

Minute of the Meeting of Westray Community Council held in the Community Classroom, Westray Junior High School on Monday, 18 March 2019 at 19:00

Present:

Mr A Baird, Mrs E Drever, Miss J Holland, Mr C Kirkness and Mr D Seatter.

In Attendance:

- Councillor K Woodbridge.
- Mrs E Woodhouse, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mr A Scott and Mr D Hutchison, and Councillors S Clackson and G Sinclair.

2. Minute of the Meeting of 11 February 2019

The minute of the meeting of Westray Community Council held on 11 February 2019 was approved, being proposed Mr D Seatter and seconded by Mrs E Drever.

3. Matters Arising

A. Chapel of Rest

Members discussed the option of having a set of keys for the Chapel of Rest to be held by a member of the Community Council. Members also discussed the need for privacy within the Chapel of Rest when there are two bodies at rest. A divider curtain was thought to be the most appropriate solution with the curtain hanging when needed and otherwise stored in the store room. The Clerk reported that the Westray Development Trust had agreed that this would be a useful addition to the Chapel of Rest and were happy for this to be added to the agreed jointly funded refurbishment, and it was resolved:

1. To note that the present arrangement whereby keys are held by John Corse Funeral Directors, by the Island Undertaker, and at Westray Development Trust office was sufficient.
2. That the Clerk would write to the Island Undertaker to ask if he and his assistant would be happy to work with the curtain divider suggestion.

B. Orkney Inter-Island Transport Study

Members reported that paper copies of the Inter-Isles Transport Survey were now at the Westray Development Trust office and also at the three main shops, and that posters for the survey had been displayed in the usual public places. Members discussed the option of inserting the poster in Auk Talk either as part of the Newsletter or as an insert, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk contact the Auk Talk editor to ask if it would be possible to insert the poster as part of the newsletter for April.
2. That the Clerk, if the first option was not possible, would ask if it would be acceptable for an insert to be provided and, if this was possible, to ask how many copies of Auk Talk are printed for local distribution.

C. Village Path

Members were updated on the current situation. Sustrans had advised that the project would be more likely to gain support as a single project rather than in 2 separate phases and would be very likely to attract 100% funding for planning and design and 50% funding for construction. CDF funding would probably cover the other 50% of the construction costs. All the known landowners were keen to see this

project happen. The need for an experienced project manager who would be able to develop successful funding applications and project manage the project through to completion was discussed, and it was resolved:

1. To note that members agreed that it would be necessary to appoint an experienced project manager to carry this project forward.
2. That the Chair and Mr D Seatter would draft tender documents for the completion of applications to Sustrans and CDF.
3. That Mr D Seatter would forward to members the information he had received from Sustrans.
4. That the Clerk would ask Democratic Services to check if OIC Legal Services would be able to give advice as to how to approach the issue of unknown land ownership.

D. Aggregates Scheme

Following discussion of this scheme, it was:

Resolved to leave the details of this scheme to the next meeting.

E. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme (NILPS)

Following an update on the NILPS meeting on 1 March, it was:

Resolved to note that the NILPS would be unable to help with the Village Path Project.

F. Suggestions for Honours Nominations

Members discussed this item, and it was:

Resolved that Mrs E Drever would look into nominations and that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

G. Special Collection

Following discussion of a special collection for Westray, it was:

Resolved that no action would be taken at this time.

H. PPRG Meeting

Following consideration of correspondence from NHS Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the meeting on 11 March, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

I. Westray and Papa Westray Tourist Association (WPWTA) Meeting

Mr D Seatter had attended the WPWTA meeting and reported that the Association was very keen to promote the upgrading of the road to Noup Head as an urgent

project for the NILPS to support. Noup Head and the surrounding area is rightly regarded as a significant tourist attraction in Westray but because of the condition of the road to Noup Head those people who run tourist bus services there are very concerned about the effect of the road on their vehicles. It is unlikely that tourists arriving on the cruise liners this season will be given the opportunity to be taken to Noup Head. WPWTA is looking for as much support as possible to promote this project to the NILPS.

Mr Seatter had been asked if he knew why Westray does not have a Link Officer. Councillor Woodbridge advised that OIC hopes to roll out this role to other Islands.

Following discussion of this update, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would send a letter of support to WPWTA.

J. WDT and WRE - Open Meeting with EMEC - Hydrogen Production

Following discussion of the poster provided which advertised this meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

K. Lastigar Car Parking

Following discussion of an update from the Clerk that the Head of Housing was considering the proposal put forward by the residents of Lastigar and that legal input was awaited, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk write to the Lastigar representative to update them on the situation.

4. Correspondence

A. Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants

Following discussion of the information received, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the Clerk had put up posters to advertise the scheme.

B. Bag the Bruck 2019

Following discussion of this item members agreed to apply for CCGS funding for this initiative in 2019, and it was resolved:

1. That the Clerk would apply for CCGS funding of £300 towards supporting groups taking part in Bag the Bruck 2019.
2. That the Clerk write to the enquirer to confirm that Westray Community Council would support Bag the Bruck this year.

C. THAW - WellBeing Advisory Group Meeting: Open Day Invitation

Following discussion of the information received regarding the THAW Open Day, copies of which had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information and that the date of the Open Day had now passed.

D. Police Scotland Survey

Following discussion of the information received concerning the Police Scotland Survey, copies of which has been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided and that the closing date of the survey was today.

5. Financial Statements

A. General Finance Statement

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £13,672.53

B. Community Council Grant Scheme (CCGS)

Following consideration of the CCGS statement as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the main capping limit was over allocated by £3,398.34; £622 remained within the additional limit; and £642 remained within the island limit.

C. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund as at 28 February 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the total remaining available for allocation of £5,000.

6. Financial Requests

A. Westray Sports Club

Following consideration of the request from Westray Sports Club for a grant towards the renovation of the playing field in preparation for the 70th North Isles Sports in June 2019, it was resolved:

1. That £300 would be applied for under the CCGS Scheme towards the renovation.
2. That, if funding is not available from CCGS, £300 should be allocated from the General Fund.

7. Kirkyard and War Memorial Grass Cutting and Maintenance

Following consideration of the tenders received for the maintenance and grass cutting at the three Kirkyards and the War Memorial, it was resolved:

1. To accept the four tenders.
2. That the Clerk would write to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers.
3. That the Clerk would confirm to members the comparative costs last year as against this year.

8. Any Other Competent Business

A. New Lamp Posts

The position of one of the new lamp posts was questioned, it being thought that it had been moved closer to the road, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk contact Democratic Services to ask if the new lamp post could be repositioned back to where the old lamp post had been.

B. New School

A member had been asked if there was any news about the possibility of a new school being built. Following discussion of this item, it was:

Resolved to note that there is no known information regarding the possibility of a new school for Westray being built.

C. Play Park

Concerns were expressed regarding the safety of some of the items of equipment in the Play Park. Following discussion of these concerns, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would write to the person thought to be responsible for the maintenance of the Play Park expressing these concerns.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair advised that he would contact Mr A Scott and Mr D Hutchison regarding their availability in May for the next meeting. As office bearers would be elected again at this meeting, the Chair stated that he would like all members to attend, if possible.

10. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:52.