phase was planned, and it was:

Resolved that members would review and comment on a draft response prepared by the Chair, before passing to Democratic Services for distribution to the relevant department.

## **12. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Orkney Ferries Ltd – Statistics – March, April and May 2019.
- Loganair – Statistics – March, April and May 2019.

## **13. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Telephone Directory**

The Clerk advised that the Telephone Directory, which was prepared by Eday Community Council, had raised £54 for Eday Community School. There had been many recent changes since it was published, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would update the Telephone Directory with a view to recirculating a revised version in September 2019, free of charge.

### **B. Airport Closures**

Members expressed concern regarding the recent airport closures and cancellation of flights to/from Eday. In particular, that it impacted upon the school with teachers unable to come out to Eday on two weeks, and it was:

Resolved that the Community Council would write to the relevant department via Democratic Services expressing these concerns.

### **C. Council Roads**

Members discussed the lack of resources and hours available for road maintenance activities on Eday. The section of road adjacent to the airport was left unfinished for several weeks with no signage to warn drivers of the uneven surface. There are other elements within the road network that need attention, particularly ditching. There is a limited supply of materials available on the island for patching and mending also. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Community Council would write, via Democratic Services, to the relevant department expressing concerns and requesting additional hours and materials to be made available to the island-based OIC employee.

### **D. Recycling**

Members discussed the lack of recycling facilities on Eday. It was noted that some individuals on the island are looking into options, and it was:

Resolved that it would be good to have more facilities on Eday for recycling and that perhaps the Community Council could explore options further in the future.

## **E. Location for Community Council Meetings**

Members discussed the possibility of holding meetings at another location, namely the Heritage Centre, and it was:

Resolved that all future Community Council meetings will be held at the Heritage Centre.

## **F. Haulage for Aggregates Grant Scheme**

Members discussed the Aggregate Haulage Grant Scheme as not all applicants had produced invoices and received their grants, and it was:

Resolved that the grant scheme would remain open until 1 April 2020, being the end of financial year.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of a date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that a public meeting of Eday Community Council would be held in the Eday Heritage Centre on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 19:00, followed by a general meeting.

## **15. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 21:15.