

# Minute of the Meeting of North Ronaldsay Community Council held in the Community Centre on Monday, 25 November 2019 at 19:30

## Present:

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

## In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- S Moore, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor S Clackson, Councillor G Sinclair and Democratic Services.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 30 September 2019 was approved, being proposed by P Donnelly and seconded by I Scott.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Scrap Cars**

Members discussed the scrap car scheme and following confirmation that there was no further funding available from Orkney Islands Council at this time, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would publish a notice asking members of the public to declare an interest before the next meeting if they would like the community council to fund a scrap car scheme next year.

### **B. Plastic Wrap**

Councillor Woodbridge advised members that he had nothing to report at this time, but that this issue would be raised at the next Members Session on 16 December 2019, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **C. Plastic Benches**

M Holbrook advised members that he had received some prices for plastic benches which started from £500 each plus transport, and that a further report would follow once more responses had been received, and it was:

Resolved to note information provided.

### **D. Mooring Buoys and Storehouse Door**

The Clerk advised members that there was nothing further to report at this time and that she would continue to chase the matter, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **E. Domestic Waste Bags**

Members discussed the ongoing problems regarding plastic recycling, and following further consideration, it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would write to Orkney Islands Council to ask for industrial bins to store and dispose of plastic currently building up on the island.

2. That the Clerk would write a letter to Liam McArthur MSP detailing the problems the island faces regarding plastic recycling and the role the Scottish Government would play in that through the island-proofing bill.

3. That the Clerk would invite a recycling officer from WasteSwitch and a representative from Orkney Zero Waste to visit the island in order to better understand and resolve our plastic recycling problems.

## **F. Vodafone and O2 Signals**

M Holbrook advised members that this problem had been resolved and the signal was now back in working order, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **G. Nurse Practitioner Replacement**

The Clerk advised members that the replacement job had been advertised and since the deadline had now passed, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk was to chase NHS Orkney for an update.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding the Orkney Health and Care Strategic Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Council Motion Request – National Community Energy Campaign**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Power for People regarding the National Community Energy Campaign, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would reply confirming members support.

### **C. Robin Road App**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Robin Road Limited regarding the Round Robin App which could be used for advertising, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Orkney Mental Health Strategy 2020-2025**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services regarding Orkney's Mental Health Strategy, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. Turbine Fund**

After consideration of the Turbine Fund as at 22 November 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,026.00.

### **B. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 22 November 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £10,818.14.

### **C. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2019/2020 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 November 2019, it was resolved:

1. To note the balance remaining for approval was over allocated.
2. That the Clerk would order 1,000 copies of the Island map leaflets for next year.

### **D. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 22 November 2019, it was:

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

### **E. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 22 November 2019, it was:

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

## **6. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Transport Representative**

Members were advised that there was another transport meeting coming up on 12 December 2019 regarding the winter timetable and that the Transport Representative was to raise issues about the number of flights being brought forward at this early stage in the timetable. M Holbrook raised at a previous meeting that the funds being used to keep the Golden Mariana running to Westray/Papay should be equated to North Ronaldsay, and H Scott raised the issue that there were still inconsistencies regarding the charging for excess baggage. Finally, Councillor Woodbridge advised that he would query whether the Mariana's replacement could be employed once a day in the summer to sail from Papay/Westray to North Ronaldsay thereby providing a back-up if there are fog delays, and easing congestion on the scheduled Loganair flights, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **B. Planning Representative**

Members were advised that Scottish Water had submitted an application to improve the water quality on the island, which would require digging up the road and the installation of a gate at the kirkyard. An application was also approved for a resident to install a wind turbine on the chimney of Waterhouse dwelling.

## **C. North Ronaldsay Trust Representative**

Members were advised that there had been a recent coffee morning, and that the dyke warden was on island and being trained. The North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme had wanted to announce the appointment of the dyke warden, however due to the upcoming election they were forbidden from announcing any funding information at that time. The dyke warden was to have an introductory period for her to meet the islanders and to discuss the specifics of the dyke. Members were also advised that the Trust owned turbine had been repaired and that some funding was available to put towards housing projects, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **7. Consultations**

Following consideration of the draft Planning Policy Advice – Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make.

## **8. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members:

- Voluntary Action Orkney – September and October Newsletter.
- Voluntary Action Orkney – training and funding update.
- Orkney Ferries – Statistics.
- Loganair – Statistics.
- Letter from School Place.
- Newsletter from Scottish Water.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Stiles Around Shore**

Following discussions by members regarding the stiles around the shore and their state of repair, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Orkney Islands Council to explain that these stiles were dangerous and in need of immediate repair.

## **B. Verge Cutting**

Members discussed the current arrangements for verge cutting on the Island, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Orkney Islands Council to ask if the first and last cut of the season could be between June and August.

## **C. Previous Minutes**

Following a discussion by members regarding minutes prior to 2002 not being available to the public, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to Democratic Services to ask if they had digitised minutes from before 2002 in order to keep our records as complete as possible.

## **10. 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 27 January 2020 in the Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

## **11. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 22:00.