

# **Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School, on Monday, 26 March 2018 at 19:30**

Present:

E R H Marcus, C Gunn, Mrs E Flett, Miss F Georgeson, M J Leitch and Mrs 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 J Stevenson, Councillor H Johnston and Police Sergeant R Morris.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held 29 January 2018**

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 29 January 2018 was approved, being proposed by C Gunn and seconded by Mrs L Wilson subject to the amendment of date in the opening heading from 2017 to 2018.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Road Issues in Evie and Rendall**

Following consideration of correspondence from Councillor Tierney and also a response from Democratic Services which was distributed at the meeting which advised that surface dressing would improve the dip in the road at the old Evie Kirk and that an instruction to fix the depression near The Bothy had been issued in 2017, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. For members to monitor the situation meantime.

### **B. Culvert at Standpretty**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services which informed members that Road Services were currently investigating the option of digging a culvert at the bottom of the Standpretty Road, Evie and that the situation was being addressed, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. West Mainland Tourist Brochure – Update from meeting held 22 March 2018**

Members heard that the Sub Committee of the West Mainland Tourist Brochure had agreed to retain the current format for the 2019 brochure. The Sub Committee were due to meet again in November and in the meantime members had been asked to note any changes to tourist attractions and the establishment of new and closing of existing places of interest and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **D. Abandoned Creels, Aikerness**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services which informed that unless the owners of the abandoned creels were traced, it was unlikely that Orkney Islands Council could do anything in addressing the problem. Following discussion over the ownership of the creels it was:

Resolved that Councillor Tierney would look into the problem ahead of the next meeting.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Orkney Islands Council – Community Council Funding**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Chief Executive of Orkney Islands Council advising that the Policy and Resources Committee were proposing to reduce the Community Council funding for the forthcoming financial year, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Rendall Football Club – Financial Assistance**

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall Football Club thanking the Community Council for their recent donation and acknowledging that funding may be restricted due to two major projects to be funded in the parish, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Rendall Pipe Band – Financial Assistance**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Rendall Pipe Band thanking the Community Council for their recent donation and acknowledging that funding may be restricted due to two major projects to be funded in the parish, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Hoolan Energy – Costa Head Wind Farm**

Following consideration of two items of correspondence from Hoolan Energy updating members on the Costa Head Wind Farm project and also the date of their next public exhibition and after noting that the developers had downsized the number of turbines from 5 to 4, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **E. Cosy Home Packs**

Following consideration of correspondence received from THAW Orkney informing members of their Cosy Home Packs and following discussion, it was:

Resolved for a copy of the letter to be sent to Evie School, The Mistra Shop, Rendall Community Hall and also the Evie Surgery for their notice boards.

## **F. Orkney Sustainable Fisheries Out Reach**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Sustainable Fisheries which advised that the company would like to build relationships with local communities, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **G. Thank You Letters and Messages**

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

Resolved to note that a letter of thanks had been received from Miss G Montgomery and messages of thanks had been conveyed by Firth Primary School, Stenness Community School, Mrs S Walker, Mrs L Sharpe, Mrs J Hopkins, Mrs J Barber, Mrs L Leitch, C McAllister, Evie Community School, Mr and Mrs S Hall, Mrs K Carmichael and J Watson.

## **H. Scottish Transport Awards 2018 – Orkney Islands Council Airfields Service**

Following consideration of correspondence, which was distributed at the meeting, from the Development and Infrastructure Committee informing members that Orkney Islands Council Airfields had been shortlisted for a national award to be announced in June, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **6. Consultations**

### **A. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Overprovision Assessment – Consultation**

Following consideration of the Consultation on the Overprovision Assessment of Licenced Premises it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 27 March 2018 and that no remarks had been received.

### **B. Winter Service Plan 2017/2018**

Following consideration of the Winter Service Plan 2017/2018 Consultation document it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 30 March 2018 and that no further comments had been received since the previous meeting.

### **C. Verge Maintenance Plan Specification**

Following consideration of the Verge Maintenance Plan Specification and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 30 March 2018 and that no comments had been received.

## **D. Scottish Water – Shaping the future of your water and waste water services**

Following consideration of Scottish Water’s consultation on the future of water and waste water services, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 31 August 2018 and that no comments had been received.

