

# Minute of the Meeting of Holm Community Council held in the Games Room, Holm Community Centre, Holm, on Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 19:30

## Present:

Alan Scott, Martin Lee, Erland Drever, Christine Muir, Bill Robertson and Robbie Thomson.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Raymie S Peace.
- Kenny MacPherson, Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities, Orkney Islands Council.
- Hazel Flett, Clerk.

## Chair:

- Alan Scott in the Chair.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Richard Shearer and Councillors James R Moar and Gillian Skuse.

## **2. Review of Orkney Local Development Plan and Local Place Plans**

The Clerk advised that the representatives from Orkney Islands Council were unable to attend the meeting to give a presentation on the review of the Orkney Local Development Plan, together with Local Place Plans, and it was:

Resolved:

A. That members should review the email sent earlier regarding the review of the Local Development Plan and submit any comments by the deadline of the end of September 2024.

B. That the Service Manager, Development and Marine Planning, be invited to the next meeting to explain the process for producing a local place plan.

## **3. Adoption of Minute**

The Minute of the Meeting held on 25 June 2024 was approved, being proposed by Martin Lee and seconded by Erland Drever.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Various Roads Matters**

After discussion of concerns regarding the apparent lack of understanding from Orkney Islands Council on the local priority for works to be undertaken, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Martin Lee had reported two matters through the Council's website, however he felt that this was totally inappropriate and was for reporting potholes rather than major road reconstruction and/or improvement works, as requested by the Community Council.

2. To note the representations from the Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities that works were prioritised according to the Road Asset Management Plan, and with a £20 million target for savings in 2025/26, there was unlikely to be any money for road works unless they met the priority criteria.

### **B. Proposal for Living Christmas Tree**

The Chair had no further update regarding the proposal for a living Christmas tree, and it was:

Resolved to note the position.

## **C. Holm Community Association – 100 Years**

The Clerk advised that Holm Community Association had requested whether the Community Council wished to provide information at the 100 Years exhibition, and it was:

Resolved that Christine Muir should arrange for some publicity regarding the Community Council, including details of members, for inclusion in the exhibition.

## **D. Request for Dog Waste Bin**

The Clerk advised that no response had been received from Orkney Islands Council regarding the request for a dog waste bin at the bus shelter at the end of Biggings Loan, and it was:

Resolved to continue to the next meeting.

## **E. Bus Shelters in Holm Village**

The Clerk advised that no response had been received from Orkney Islands Council regarding the cost of a bus shelter, and it was:

Resolved to continue to the next meeting.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Attendance by NSI at Community Council Meetings**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising on attendance by Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure senior managers at future Community Council meetings, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Holm Community Heritage at St Nicholas Kirk**

Following consideration of correspondence from Holm Community Heritage at St Nicholas Kirk regarding submission of an application for community funding, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the Clerk had submitted a letter of support in respect of proposed repairs and alterations to St Nicholas Kirk, following approval via email.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the estimated balance as at 22 August 2024 of £15,126.01.
2. That the Clerk should ask Andrew Drever to arrange the annual remembrance service at the War Memorial.

3. That the cost of the community poppy wreath be met from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

4. That the Clerk should arrange with The Yard Nursery for the war memorial to be tidied up prior to the Remembrance Day service.

## **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the 2024/2025 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that, as at 22 August 2024, projects to the value of £3,460.89 had been approved, of which £445.49 had been claimed.
2. To note the balance remaining for approval within the main capping limit of £2,240.47.
3. To note the balance remaining for approval within the additional capping limit of £90.

## **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £4,000.

## **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval of £3,093.33.

# **7. Financial Requests**

## **A. Rockworks Renovation Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Rockworks Community Sports Trust requesting financial assistance towards a project overrun on the renovation of the Rockworks pitch, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that an additional contribution of £4,000 be awarded, funded as follows:

- £2,000 from the Community Development Fund allocation.
- Remaining allocation within the Community Council Grant Scheme for 2024/2025.
- Any remaining balance from the General Fund.

## **B. Athletics Competitions**

Following consideration of an application received from K Swan requesting financial assistance towards her son competing in athletics competitions in Grangemouth and Shetland in August 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £40 be given in respect of participation in each event.

