

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community Centre and via Teams on Tuesday, 27 August 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Mr M Clouston, Mrs B Clubley, Mr J Mackay and Mr N Sclater.

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor K Leask.
- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor I Taylor.
- Mrs J McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ms R Black and Mr A Marwick.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting of Orphir Community Council held on 25 June 2024 was adopted, being proposed by Mrs B Clubleby and seconded by Mr N Sclater.

3. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter, Smoogro Road End

The Chair advised that he had spoken to the contractor, and he hoped to start the job soon. Members agreed that it would be good to get the shelter up now that the school term had started and the weather would be getting less favourable, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Orkneyinga Saga Centre Refurbishment

The Chair advised again that the centre would be open until 27 October and that the contractor would then start the refurbishment works, and it was:

Resolved to note the update.

C. Road Speed Limits

Members had previously been forwarded information from the Head of Neighbourhood Services, regarding the cost of the speed indication devices, confirming that the previous figure quoted was for two devices plus installation and necessary permits.

She had also advised that the other options mentioned (zebra crossing or traffic lights) would not be appropriate in this location, but that there may be an opportunity to look at dropped kerbs at certain crossing points and that this would be best picked up as part of the School Travel Plan.

Regarding extended pavements/30mph limits around Orphir village, she suggested that this should also be considered as part of the School Travel Plan in the first instance, and that she hoped the 20mph limits would significantly reduce speed throughout the village in that section at least. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

D. School Transport and Road Safety

Councillor I Taylor advised that he had spoken to the Road Safety Officer with regard to the School Travel Plan, which was still in the process of being updated. Members asked for an indication of when this review might be completed.

The Community Council Liaison Officer further advised that the pupil whose parents had previously been asking for school transport, who lived within the boundary for school transport, was now on a nominated place, and that Education were awaiting information from Roads regarding a safety review. Members suggested that Education would need to look at projected numbers for school transport for next year to ensure that all children could be accommodated. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. To ask, via the business letter to Democratic Services, for an indication of when the school travel plan would be completed, and that the Chair would liaise with the Head Teacher in this regard.
3. To ask, via the business letter, for an update from Education and Road regarding the safety review.

4. Correspondence

A. NS&I - CC Attendance

Members had previously been forwarded correspondence from the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, advising that her team would not be able to continue attending community council meetings on a regular basis, but would aim to attend at least one per year. The Community Council Liaison Officer further advised that if there was a particular issue they wished to discuss with an officer, a request could be made. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

B. SSEN - £3m Community Fund

Information on the opening of their Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund, which was split into two categories – community-led physical and environmental resilience and Low Carbon Technology. The Chair suggested that with the deadline being 31 August 2024, there was no opportunity to put in an application at this time, and no suggestions were put forward, and it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

C. Houton Car Park

Correspondence from a resident of Orphir had been received earlier that day, regarding the car park at Houton which was used by Flotta Terminal workers, and the number of entrances and exits. Members discussed ownership of this area, and the safety issues, with reports of there being accidents in this area recently. The correspondence mentioned that contact had been made with Flotta Terminal and that they were working with a contractor to make improvements in this area, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That Councillor K Leask would speak to relevant officers about what the Council's responsibilities were in this area.

2. That the Interim Clerk would contact the Terminal Manager to advise that they had been contacted by the resident and that they would support improvements in the area around the Houton Car Park to improve safety.

5. Consultations

A. Water Safety Questionnaire

A survey from the Safety and Resilience Officer had previously been emailed to members regarding water safety in Orkney to inform a new water safety policy, and it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline had now passed.

B. Orkney Towns Fund Community Workshop

Members had previously received an invite to a workshop to discuss potential ideas for spending the £20 million Town Funding that had recently been awarded, and it was:

Resolved to note the invite and that the meeting had been held on 18 July 2024.

C. Workshop – Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy ICIA

An invite to a workshop on the Sectoral Marine Plan for offshore wind energy, to discuss and help develop the basis of the Island Community Impact Assessment (ICIA) had previously been forwarded to members, and it was:

Resolved to note that the event had been held on 22 July 2024.

D. Scottish Resilience/Community Preparedness

Following consideration of a survey by a student of Glasgow Caledonian University on Scottish Resilience and Community Preparedness within Scottish Local Authorities, it was:

Resolved to note the survey.

E. Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance

Members had previously been sent information on the Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance - Consultation Draft, which had been deposited for consultation from 1 August until 25 October, and it was:

Resolved to note that members could complete the consultation if they wished to.

F. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan

The consultation on the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan, which aimed to support sustainable management of Orkney's marine environment and help decision makers to guide sustainable development to the right places, whilst safeguarding the

marine environment and quality of life for Orkney communities, had previously been forwarded to members, and it was:

Resolved to note that the consultation was open for responses until 25 October.

G. National Care Service

Members had received information on a consultation regarding the Island Community Impact Assessment (ICIA) to fully understand the impact of the National Care Service on island communities, and it was:

Resolved to note that the survey was still open for comments.

H. Voice of Communities Survey

The Interim Clerk advised of a late item that had been received and sent on to members, regarding a survey being carried out across community groups by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, and it was:

Resolved that the Chair would look at the survey and respond on behalf of Orphir Community Council.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the general fund statement for Orphir Community Council as at 19 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £23,209.85.

B. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

Following consideration of the Orkneyinga Saga Centre fund statement as at 19 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £49,180.83.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 19 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the capping limit was £1,582.68.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 19 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £18,755.42 available to allocate to projects.

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 19 August 2024, it was:

Resolved to note that there was £3,518 available to allocate to projects, but that £912 had been allocated from the fund since the statement had been produced, following agreement as at item 7B below.

7. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. F Seatter – Mey Games, John o’ Groats

A request for financial assistance from C Seatter had previously been sent to members, for funding towards F Seatter attending the Mey Games on 3 August 2024 for Highland Dancing, and it was:

Resolved to make a general fund donation of £50.

B. Orphir Community Association – Fridge

Resolved to note that it had been previously agreed by email to fund half of the cost of a new fridge for Orphir Community Centre and that Seed Corn funding had been approved to the amount of £912.

C. Kirkwall and St Ola CC – Bonfire and Fireworks

Correspondence had been received from the Clerk to Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, giving details of the 2024 event and asking for any financial assistance that the community council may be able to offer towards the fireworks, and it was:

Resolved to make a general fund donation of £100.

D. F Seatter – Lorraine Bremner Festival of Highland Dance, Wick

A request from C Seatter had been received on 20 August, for financial assistance towards the cost of a trip to Wick for F Seatter to take part in a dance festival, and it was:

Resolved to make a general fund donation of £50.

8. Publications

The following publications had all been previously emailed to members and were noted:

- VAO - Newsletter – June and July 2024.
- VAO - Training and Funding Update – July 2024.
- Scottish Rural Action - Newsletter – July 2024.

9. AOCB

A. Rig near Orphir Shore

Mrs B Clubley queried if there was a timescale for the rig moving from its current location in Scapa Flow, as it was quite close to the Orphir shore, and it was:

Resolved to note that works were expected to be completed early in the new year.

B. Painting of White Lines

A member advised that lines had recently been painted on a stretch of road that had recently been resurfaced, that had never before had lines on it. He was of the opinion that this was a waste of funds when budgets were so tight. Councillor K Leask advised that some legislation required things to be done that had not been necessary before, and it was:

Resolved to note the discussion.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

Following consideration of dates for the next meetings, it was:

Resolved that the next two meetings of Orphir Community Council would be held on Tuesdays 5 November 2024 and 4 February 2025 at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:20.