

Minute of the Meeting of Firth and Stenness Community Council held in the Firth Community Centre on Thursday, 22 August 2019 at 19:30

Present:

W Dunnett, A Stevenson, N Macleod, R Hourston and M Lynch.

In Attendance:

- Councillor D Tullock.
- Councillor R King.
- Ms Sally Shaw, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care
- Mr I Heggie, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillor H Johnston, Councillor O Tierney and Mr V Muir.

2. Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care

Members heard a presentation from the Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care regarding the formation of a strategic plan with the following elements discussed:

- Consultations with the public.
- Engagement with communities.
- Community led support.
- Dissemination of information attained, and it was:

Resolved to note the presentation.

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 of Firth and Stenness Community Council held on 2 May 2019 was approved, being proposed by Mr R Hourston and seconded by Mr N Macleod, subject to the following amendment:

Item 9a Firth Primary School Trip - Hoy June 2019. Should read "Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per the 11 attendees be granted, totalling £275".

5. Matters Arising

A. Gritting through Finstown

Members acknowledged the letter and information provided from Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk inform Democratic Services of their disappointment regarding the outcome.

B. Street Lighting Stenness

Members discussed the reply received from the Orkney Islands Council, and it was:

Resolved to note that this could be revisited at a future date.

C. Christmas Tree Lighting

Members discussed and completed the Events Management Plan form and it was:

Resolved that the clerk submit the completed form to Democratic Services.

D. East/West Tourist Brochure

Members discussed the presentation of leaflets via an online website, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

E. Stone Bench Dinner

Members were asked to officially approve the monies arranged via email for the dinner, and it was:

Resolved that the members approved to cover the cost of £350.

6. Correspondence

Resolved to note that there was no correspondence.

7. Finance Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 14 August 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £9,724.12

Members also discussed the Rennibister Wind Turbine Community fund and queried whether this was amalgamated with the general fund, and it was resolved:

1. That the clerk contact Democratic Services for clarification on this.
2. That the general amount was out by £5.00 due to the amendment discussed in Item 4 Adoption of Minutes. This will be corrected in the next General Fund Statement.

B. Firth Primary School Trip - Hoy June 2019 - Correction

Following a correction to the minutes of the previous meeting regarding the Firth Primary School Trip award, it was:

Resolved that the clerk, through a financial indent, is to amend the amount given to Firth Primary School from £270 to £275.

C. Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund

Members noted there was no Rennibister Wind Turbine Community Fund presented, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk contact Democratic Services regarding this total.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 14 August 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £662.00.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 14 August 2019 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,534.95.

8. Financial Requests

A. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC) - Buckie Meet Backdate 13-14 April 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from OASC, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 3 competitors taking part in the meet, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per competitor be granted, totalling £75.

B. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC) – Lerwick Meet 15-16 June 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from OASC, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 5 competitors taking part in the meet, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per competitor be granted, totalling £125.

C. Girl Guiding - Scotland's Tartan Gig August 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Girl Guiding, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 2 guides pupil travelling to take part in event, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 for each of the 2 attendees be granted, totalling £50.

D. Orkney Amateur Football Association (OFA) - Milne Cup July 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from OFA, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of attending the Milne Cup event, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 for each of the 2 attendees be granted, totalling £50.

E. Athletics Events Grangemouth, August 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs Linklater, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 1 participant attending two events, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per event, totalling £50.

F. Athletics and Netball Events, May and June 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms M Flett, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 2 participants attending various events, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 for each event attended be granted, totalling £75.

G. Ness of Brodgar

At this point of the meeting Councillor King declared an interest and left the hall.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mr N Card, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of continued development of the Ness of Brodgar Trust, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £300 be granted.

Councillor King re-joined the meeting.

H. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club (OASC) – Wick Far North 25 August 2019

Following consideration of correspondence received from OASC, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of 4 competitors taking part in the meet, it was:

Resolved that a general fund donation of £25 per competitor be granted, totalling £100.

9. Consultation

A. Learning Disability Strategy

Following consideration of documents provided via email to members regarding the Learning Disability Strategy, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make at this time.

10. Publications

A. Community Planning – Off Street Parking

Following consideration of documents provided to members regarding the Community Planning – Off Street Parking, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make at this time.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Notice in Finstown Kirkyard

Members heard from Councillor Tullock that this was being addressed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Wooden/Stone Bridge from Finstown to Finstown School – A966

It was noted by members that the wooden bridge was in a poor state of repair and safety concerns were expressed.

Members also discussed the bulging/loosening of the sides and of the stone bridge, again expressing safety concerns, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk inform Democratic Services of members concerns.

C. Weed throughout Paved Areas

Members discussed the spread of weeds throughout the village and lack of attendance thereof. It was acknowledged that Orkney Island Council do have budgetary constraint, however it was:

Resolved that the clerk inform Democratic Services of members concerns.

D. Refuse Bins in Finstown Car Park

Members discussed the shortage in numbers of refuse bins in the car park area on the shorefront in Finstown. This year saw a greater number of motorhomes in the car park, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk ask Democratic Services if there are more bins available.

E. War Memorials

Members heard from the clerk that an extension had been granted for the repair of war memorials. However there has been a lack of communication with the contractor and it was:

Resolved that the clerk contact Orkney Islands Council to pass on concerns regarding progress.

F. Quality of Pavement Resurfacing in Finstown

Members expressed a lack of quality in the resurfacing of the pavement repairs carried out, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk inform Democratic Services so that this may be inspected.

G. Remembrance Sunday

Members discussed the requirement for a wreath on Remembrance Sunday on 10 November 2019, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk orders a wreath.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of the Firth and Stenness Community Council would be held on Thursday, 7 November in the Stenness Community School, commencing at 19:30.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

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