

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School, on Monday, 12 November 2018 at 19:30

Present:

E R Marcus, Miss F Georgeson, M J Leitch and Ms L Wilson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs L Leitch, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Mrs E Flett, C Gunn and J Stevenson and Councillor H Johnston.

2. Adoption of Minute of Meeting held on 10 September 2018

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on Monday, 10 September 2018 was approved, being proposed by Ms L Wilson and seconded by M Leitch.

3. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters discussed.

4. Matters Arising

A. Abandoned Creels at Aikerness

Following consideration of correspondence from HM Coastguard which suggested that since the abandoned creels were above the high-water mark then the problem was a council issue, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved that Councillor King would flag the issue with Environmental Health.

B. Overhanging Trees and Bushes

Resolved to note that the overhanging trees and bushes had been cut back by the property owners at Harbour Cottage, Evie.

C. Road Issues in Evie

Members considered correspondence in response to members concerns over the dip in the road at the Evie Village and also the poor workmanship of the line painting. The Team Leader, Roads Support, had advised that no work would be carried out on the road concerned meantime and also that the white line marking was deemed satisfactory, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Correspondence

A. Concerns over Ward Boundaries

Following consideration of correspondence received from a local resident over apparent plans to change boundaries in Evie and Rendall, and after consideration of correspondence which was distributed at the meeting from the Planning Manager which advised that the Planning authority would not alter a parish boundary, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.

2. That members requested that the boundaries should be left as is.

B. Royal Mail – Scam Mail

Following consideration of correspondence from the Royal Mail raising awareness of scam mail within the Community, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Update on Headstone Inspection Process

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council updating members on the headstone inspection process, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Lower Speeds Communities Workshop

Following consideration of correspondence inviting a Community Council representative to the forthcoming Lower Speeds Communities Workshop to be held on 28 November 2018 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That if any member wished to attend to contact Democratic Services of their intention.

E. Thank You Letters

After hearing from the Clerk that thank you letters had been received in respect of financial assistance provided by the Community Council, it was:

Resolved to note that letters of thanks had been received from Ms R Ware, C Ridland, J Leitch and Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council.

F. Room in Roof Insulation

Following consideration of correspondence which was distributed at the meeting informing members of a government grant being offered to insulate loft rooms and offering the Community Council the opportunity to hear about the scheme, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Northern Isles Ferry Services Contract – Community Engagement Sessions

Following consideration of correspondence which was distributed at the meeting inviting members to attend any of the Community Engagement Sessions to be held on 19 and 20 November 2018 in respect of the next Northern Isles Ferry Service contract, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Consultations

A. Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of Orkney Islands Area Licencing Board's public consultation on the Gambling Act 2005: Review of Gambling Policy, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 23 November 2018 and that no comments had been received.

B. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

Following consideration of Orkney Islands Council Verge Maintenance Plan 2018 and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the later cut had made a difference to the verges this year.
2. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 15 March 2019.

7. Update on New Evie and Rendall Community Park

The meeting heard that an application for Community Development Funding had recently been submitted for consideration. Members were also informed that included in the submission was that the Community Council would be responsible for the maintenance and inspections costs once the park was open which would remove any financial burden from Orkney Islands Council. The application also included the Community Council's financial commitment to the new Park. Funds raised to date by the Park Group were £11,045.72 and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

8. Finance

A. General Finance Statement

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 29 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £2,582.54.

B. Npower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 29 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £44,958.94.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 29 October 2018, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the balance was £6,441.57.

2. That the Annual Community Benefit Instalment of £5,850 had been received.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 29 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £34,477.30.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 29 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,667.69.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as 29 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £6,480.30 remained available for allocation.

G. Seedcorn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 29 October 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,395.00 remained available for allocation.

9. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Ms R Ware – Rugby and Athletics Competitions

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms R Ware, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in seven rugby training and competitions all being held on the Mainland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the seven events, giving a total of £525 which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

B. Friends of Firth School – Primary Netball Training Equipment

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of the Friends of Firth School asking for financial support towards the cost of purchasing new equipment for the primary netball training, it was:

Resolved that no donation would be given.

C. Mrs J Barber – Stromness Academy Volleyball Festival, Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs J Barber applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son representing Stromness Academy in a Volleyball Festival being held in Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of trip, to be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

D. Ms L Wilson – Stromness Academy Volleyball Festival, Aberdeen

Ms L Wilson declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in a Volleyball festival in Aberdeen to represent Stromness Academy, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the event costs which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

E. C Ridland – Young Farmers Sheep Dressing Competitions, Caithness and Lanark

Miss F Georgeson declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion thereof.

Following consideration of an application from C Ridland, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of competing in the Young Farmers Sheep Dressing competitions being held in Caithness and Lanark, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, totalling £150, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

F. Ms J Pickles – Senior Scottish Cup Netball Competition, Edinburgh

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms J Pickles requesting financial assistance towards the cost of competing in the Senior Scottish Cup Netball competition being held in Edinburgh, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the competition, to be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

10. Publications

Publications from Broxap Outdoor Fitness and HAGS Playgrounds were made available to members.

11. Any Other Competent Business - Outdoor Christmas Tree

Following discussion on whether or not to purchase a bigger Christmas tree for outside the School and to have a tree lighting ceremony as in 2017, it was:

Resolved that the existing tree which had been donated would be decorated with the lights purchased last year.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Members agreed that the date of the next would be held on Monday, 28 January 2019 commencing at 19:30 in the Vishall View Community Room of Evie School.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting concluded at 20:20.