

Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Graeme Room, Holm Community Centre, on Wednesday, 10 October 2018 at 19:30

Present:

Mrs J Hirst, Mrs S Sneesby, Mr K Rendall and Mr B Robertson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor N Craigie.
- Councillor A Drever.
- Mrs H Flett, Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of R Thomson and M Lee and Councillor S Sankey.

2. Police Matters

Resolved to note that there were no police matters for consideration at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the Meeting held on 29 August 2018 was approved, being proposed by J Hirst and seconded by K Rendall.

4. Matters Arising

A. East Mainland Tourist Brochure

Resolved to note that there was no further update on the East Mainland Tourist Brochure.

B. War Memorial

Following an update from S Sneesby regarding maintenance works at the war memorial, it was:

Resolved to note that the Blide Trust would be on site within the next two weeks to tidy up and plant bulbs, as well as measure up for the upgrading works.

C. Community Resilience Training

Following an update from Councillor Drever regarding community resilience planning and the Community Asset Register operated by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, it was:

Resolved that John McKenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, be invited to a future meeting to further explain the Community Asset Register.

D. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Following an update from the Clerk regarding arrangements for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, it was:

Resolved to note that the date had been confirmed as Saturday, 24 November 2018, the tree had been ordered from William Shearer, Victoria Street, Kirkwall, although the trees would only be arriving in Orkney at the beginning of that week, Councillor Drever would ask the Brownies if they would still be prepared to decorate the tree, and the Clerk would now contact the Salvation Army and St Andrews Primary School, as the date had been confirmed.

E. Road Surface Condition

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the poor surface condition of some stretches of roads within the parish, and it was:

Resolved to note that repairs had been instructed for sections of the Moss Road from Netherton to the B9052 junction, with the section of Graemeshall Road to be made safe and a more permanent solution planned for next financial year.

F. Update on Headstone Inspections

The Clerk had received further correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding an update on the headstone inspection programme, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Correspondence

A. SSE Transmission Low Carbon Team

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the Transmission Annual Sustainability Report 2017/2018, providing SSE's first annual update on progress measured against its new overarching sustainability strategy ambitions.

B. Scam Mail

Following consideration of correspondence from Royal Mail regarding scam mail, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Financial Statements

A. General – 1 April to 27 September 2018

Following consideration of a financial statement for the period 1 April to 27 September 2018 in respect of the Community Council's General Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance as at 27 September 2018 of £10,944.00.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme 2018-2019

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2018-2019, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval as at 27 September 2018 of £3,007.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Community Development Fund, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation as at 27 September 2018 of £6,500.

D. Seedcorn Funding

Following consideration of a financial statement in respect of the Seedcorn Funding, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval as at 27 September 2018 of £3,093.33.

7. Financial Requests

A. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers

Councillor Andrew Drever declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers requesting financial assistance towards an Emergency Services Fun Day held on 7 October 2018 to raise funds towards their pledge to raise £10,000 for the Orkney Drugs Dog Charity, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £250 be made to the charity, regardless of whether the event was rescheduled.

B. Holm Community Association

Following consideration of correspondence from Holm Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the annual Hallowe'en party, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £200 be made.

C. Holm Christmas Party

Following consideration of correspondence from N Clitheroe requesting financial assistance towards the annual Christmas party, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 be made.

D. Orkney Gymnastics Club

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Gymnastics Club requesting financial assistance towards participation in a 2-piece competition to be held in Fyrish, Alness, on 6 October 2018 and the Highland 2-piece competition to be held in Inverness on 4 November 2018, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that no assistance be provided, as both participants had already received the policy amount of assistance during the current financial year.

8. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a consultation on the Verge Maintenance Plan, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to defer consideration until early 2019, given the closing date submissions was 15 March 2019.

B. Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

The Clerk had received correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks regarding a consultation on the process undertaken when developing transmission assets from conception through construction to energisation, copies of which had been circulated, and it was:

Resolved to note the consultation documentation.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Bag the Bruck

The Clerk had received correspondence from Holm Sailing Club regarding financial assistance offered as part of Bag the Bruck, and it was:

Resolved that the total assistance be divided equally between those organisations that had completed and returned application forms.

10. Publications

The Clerk had received the following publications which had been circulated via email:

- Climate Challenge Fund – Autumn Newsletter.
- Scottish Water in the north – Autumn 2018 newsletter.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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

Resolved that the next meeting should be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2018, with the following dates provisionally agreed:

- 16 January 2019.
- 5 March 2019.
- 8 May 2019.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:05.