

Minute of the Meeting of Orphir Community Council held in Orphir Community School on Tuesday, 28 May 2019 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor S Cowie.
- Councillor L Manson.
- Councillor J Richards.
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor B Foulkes.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Following members' decision that the status quo should remain, it was:

Resolved that Mr M Clouston remain as Chairperson for Orphir Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Following members' decision that the status quo should remain, it was:

Resolved that Mr D Marwick remain as Vice Chairperson for Orphir Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Following members' decision that the status quo should remain, it was:

Resolved that Mr N Sclater remain as Planning Representative for Orphir 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 26 March 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr A Dundas and seconded by Mr K Thomson.

5. Matters Arising

A. Bus Shelter - Germiston Road

After members discussed the correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding planning permission and the suggested use of a surplus-to-requirements bus shelter, it was:

Resolved that the Chairperson would examine the bus stop offered and report to members so that they could consider the next plan of action.

B. Clowally Viewpoint

After discussing the reply from Orkney Law Practice and acknowledging the new information provided regarding the land at Clowally, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact the Solicitor to confirm that the committee were in favour of the proposed situation.

C. Orphir Football Pitch

After hearing that the football pitch was in a reasonable condition and that the Orphir Community Association were taking the lead on this project, it was:

Resolved that this issue be carried forward for discussion at the next meeting.

D. Orkneyinga Saga Centre

Members heard that there was to be another meeting of the internal redecoration sub-committee soon to discuss plans. It was also decided to accept the gift donated by Mrs C Harcus of the canvas depicting the Orphir cemetery. There was further discussion on the Viking long ship and where it was currently located, and it was resolved:

1. To note the information provided.
2. That the Clerk should contact Democratic Services regarding the whereabouts of the long ship.
3. That the Saga Centre should be placed as an item for discussion at the next meeting.

E. Road Clearance

Members heard from Councillor Cowie that he had been in discussion with Roads Services regarding the issue of water build up at West Cottage. Members acknowledged the advice that images should be taken during a rainy period and that these could be submitted to Orkney Island Council via Democratic Services, and it was resolved:

1. That members would take photographs at West Cottage during a period of wet weather and submit to Democratic Services.
2. That this issue be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

F. Debris from Recycling Truck

Members acknowledged the information received from Democratic Services from the Environmental Services Manager, and discussed the vehicle's design flaw which allowed so much debris to be scattered during collection, and it was:

Resolved to monitor the situation.

6. Correspondence

A. Community Council Insurance

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Community Council insurance cover for 2019/2020, it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

B. SSEN - Finstown Substation

Following consideration of correspondence from SSEN, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the submission of a planning application for the Finstown Substation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

7. Financial Statement

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 15 May 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £15,061.31.

B. Saga Centre

After consideration of the Saga Centre Fund statement as at 15 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was - £637.17.

C. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 15 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £2,759.50.

D. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 15 May 2019, it was:

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

E. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 15 May 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,518.

8. Bag the Bruck

Members considered the completed form from Orphir Community School advising that pupils had taken part in the 2019 event, and it was:

Resolved that the full amount of £300 set aside in CCGS be given to the Orphir Community School for their efforts during the Bag the Bruck event.

9. Requests for Financial Assistance

A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Buckie Age Group

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one Orphir resident attending a swimming championship in Buckie in April 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Aberdeen Long Course

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one Orphir resident attending a swimming championship in Aberdeen in April 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted.

C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso Mini Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of two Orphir residents attending a swimming meet in Thurso in May 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be granted to each of the two attendees, totalling £50.

D. Banchory Music Festival

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms J Leonard copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one attendee travelling to the Banchory Music Festival in May 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 be granted.

E. Orkney Rowing Club - Ullapool Regatta

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Rowing Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of three local youngsters attending the Ullapool Regatta in May 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be granted to each of the three attendees, totalling £75.

F. Orphir On Tour – September 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orphir Community Association, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost the annual Orphir Senior Citizens outing, it was:

Resolved that funding of £200 be granted, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

10. Consultations

A. Winter Service Plan

Following consideration of the consultation document on the Winter Service Plan 2018/2019, a copy of which was provided at the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the date for response of 30 July 2019.

B. Orkney Health and Care - Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022

Following consideration of the consultation document on Orkney Health and Care's Draft Strategic Plan 2019-2022, a copy of which was provided at the meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the date for response of 6 August 2019.

C. Housing in the Countryside - Supplementary Guidance

Following consideration of the consultation document on the Supplementary Guidance for Housing in the Countryside, a copy of which was provided at the meeting, it was:

Resolved that members would either submit individual comments online or send to the Clerk for dissemination to Democratic Services by the deadline of 20 June 2019.

11. Publications

Resolved to note that no publications had been sent to the Clerk.

12. Any Other Competent Business - School Bus Route

Members heard that the school bus no longer follows its normal route and queried if this was a change to practice, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact Democratic Services and acquire the official bus route for Orphir Community School.

13. 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 Tuesday, 20 August 2019 in the Orphir Community School, commencing at 19:30.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

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