

Minute of the Meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council held in Stenness Community School on Thursday, 2 May 2019 at 19:30

Present:

W Dunnet, R Hourston, M Lynch, N Macleod, V Muir and A Stevenson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillors H Johnston, O Tierney and D Tullock.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Resolved that W Dunnet be reappointed Chairperson of Firth and Stenness Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Resolved that A Stevenson be reappointed Vice Chairperson of Firth and Stenness Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that V Muir be reappointed Planning Representative for Firth and Stenness Community Council.

3. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters to report.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 14 February 2018 was approved, being proposed by V Muir and seconded by N Macleod.

5. Matters Arising

A. Picnic Benches

After hearing that some of the benches had already been repaired, and that there had been a decision to use the 5 – 10 years coating of Johnsons Microflex, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Grit Bins

Members discussed the reply from Democratic Services regarding the placement of grit bins through Finstown, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk ask Democratic Services to ask the relevant department that when gritting is scheduled, the grit drivers be instructed to widen the spread of the grit lorry, ensuring a covering on to the pavements between the Finstown Kirk and Baikies Stores.

6. Correspondence

A. Stone Circle Bench - Finstown

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding planning permission, copies of which had previously been circulated, and feedback from the Chair on a meeting held with the Sport and Leisure Service Manager, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that the team planned to be in Orkney to build the bench in July.

B. Cursiter Quarry

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the planning application being lodged with OIC, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Zurich Insurance

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Community Council's insurance policy, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. SSEN Transmission

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the proposed Finstown Substation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Annual Grants 2019/2020

Following consideration of information received from Democratic Services on the level of Annual Grant to be provided to the CC in 2019/2020, it was

Resolved to note information provided.

7. Bag the Bruck

Following consideration of correspondence received from 1st Firth Brownies, Stenness PTA and Stenness Brownies, advising of their participation in Bag the Bruck 2019, in accordance with members' decision to divide the funds equally between all groups applying for funding, it was:

Resolved to award £100 each to 1st Firth Brownies, Stenness PTA and Stenness Brownies, and to apply for CCGS on the cost.

8. Finance

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 11 April 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £7,420.61.

B. Rennibister Community Fund

After consideration of the Rennibister wind turbine community fund statement as at 11 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining was £4,000.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 11 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £662.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 11 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,534.95.

9. Financial Requests

A. Firth Primary School – Hoy Trip - June 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Firth Primary School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of eleven pupils travelling to take part in the Hoy trip in 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per attendee be granted, totalling £270.

B. Firth Primary School - Nethybridge Trip - June 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Firth Primary School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of eight pupils travelling to take part in the Nethybridge trip in 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per attendee be granted, totalling £200.

C. Glaitness Primary School - Nethybridge Trip - May 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Glaitness Primary School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one pupil travelling to take part in the Nethybridge trip in 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 be granted to the one attendee.

D. Orkney Folk Festival 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Folk Festival committee, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of hosting the two events to be held in the area, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £200 be granted.

E. OASC – Inverness - April 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one swimmer from the local area attending a swimming meet in Inverness in April 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 be granted to the attendee.

F. Firth Church - Outside Lighting

Following consideration of correspondence received from Firth Church of Scotland, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of renewing the external lighting around the church, it was:

Resolved that a CCGS fund donation of £200 be granted, and that the Clerk would apply for CCGS on this cost.

G. Stenness Community School – Hoy Trip - May 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Stenness Community School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of twelve pupils travelling to take part in the Hoy trip in May, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per attendee be granted, totalling £300.

H. Squash Trip - Edinburgh – March 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mr A Torbett, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one competitor from the local area attending a squash meeting in Edinburgh in March 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 be granted to the attendee.

I. Athletics Events - 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms I Linklater, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one competitor from the local area attending various athletic meets in 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £100 be granted to the attendee.

J. Netball Events – April 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms M Flett, copies of which were presented at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her two daughters from the local area attending two netball events in 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 each daughter be granted, totalling £50.

K. OASC – Thurso Meet - May 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which were presented at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of four swimmers from the local area attending a swimming meet in Thurso in May 2019, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per attendee be granted, totalling £100.

L. Firth and Stenness Community Association

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of Firth and Stenness Community Association, copies of which were presented at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing recyclable catering items, it was:

Resolved that a CCGS fund donation of £150 be granted, and that the Clerk would apply for CCGS funding on the cost.

10. Consultations

A. National Islands Plan

Following consideration of documents provided regarding the consultation on the Islands Plan, it was:

Resolved to note information provided and the closing date for comments of 6 July 2019.

B. Housing in the Countryside – Supplementary Guidance

Following consideration of documents provided regarding Orkney Islands Council's consultation on the Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance, it was:

Resolved to note information provided and the closing date for comments of 20 June 2019.

11. Publications

The following publication was noted by members:

Merchant Navy – Flying the Red Insignia Day - 3 September 2019.

12. Any Other Competent Business - Stenness Street Lighting

After hearing that there was a significant gap between overhead lighting from the end of the village towards the Standing Stones Hotel, which is a 40-mph zone, members enquired if this lighting could be extended to match the speed zone, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact Democratic Services regarding this issue.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the Firth and Stenness Community Council would be held on Thursday, 22 August 2019 in the Firth Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:45.