

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Vishall View Community Room, Evie School on Monday, 24 June 2019 at 19:30

Present:

E R Marcus, C Gunn, Mrs E Flett, M J Leitch and Ms L Wilson.

In Attendance:

- Ms S Shaw, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care.
- Police Officer H Mooney, Police Scotland.
- Councillor R King.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs L Leitch, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Miss F Georgeson and J Stevenson, Sergeant R Morris, and Councillors H Johnston and O Tierney.

2. Police Scotland Matters

The Police Scotland Officer updated members on current campaigns and recruitment and also noted that crime in the area was low. Members also heard the Drugs Dog was now in place on Orkney, and after hearing that the Police do keep an eye on social media regarding alleged crimes, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

The Police Scotland Officer left the meeting at this point.

3. Update from Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Care

The Chair welcomed Orkney Health and Care's Chief Officer, who was in attendance to provide an update on ongoing projects and consultations. The meeting heard that Orkney Health and Care (OHAC) were planning to be in attendance at all the agricultural shows this summer and in the foyer at Tesco's to try and engage directly with individuals and communities on the draft OHAC Strategic Plan consultation. The Chief Officer explained the consultation to members and, following discussion on various health topics, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

The Chief Officer left the meeting at this point.

4. Election of Office Bearers

A. Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that E Marcus be appointed Chairperson of Evie and Rendall Community Council.

B. Vice Chairperson

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that C Gunn be appointed Vice Chairperson of Evie and Rendall Community Council.

C. Planning Representative

Resolved that C Gunn be elected Planning Representative for Evie and Rendall Community Council.

D. Kirkyard Representatives

Resolved that C Gunn be appointed Kirkyard representative for Rendall and M J Leitch be appointed to represent Evie.

5. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 25 March 2019 was approved, being proposed by M J Leitch and seconded by Ms L Wilson.

6. Matters Arising

A. Evie School Football Pitch

After hearing that the football pitch grass had been cut at Evie School before handing over to the duties of the school janitor, it was unclear whether or not the grounds had also been fertilised and also if the school's sit on lawn mower had been serviced, and it was:

Resolved that Ms Wilson would check with the janitor first before the matter was pursued.

B. Evie School Front Door and Fire Foyer Door

Members heard that the timing of the front door at Evie School had been extended to allow more time to enter and leave the building and that the sticking fire door within the foyer had been fixed, and it was:

Resolved to note to the contents of the report.

C. Fire Exit from Community Room of Evie School

Following reports of concern that the only steps at the new Evie School build were situated at the fire exit of the Community room, it was:

Resolved to highlight this matter to the relevant department at Orkney Islands Council.

7. Correspondence

A. Home Energy Efficiency Assessments

Following consideration of correspondence received from the organisers of the energy efficiency assessments held in March, copies of which had previously been circulated, updating members on the feedback from the event, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Seafarers UK – Merchant Navy Day

Following consideration of correspondence from Seafarers UK, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting the Community Council to fly the red ensign in commemoration of Merchant Navy Day in September, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Renewal of Community Council Insurance Cover

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulate, asking members to review the Community Council's insurance policy schedule, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To note that there were no amendments required to the cover provided.

D. SSEN Transmission - Planning Application for Finstown Substation

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), copies of which had previously been circulated, advising that an application had been lodged for a proposed new substation at Finstown, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. J Leitch – Proposed Wind Farms by Orkney Island Council

Members considered correspondence from J Leitch, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding his concern at the proposal by Orkney Islands Council to build new wind farms in various locations. Councillor King informed the meeting that any proposals would only be considered if backed by a robust, business case and any concerns raised would be challenged. The meeting also heard that other options would also be considered before any decisions were made on the proposal, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and discussion.

F. Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division - Costa Head Wind Farm

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division, copies of which had previously been circulated, and also a further letter which was distributed at the meeting advising that planning permission had been granted for the wind farm at Costa Head, Swannay, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. The Highlands Small Community Housing Trust

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing members that their self-build loan funds had been extended to include applications from existing home owners, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.

