

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School on Tuesday, 10 September 2019 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mr A Dixon, Mr A Dundas, Mr A Marwick, Mr D Marwick and Mr N Sclater.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor Mrs B Foulkes
- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor J Richards.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Interim Clerk.

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1. Presentation by Mrs S Shaw, Orkney Health and Care

Mrs S Shaw, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care, gave a short presentation on the work of Orkney Health and Care, including the consultation on the draft Strategic Plan, and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the presentation and that Mrs S Shaw would arrange for a copy of the draft Strategic Plan 2019/2020 to be sent to the Community Council.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr K Thomson.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 28 May 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Dundas and seconded by Mr D Marwick.

4. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter - Germiston Road

The Chair advised members that he had measured the base for the bus shelter and the shelter that had been offered as a replacement would fit the present base area. Members asked if planning permission would be required if it was a replacement shelter, and whether Orkney Islands Council would arrange for the removal of the shelter from its present location and deliver to the new location, where the community council would then arrange for it to be installed, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk should check whether planning permission was required for this project or not.
2. To ascertain if the area of land was in Council ownership.
3. To ask if Orkney Islands Council were prepared to cover the cost of removing the shelter from its present location and deliver it to the new location.
4. That the community council would arrange the siting of the bus shelter.

B. Clowally Viewpoint

After hearing a report from the Clerk advising members that the lawyer had not been provided with the relevant details until recently therefore the relevant document had not been completed at the time of the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

C. Orphir Football Pitch

After hearing a report from the Chair advising members that consideration had been given to slitting the pitch for which costs were awaited, it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

D. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

Following consideration of correspondence between Orphir Community Council and Orkney Islands Council regarding the future use of the Orkneyinga Saga Centre, it was:

Resolved to continue discussions and report back at next meeting.

E. Road at West Cottage

Members were advised that Roads Services had completed works on the Germiston Road. Members acknowledged that the work carried out had been completed to an excellent standard, however it had not rectified the problem at West Cottage, and it was resolved:

1. That Mr D Marwick would send photographs to Democratic Services.
2. That the Clerk should invite the Roads Support Manager to the next meeting.

F. School Bus Route

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the provision of school transport to pupils who live more than the statutory walking distance from their designated catchment school, it was resolved:

1. That the Chair would measure the distance from Galaha to the school and advise the Clerk.
2. That the Clerk would advise Orkney Islands Council of the distance.

5. Correspondence

A. West Mainland Tourist Brochure

Correspondence had been received from Orkney Islands Council asking members to give consideration to the West Mainland Tourist Brochure being uploaded onto the Orkney.com website, at no cost to the community council, and it was:

Resolved to accept the offer.

B. Timetable for Headstone Reinstatement

Correspondence had been received from Orkney Islands Council indicating the timetable for reinstating headstones at the various kirkyards, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Financial Statement

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 27 August 2019 and discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. To note the estimated balance of £39,255.85.
2. That the Clerk would ascertain what the donations of £220 to Orphir CC dated 19 April 2019, and £119.98 to Orkney Media Group dated 15 August 2019, related to.
3. To note that funding of £20,000.00 and £2,944.31 had been received from Highland Park and Orphir Community Association towards the internal refurbishment of the Orkneyinga Saga Centre.
4. That the Clerk would forward the Highland Park contract details to members.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 27 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £787.90.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 27 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £13,755.42.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 27 August 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.00.

7. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council

Following consideration of correspondence from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the annual bonfire and fireworks display at Pickaquoy in early November 2019, it was:

Resolved that funding of £100 be granted and that a Community Council Grant Scheme application should be submitted on the project cost of £100.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Wick Far North Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of three swimmers from the Orphir area attending the Wick ASC far North Meet in August 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 per swimmer be granted, being £75 in total.

8. Publications

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- Orphir What's On.
- VAO – June and August 2019.
- VAO – Training – August 2019.
- Orkney Marine Planning Update.
- Scottish Health Council – July 2019.
- The Orkney Partnership – Summer 2019.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. 2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration of correspondence from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland regarding a public consultation of its electoral arrangement proposals, it was:

Resolved to note that no changes were required to the Orphir ward boundaries or councillor numbers.

B. Scapa Bends

Following recent accidents at the Scapa Bends, members discussed the possible need for more regular verge cutting and the provision of “S” bend signage at the Scapa bends. Consideration was also given to the possible need to increase the distance of the 40-mph speed limit after the Scapa bends. Members also raised concerns regarding the footfall due to the location of the distillery. Consideration was given to the possibility of upgrading the path around the back of the distillery to a core path so that its use could be encouraged rather than using the main road, and it was:

Resolved to forward members comments and concerns to Orkney Islands Council.

C. White Lines

Members referred to the lack of white lines on the roads since the surface dressing, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor Richards would request information from Development and Infrastructure on the matter.

D. Burials

Members were informed that Kirkyards were assessed individually with regard to single or double lairs. If the ground was suitable for double lairs, these would be available, but where the water table was too high then only single lairs would be available, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Consultations

Members referred to the Hydrogen Consultation Document and asked how consultation documents were distributed. The Interim Clerk advised on how Orkney Islands Council consultation documents were processed, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Orphir Community Council would be held on Thursday, 21 November 2019 in the Orphir Community School, commencing at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:33.