

# **Minute of the Meeting of Harray and Sandwich Community Council held in the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesday, 21 August 2019 at 19:00**

## **Present:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Miss K Coghill, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mr R Delday, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mr D Scarth, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mr K Spence, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mr S Spence, Birsay Community Council Member.
- Mrs S Shearer, Senior Planner.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs N Phillips, Clerk.

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# 1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors R King and O Tierney.

## 2. Dounby Market Green

### A. Suggestions

All the suggestions for the redevelopment of the village that had been collected from the Dounby Show day stand were read out and the list recorded as:

- Swimming Pool.
- Pets at home.
- Shared district heating scheme.
- More parking.
- Bus parking.
- Private housing sites.
- Road safety signs.
- Crossroads.
- More buses.
- Better bus service.
- One-way scheme for the co-op deliveries.
- Small business letting units.
- Drive through recycling.
- Disability friendly bus stop.
- Tidy up and make use of the Masonic Hall.
- Tidy up the Back Road.
- Develop the Market Green.
- Nature walks.
- Remove old pumps at the Market Green.
- Disabled parking.
- Gate on the Bowling Green so that footballs could be retrieved.
- Reduce speeding.
- Water fountain.
- Play park.
- Caravan park.
- Reduce speed limits.
- Increase visibility for crossing roads.
- Circular walks.
- More shops.
- Bigger café.
- Miniature 'Happy Valley' on the land next to Quilco.

- Dedicated paths and walkways.
- Replace grass with parking spaces.
- Seating areas.
- Spa.
- Circus.
- Bowling alley.
- Extend speed limit points.
- Community Led Support Hub.
- New toilet block.
- Reduce speed limit from the School to past the Post Office.

Members handed all ideas over to the Democratic Services Manager who would forward onto the Planning Manager, and it was resolved:

1. To hold a special meeting on Wednesday 11 September at 19:00 at the Milestone Kirk to transfer all the ideas onto a large map.
2. That the Planning Manager would be invited to the next meeting.

## **B. Cursiter Amenity Site**

Members were advised on operational processes at Cursiter Amenity Site and how this could relate to the Dounby Amenity Site, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk would contact Orkney Islands Council enquiring if there were any plans for the Dounby Amenity Site.

## **C. Community Led Support Hub**

Members heard how Orkney Health and Care were looking into trialling a Community Led Support Hub, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk, on behalf of Harray and Sandwick, and Birsay Community Councils, would write a letter to Orkney Health and Care asking them to consider Dounby as a suitable village to trial the Hub.

The Birsay Community Council Members left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 3 July 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr S Sinclair and seconded by Mr G Brown.

The minute of the meeting on 31 July 2019 was considered by members and subsequently approved, being proposed by Mr C Kirkness and seconded by Mrs E Grant.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Speed Limits around Dounby**

Members heard that Democratic Services were still in touch with the Planning Manager about these proposals, and it was:

Resolved to continue discussion of this item at a future meeting.

### **B. Land at Amenity Site in Dounby**

Members heard that there was still no solution to getting the grass cut, and it was:

Resolved that the Councillors would bring it up at their next meeting in September.

### **C. Dunsyre Corner**

Councillor H Johnston reported that he had spoken to Councillor A Drever about the signs they had installed in Holm. Members heard that Holm Community Council had to apply for planning permission and that Art Machine had made the signs. Members discussed having to approach the landowners at the Harray side of the corner asking if a sign could be erected. Members heard how the 40 mph speed limit sign had peeled off, and it was resolved:

1. That Councillor H Johnston would make enquiries to see if a statutory sign could be reintroduced.
2. That the clerk would enquire with Art Machine for the price of a sign.

### **D. Proposed Telecommunications Installation**

Members heard how the mast had already been installed, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Marine Planning Update**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Marine Planning, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Bus Services**

Following consideration of correspondence from Bus Services about a proposed trial of two new buses, one involving Dounby, it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would write to advise they are totally in favour of the trial.

## **C. West Mainland Brochures**

Following consideration of the correspondence from the Democratic Services asking if the members would like the East and West brochure leaflets on the Orkney.com website, it was:

Resolved that the clerk would respond on behalf of the members to confirm they are very much in favour of this.

## **D. Community Speed Watch**

Following consideration of correspondence from Community Speed Watch, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **E. Strathborg Picnic Area - Insurance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services about insurance on the picnic area at Strathborg, it was:

Resolved that the clerk would enquire as to whether the Community Council's Liability insurance would cover the area.

## **6. Consultations**

### **A. Orkney Learning Disability Strategy**

Following consideration of the consultation document on the Orkney Learning Disability Strategy, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **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 £5,552.41 as at 9 August 2019.

### **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 £2,554.78 remained available for approval as at 9 August 2019.

### **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 as at 9 August 2019.

#### **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 9 August 2019.

### **8. Applications for Financial Assistance**

#### **A. Girlguiding Orkney-Trip to Tartan Gig 2019**

Mr David Hamilton declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of a financial request from Girlguiding Orkney on behalf of 11 participants and 2 adults, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting funding towards attending the Tartan Trip Gig on 31 August, it was resolved:

1. That 7 of the children were resident in Harray and Sandwick, and that the donation only covered children in education, therefore the adults would not qualify.
2. That a £50 donation would be given to each of those 7 participants.

#### **B. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council - Pickaquoy Bonfire and Fireworks**

Following consideration of a financial request from the Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council for financial assistance towards the bonfire and fireworks display at Pickaquoy in early November, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 would be given.

#### **C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Wick ASC Far North Meet**

Following consideration of a financial request from OASC on behalf of 4 participants, copies of which had been previously circulated, requesting funding towards attending the Wick ASC Far North Meet on 25 August, it was:

Resolved that no donations would be awarded as 2 of the participants resided in Birsay and the other 2 had already been allocated £50 assistance this financial year.

### **9. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members and noted:

- VAO Newsletter – July 2019.
- VAO Local Training and Opportunities - August and September 2019.
- Scottish Natural Heritage - Planning for Great Places.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Siting of Bench**

Members were advised that a message of thanks had been received from a member of the public for assisting with a planning application for the siting of a bench.

### **B. Potholes**

Members reported that there were potholes on the Netherborough Road, Ballarat Road and two on the Swartland Road, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would report this to Orkney Islands Council.

### **C. Strathborg**

Members reported that there had been complaints made about the state of the Strathborg picnic area, and it was resolved:

1. That a contractor should be sought to tidy up the area before winter sets in.
2. That a letter of thanks should be sent to the member of the public responsible for attending to the weeds.

### **D. Tourist Buses**

Members heard how the buses were cutting up verges and wondered if the Council had any plans to widen the roads, and it was:

Resolved that the clerk on behalf of the members would enquire with Orkney Islands Council.

### **E. Cathedral**

Members heard how charging tourists to enter the Cathedral to help pay for the upkeep was being looked at and agreed it was a good idea.

### **F. Resignation**

Members sadly accepted the resignation as both Council Member and Planning Representative from Mr S Sinclair.

## **11. Dates of Future Meetings**

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

Resolved that the next three meetings of Harray and Sandwick Community Council would be held at the Milestone Community Church, Dounby on Wednesdays 30 October 2019, 15 January 2020 and 4 March 2020.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 21.30.