### **C. Bonfire and Fireworks at Pickaquoy – November 2024**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council requesting financial assistance towards the annual bonfire and fireworks to be held at Pickaquoy on 2 November 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £200 be awarded, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being awarded.

### **D. OYDG Football Competition**

Following consideration of an application from S Brown requesting financial assistance towards her son taking part in an OYDG football competition in Shetland in August 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £40 be given, subject to confirmation of participation.

### **E. KGS Drama Trip**

Following consideration of an application from J Munro requesting financial assistance towards her daughter taking part in a drama trip to Edinburgh in September 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £40 be given, subject to confirmation of participation.

### **F. Holm Community Association**

Following consideration of an application from Holm Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the annual tree lighting ceremony to be held on 23 November 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that the Community Council should meet the cost of the Christmas tree, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved.

### **G. Holm Community Association**

Following consideration of an application from Holm Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the annual senior citizens' Christmas meal to be held on 7 December 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £1,000 be made, subject to assistance from the Community Council Grant Scheme being approved, with any remaining balance being met from the General Fund, should receipts to the value of £1,000 not be produced.

### **H. Holm Community Association**

Following consideration of an application from Holm Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the annual kids Hallowe'en Party to be held on 27 October 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £200 be made.

## **I. OYDG Football Competition**

The Clerk had received an application from T Drever requesting financial assistance towards her son taking part in the Under 12s' county football competition in Shetland in August 2024, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £40 be given, subject to confirmation of participation.

## **J. Gymnastics Competition**

The Clerk had received an application from T Drever requesting financial assistance towards her daughter taking part in a floor and vault gymnastics competition in Hamilton in September 2024, and it was:

Resolved that a donation of £40 be given, subject to confirmation of participation.

## **8. Consultations**

### **A. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan, for which responses were required by 25 October 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Martin Lee was attending the community engagement session in Stromness on 12 September 2024 and would liaise with officers within Development and Marine Planning on the process for developing a Local Place Plan, including whether the Community Council could engage a consultant, if funding could be identified.

### **B. Orkney Islands Marine Region – Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Orkney Islands Marine Region – Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance, for which responses were required by 25 October 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Martin Lee was attending the community engagement session in Stromness on 12 September 2024.

### **C. National Care Service**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding Scottish Government public engagement regarding the National Care Service, including online sessions on 18 and 19 September 2024, for which responses were required by 30 September 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members should, if they so wished, submit individual responses to the consultation.

### **D. The Voice of Communities**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding HIE's Voice of Communities survey, for which responses were required by the end of September 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved that members should, if they so wished, submit individual responses to the consultation.

## **9. Meetings Attended by Members**

### **A. Orkney Towns Fund**

Aquatera had facilitated a community workshop on 18 July 2024 to discuss and contribute ideas in respect of the £20 million Orkney Towns Fund, and it was:

Resolved to note that Martin Lee had attended the community workshop and had put forward a potential project at the pierhead area of St Mary's for consideration.

### **B. Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Islands Federation regarding an online workshop on the Sectoral Marine Plan for offshore wind energy, to discuss and help develop the basis of the Island Community Impact Assessment, held on 22 July 2024, copies of which had been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that Martin Lee had attended and reported that the event had been "hijacked" by representatives from the Western Isles regarding development of site N4, for which he had subsequently received an apology after he had submitted a complaint.

## **10. Publications**

The following publications had been sent to the Clerk and were forwarded to members via email:

- VAO Newsletters – June and July 2024.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – July 2024.

## **11. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. OIC Winter Treatment Contracts**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the establishment of a framework to assist the Council in times of community need and to ensure that local contractors were recompensed appropriately, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor Peace undertook to contact local providers direct to ensure they were aware of the framework and to assist them in the process of registering.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved:

A. That the next meeting of Holm Community Council should be held on 13 November 2024 in the Holm Community Centre, commencing at 19:30.

B. That, as representatives from the Roads section of Orkney Islands Council were unable to attend on 13 November 2024, the Clerk should arrange a separate meeting to discuss ongoing roads issues.

### **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:15.