

Minute of the Meeting of Harray and Sandwich Community Council held in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesday, 15 January 2020.

Present:

Mr G Brown, Mr I Flett, Mrs E Grant, Mr K Groundwater, Mr D Hamilton, Mr C Kirkness, Mrs K Ritch and Mr G Sinclair.

In Attendance:

- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs N Phillips, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor R King.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the general meeting held on 30 October 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr K Groundwater and seconded by Mr I Flett.

3. Sandwich Planning Representative

Due to the resignation of committee member Mr S Sinclair at the General meeting on 21 August 2019 a vacancy for a planning representative for Sandwich had become vacant. Mr G Brown kindly volunteered to take over that post and it was:

Resolved to note that Mr G Brown was now the Planning Representative for Sandwich.

4. Matters Arising

A. Speed Limits around Dounby

Following consideration of the correspondence received from Democratic Services, Members agreed that they would like to take time to consider the data recently collected from having the speed monitors in place, and it was:

Resolved to continue discussion of this at a future meeting.

B. Tourist Buses - Damage to Verges

Members considered correspondence from Destination Orkney and discussed the possibility of a tourist tax being implemented in the next budget, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Potholes

Members considered correspondence from the roads department and discussed how they felt that filling in the potholes every now and again was not solving the problem, and that the roads need resurfacing, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of members would ask the roads department to consider resurfacing the roads causing concern.

D. Ditches

Members were advised that drainage pipes had been dug up in Harray and that works were going ahead in that area. Council vehicles had also been seen carrying out works in Quoyloo, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Tourist Brochure Meeting

Members were advised that there was to be a meeting soon about the tourist brochures and that there were enough to last until May when a reprint would be required, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

F. North Bigging Road

Members were advised that the North Bigging Road had been allocated three additional salt bins which had subsequently been delivered. However members were still dissatisfied with the road not being made a winter priority, and it was:

Resolved that members concerns would be discussed again at the next meeting.

F. Dunsyre Corner

Members were advised that the school bus sign was hoped to be erected by the end of January 2020, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

G. Sandwich Community Association

Following discussion, members agreed to increase the donation for financial assistance for the Seniors lunch to £300 in line with the donation of 2018, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk would amend that on behalf of the committee.

5. Correspondence

A. Burial Grounds Code of Practice

Following consideration of correspondence circulated regarding the draft Burial Grounds Code of Practice, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan-2018/2019

Following consideration of the updated verge maintenance plan that was circulated, it was:

Resolved that the clerk would email the document to members for their further consideration.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

Following consideration of the General Fund statements, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £4,398.83 as at 3 January 2020.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Council Grant Scheme, it was:

Resolved to note that a balance of £1,821.51 remained available for approval as at 3 January 2020.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Community Development Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for allocation of £9,640.00 as at 3 January 2020.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the financial statement for the Seed Corn Fund, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining available for approval of £2,500.00 as at 3 January 2020.

8. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Scottish Youth Climbing Series Competition

Following consideration of a financial request from a parent, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the travel costs for their child to attend the Scottish Youth Climbing Series competitions, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 towards those costs.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club

Following consideration of a financial request from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the travel costs for two swimmers to attend the ND Age Group Championships in February 2020, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £50 for one swimmer only, as one had already received the maximum allocated donation available in this financial year.

C. Dounby Community School

Following consideration of a financial request from Dounby Community School, copies of which had been previously circulated, for financial assistance towards the Lagganlia trip 2020, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £50 would be awarded to ten out of the twelve pupils as two had already been allocated the maximum donation available this year.

9. Publications

The following publication was made available to members and noted:

- VAO Local Training and Opportunities.

10. Thanks

Thankyou letters were received from:

- The clerk to Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council for a donation towards the cost of the fireworks display at the Pickaquoy Centre in November 2019.
- Seafarers UK for raising awareness of the Merchant Navy Seafarers by flying the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Kirk Carpark

Members were advised that a member of the public had slipped and broke their wrist in the Dounby Kirk car park, and has asked if the council would provide a gritting service and grit bin at the Kirk, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of members would write to Roads to request a grit bin and service.

B. Grass Cutting

Members discussed that the contracts for the cutting of the grass at the Harray and Sandwick Kirkyards as well as the Strathborg seating area needed to be advertised, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of members would put an advert in the Orcadian Newspaper.

C. Grimeston Road

Members were advised that a van parked at a property at the end of the Grimeston Road was blocking visibility and could cause an accident, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of members would ask roads to write to the landowner to make them aware of this.

D. Kirkwall City Pipe Band

Following discussion, members agreed to donate to the band for playing at the tree lighting ceremony as they had done in previous years, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £60 would be made.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

Following a discussion of dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next three meetings of Harray and Sandwich Community Council would be held at the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesdays, 4 March, 27 May and 26 August 2020.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 20:30.