## **E. Amended Core Paths Plan Consultation**

Following consideration of the Amended Core Paths Plan Consultation, which was distributed at the meeting and after hearing that the Rural Planner would welcome the opportunity to discuss representations made previously by the Community Council, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 1 June 2018 and that no comments had been received to date.
2. That the Rural Planner would be invited along to the next Community Council meeting.

## **7. Update on Evie and Rendall Community Park**

The meeting heard that the Park Group had been awarded £2,000 through the Tesco Community Bags of Help. The Park Committee had provided the lunches at the recent West Mainland Agricultural Society’s ploughing match with a donation due from the Society. A 50/50 Sale was planned for June with the committee also agreeing to cater for the Dounby Show lunches in August. Two quotes had been received for the construction, project management and equipment of the new park with a third price needed for any funding bids 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 21 March 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,028.55.

### **B. Npower Fund**

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 21 March 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £36,288.61.

### **C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund**

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables fund statement as at 21 March 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,298.57.

### **D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund**

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy fund statement as at 21 March 2018 and after hearing that the 2017 Community Benefit payment was due to be paid in, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the balance was £26,832.98.
2. That the 2017 Community Benefit payment was due to be credited to the fund.

### **E. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 21 March 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the scheme had been fully allocated.

### **F. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development fund statement as at 21 March 2018, it was:

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

### **G. Seedcorn Fund**

After consideration of the Seedcorn fund statement as at 21 March 2018, it was:

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

## **9. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Mrs P Harvey – Road Repairs Scheme**

Members resumed consideration of Mrs Harvey's application for financial assistance through the Road Repairs Scheme for the upkeep of the Tower Road, Rendall and following discussion it was:

Resolved:

1. That K Harvey of Tower, Rendall would need to submit an application for road repairs.
2. That on receipt of the application a grant of up to a maximum of £250 could be awarded, subject to the criteria of the roads scheme.

## **B. Ms R Ware – Athletic Competitions**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms R Ware applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in two athletic competitions in Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the two events, giving a total of £150 which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

## **C. Ms J Childs – Percussion Summer School, Glasgow**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms J Childs applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son participating in a Percussion Summer School to be held in Glasgow, it was:

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

## **D. Orkney Folk Festival 2018**

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from the organisers of the Orkney Folk Festival applying for financial assistance towards the running costs of the 2018 event, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £100 be given towards the costs of the 2018 event to be met from general funds.

## **E. NHS Orkney Fundraising Group**

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from the NHS Orkney Fundraising Group applying for financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing additional items of equipment, planting and furnishings for the new hospital it was:

Resolved that a donation of £150 be given to be met from general funds.

## **F. C McAllister – Swimming Competitions**

Following consideration of correspondence received from C McAllister applying for financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter taking part in three separate swimming competitions to be held in Edinburgh and Glasgow, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each trip, amounting to £225, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables fund.

## **G. Mrs J Barber – Volleyball Festival, Huntly**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs J Barber applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son taking part in a volleyball festival to be held in Huntly, it was:

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

## **H. Mrs L Wilson – Netball Competition, Aberdeen**

Mrs L Wilson declared an interest in this item of business.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Wilson, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in a netball competition to be held in Huntly, 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.

## **I. Mrs L Sharpe – Army Cadet Camp, Buckinghamshire**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Sharpe, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son participating in an Army Cadet Camp to be held in Buckinghamshire, it was:

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

## **10. Publications**

The Orkney Partnership Community Planning News was made available at the meeting.

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

### **A. Overhanging Tree at The Manse, Evie**

One member reported that an overhanging tree at the Old Manse, Evie was becoming a safety issue and needed to be cut back. Following debate on who was responsible for trimming the tree it was:

Resolved for the Clerk to check with Democratic Services for clarification on whether the Council or the property owners were responsible for trimming the tree.

### **B. Superfast Broadband, Rendall Hall**

Members were informed that some properties had been missed from receiving superfast broadband and that Highland and Islands Enterprises were addressing the situation and after discussion it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

### **C. Driverless Cars**

One member reported that apparently driverless cars were to be test driven in Orkney and asked for the Councillors not to let this happen and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the statement.



## **D. Evie and Rendall Community Park**

The Chairman reported that the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer had been in contact to discuss the extra hours that the Clerk was working due to the new Community Park. Members heard that the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer had suggested an additional concession be paid for the added work and it was:

Resolved that members agreed to the proposition from the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.

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

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 18 June 2018 commencing at 19:30 in the Evie Community School.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting concluded at 20:31.