

Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in North Ronaldsay Community Centre on Thursday, 30 May 2019 at 19:30

Present:

I Deyell, P Donnelly, A Duncan, M Holbrook, I Scott and H Scott.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Councillor S Clackson.
- M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- S Moore, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor G Sinclair.

2. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Resolved that I Deyell be reappointed Chairperson for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Resolved that M Holbrook be reappointed Vice Chairperson for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that A Duncan be reappointed Planning Representative for Papa Westray Community Council.

D. Transport Representative

Resolved to note that P Donnelly be reappointed Transport Representative for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

E. North Ronaldsay Development Trust

Resolved that A Duncan be reappointed North Ronaldsay Development Trust Representative for North Ronaldsay Community Council.

F. A Yarn Company

Resolved that P Donnelly be reappointed representative of the Yarn Company.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 4 March 2019 was approved, being proposed by A Duncan and seconded by P Donnelly.

4. Matters Arising

A. Display Boards for Island Map

After hearing from I Scott that there were errors in the map that he would pay to correct himself, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would write a letter to the Airfield Superintendent, via Democratic Services, asking if it would be possible for the Community Council to put the Island map on the outside of the airfield building, between the front door and the gable end.
2. That the Clerk would ask Marine Services if it would be suitable to put a map up on the waiting room building.

B. Road Aggregate

Following discussion of road aggregate, it was agreed to apply for £1,200 from the Community Council Grant Scheme, and that the Clerk would display notices advising of the details of the scheme, which would have a deadline for applications of 30 June, and it was resolved:

1. To apply for CCGS funding of £1,200 towards the project.
2. That the Clerk would display notices advertising the scheme.
3. To discuss applications at the next meeting.

C. Scrap Cars

Following discussion of scrap cars, it was noted that there were 7 cars waiting to go, and it was:

Resolved to continue shipping scrap cars off the island until the budget is used up.

D. Plastic and Silage Wrap

H Scott left the meeting and returned again during discussion of this item.

Following discussion of plastic and silage wrap recycling, it was resolved:

1. To note that Councillor Woodbridge had nothing to report but was still working on the issue.
2. That the Clerk would write a letter to Orkney Islands Council, explaining the problem of plastics on the island and the disparity of service between the isles and the mainland.

E. Mooring Buoy

After hearing an update from Councillor Woodbridge regarding the mooring buoy placement, it was:

Resolved to note that Marine Services had a shortage of mooring buoys, but they would try to fit a second one later in the year, if one became available.

5. Correspondence - New Ferries

Following consideration of correspondence from the Sanday Community Council Clerk regarding raising awareness of the need for new ferries for the North Isles, it was noted that this would be part of the discussion at the Outline Business Case meeting due to take place on 19 June 2019, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would respond to the Sanday CC Clerk informing them of North Ronaldsay Community Council's intention to write a letter of support to OIC.
2. That the Clerk would write a letter of support to OIC, the Scottish Government, and the North Isles Councillors, to explain the need for new ferries.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 26 April 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £11,601.09.

B. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 26 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was fully allocated.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 26 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £5,000.

D. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 26 April 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £122.

7. Financial Requests

A. Airport Benches

Following discussion by members, M Holbrook reported that Community Service would assist with making the picnic benches if the Community Council supplied the wood, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would find out how much the airport benches cost.
2. That M Holbrook would pursue the matter further with the Community Service supervisor.
3. That the current benches would be sold.
4. That the Clerk would query with the Airfield Superintendent, via Democratic Services, if there were any particular areas that were off-limits for the installation of the proposed benches.

B. North Ronaldsay Sheep Festival - Minibus Hire

Following discussion of correspondence received from a representative of the North Ronaldsay Sheep Festival, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of minibus hire during this year's festival, it was:

Resolved to award £720 towards the request, subject to Community Council Grant Scheme approval.

8. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport Representative

Members noted that there was due to be meetings of the Air and Ferry Services Consultative Forums on 21 August. Councillor Woodbridge updated members that the ATC strike was causing a lot of problems, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write a letter highlighting the problems experienced on the island in relation to the ATC strikes and requesting that the island gets a back-up service for future ATC strikes.

B. Planning Representative

Resolved to note that the planning representative had nothing to report.

C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative

Members heard that work on the Schoolhouse was nearly finished and that the opening ceremony was due to take place on 17 June 2019. New hire bikes had arrived and were being well used. The dyker job application was progressing with a view to it being advertised soon. J Scott had been appointed as the new Chairperson, A Wright was appointed as a new Director and M Holbrook and M Scott had been re-elected as directors. It was also reported that the Dark Skies application was progressing, and that the Trust would be holding a coffee morning on Saturday, 1 June 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

9. Consultations

A. National Islands Plan

Following consideration of the consultation document received from the Orkney Partnership Board on the National Islands Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that islanders would be encouraged to respond, and the deadline for comments of 6 July 2019.

B. Housing in the Countryside

Following consideration of the consultation received from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Supplementary Guidance for Housing in the Countryside, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline for comments of 20 June 2019.

C. Winter Service Plan 2018/2019

Following consideration of the consultation received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Winter Service Plan 2018/2019, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make on the consultation.

10. Publications

The following publications were made available to members:

- VAO – Newsletter and Training Needs Analysis and Training and Funding Updates – April and May 2019.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics – March, April and May 2019.
- Letter from School Place – April and May 2019.
- Loganair Statistics – March, April and May 2019.
- Scottish Health Council – Newsletter – March 2019.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Lawnmower

Following discussion by members regarding the old lawnmower at the kirkyard, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would put up a notice stating that the old mower was open to offers to anyone who wanted to buy it.

B. Skip Refurbishment

Following discussion by members, recognising the effort made by those who had repaired and painted the skips, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write a letter of thanks to those responsible for refurbishing the skips.

C. Kirkyard Grass Cutting

Following a query from the person responsible for cutting the grass at the kirkyard on when she should submit invoices, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would inform C Alexander that she should submit invoices either in full at the end of the grass cutting season or half, by the end of July, for part payment.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the North Ronaldsay Community Council would be held on Monday, 12 August 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 21:45.