2. For the information to be conveyed to both the Rendall and Evie Community Associations.

H. Invitation to Collaborative Commissioning for Community Led Support in Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence received from Healthcare Improvement Scotland, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising dates of workshops to discuss community led support it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

I. 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 letters of thanks had been received from the Orkney Schools Concert Band and Miss G Montgomery with messages of thanks received from Evie School, Miss A Mill, C McAllister, Mrs H Clarke, Ms J Childs, Miss W Deyell and J Tams-Gray.

J. Mrs W Pickles – Planning Concerns

Members considered correspondence received from Mrs W Pickles, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, regarding her concerns to changes to planning rules. Following a lengthy discussion, members agreed that the amendments to the rules seemed to be prohibiting single builds and they would prefer to see larger development sites broken-down into smaller sites, and it was:

Resolved for the comments made to be included in the response to the Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance consultation.

Ms L Wilson left the meeting at this point.

8. Consultations

A. Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance

Following consideration of the consultation on the Supplementary Guidance on Housing in the Countryside, copies of which had previously been circulated, and discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was that day.
2. That responses by members to the Consultation questions be conveyed to Democratic Services.
3. To also note that the changes were making it very difficult for individuals wishing to build on a single site only. Members were of the opinion that fewer clusters in the countryside would be ideal, with individual sites for non-developers or building companies.

4. To also note that the plot system only works for developers of multiple properties.

5. To note that Evie was the only parish where no housing provision had been made even though land had been allocated for building.

B. Draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1

Following consideration of the Consultation on the draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase One, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 22 July 2019 and that no remarks had been received.

C. Winter Service Plan 2018/2019

Following consideration of the Winter Service Plan 2018/2019 consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 30 July 2019 and that no remarks had been received.

D. Orkney Health and Care - Draft Strategic Plan

Following consideration of the Orkney Health and Care Draft Strategic Plan Consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, and following discussion earlier in the meeting with the OHAC Chief Officer, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 9 August 2019 and that no remarks had been received.

E. Orkney Partnership Board – National Islands Plan

Following consideration of the Consultation by the Orkney Partnership Board on the National Islands Plan, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 6 July 2019 and that no remarks had been received.

9. New Evie and Rendall Community Park

Members heard that the lease of the park grounds had been approved and that it would be signed at the end of the meeting which would release funding from the National Lottery and also Community Development Funding. The Annual General meeting had been held in April where the office bearers were voted to remain the same. The Park Committee had also agreed to organise a regular Bingo Night solely to facilitate the new park with one being organised for 16 November 2019. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

10. Hammars Hill Education Grants 2019/2020

Members agreed to invite applications for the Hammars Hill Energy Fund Education grants to be advertised with a closing deadline in time for applications to be discussed at the next meeting, and it was:

Resolved that the 2019/2020 Education Grant be advertised inviting applications in time for the next Community Council meeting.

11. Finance

A. Community Council Annual Grants 2019/2020

After consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members that the annual grant awarded to Evie and Rendall Community Council for 2019/2020 was £3,765.26, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Community Council Certified Annual Accounts

Following consideration of the certified Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2019.

C. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,573.26.

D. NPower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note that the balance was £37,988.77.
2. To note that the sum of £15,000 had been transferred to the Evie Park account.

E. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £2,649.57.

F. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £32,033.30.

G. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,424.93.

H. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

I. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

J. Amendment to Event

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, informing that financial assistance awarded previously for an athletics trip had been used, instead, towards the cost of a football competition, it was:

Resolved to note the change in the event.

K. Funding Proposal

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Hall proposing that the Community Council could contribute towards the cost of driving lessons, it was:

Resolved to reject the proposal.

12. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Ms R Ware - Rugby in East Kilbride

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms R Ware, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in a rugby competition being held in East Kilbride, it was:

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

B. Evie Community Association - Over 60's Lunch Club

The Clerk declared an interest in this item of business.

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from the Evie Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting

financial assistance towards the cost of meeting the shortfall for the Over 60's monthly lunches, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance of a total of £250 to meet the shortfall.

C. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Inverness Graded Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one competitor from Rendall taking part in the Inverness Graded Meet, it was:

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

D. Road Repairs Scheme - Hogarth, Rendall

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from J Tams-Gray, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of improving his road, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £250 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria.

E. Kirkwall Grammar School - Residential trip to Inverness

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall Grammar School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one pupil resident in Rendall taking part in a residential trip to Inverness, it was:

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

F. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Thurso Mini Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the costs of two competitors from Rendall competing in the Thurso Mini Meet, it was:

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

G. Miss J Pickles - Hockey District Cup, Glasgow

Following consideration of correspondence received from Miss J Pickles, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the costs of competing in the Hockey District Cup finals in Glasgow, it was:

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

H. Mrs J Barber - Athletics, Football and Hoy trips

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs J Barber, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in Athletics being held in Aberdeen and also a Football festival to be held in Edinburgh and also for her youngest son participating in his residential class trip to Hoy it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards each of the costs of the Athletics and Football competitions and the amount of £25 to be given to the Hoy trip, giving a total of £175 which should be met from the Bargar Hill Renewables Fund.

I. Ms R Ware - Athletics

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms R Ware, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter participating in six athletic training sessions and competitions all to be held on the mainland and also for the Gibraltar Island Games, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the six athletic events, and an award of £150 towards the Island Games, giving a total of £600 which should be met from General funds.

J. Mrs J Barber - Athletics in Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs J Barber, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in Athletics in Shetland, it was:

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

K. Ms L Wilson - Athletics, Inverness and Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in Athletics in Inverness and Shetland, it was:

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

L. J Tams-Gray - Project Trusts Selection, Coll

Following consideration of correspondence received from J Tams-Gray, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter participating in a Project Trust Selection course in Coll, it was:

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

M. Road Repairs Scheme - Kinvarra, Rendall

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of improving his road, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £250 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria.

N. Mrs L Sharpe - Army Cadets Training, Aviemore

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Sharpe, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son participating in Army Cadets Training in Aviemore at a cost of £30, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 be given towards the costs of the training, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

O. Mrs L Hall - Space School, Strathclyde University

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Hall, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son participating in Space School being held at Strathclyde University, it was:

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

P. Road Repairs Scheme - Standpretty, Evie

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mrs L Hall, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of improving their road, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £250 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria.

Q. Mrs L Sharpe - Army Cadets Camp, Warcop

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Sharpe, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son participating in the Army Cadets camp at Warcop at a cost of £55, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £55 be given towards the costs of the camp, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

R. Orkney Youth Development League - Football in Caithness and Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Youth Development Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the costs of one member from Evie playing in matches in Caithness and Shetland, and following discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. That a donation of £20 be given to the parents of the competitor, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.
2. That the Shetland trip would be considered at a future meeting when the exact date and cost was known.

S. C McAllister - Swimming Midsummer Meet, Shetland, and Gibraltar Island Games

Following consideration of correspondence from C McAllister, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of his daughters taking part in a swimming competition being held in Shetland and the Gibraltar Island Games, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Shetland trip and £150 to be awarded for the Gibraltar Games, giving a total of £225, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

T. Road Repairs Scheme - Obansay, Rendall

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mr and Mrs Pinkerton, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving their road, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £250 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria.

U. Road Repairs Scheme - Quandale, Evie

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from G Carson, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving his driveway, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £250 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria.

V. Road Repairs Scheme - Curlew Cottage, Lyron and Overhouse, Rendall

After consideration of correspondence which had been received on behalf of two residents on a shared track leading to Lyron in Rendall, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving their road, it was:

Resolved that a grant up to a maximum of £250 be awarded to each of the two properties, subject to the criteria of the roads scheme.

W. C Ridland - Royal Highland Show Young Farmers Stockmanship Competition

Following consideration of correspondence received from C Ridland, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of

competing in the Young Farmers Stockmanship competition held at the Royal Highland Show, 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.

X. Mrs G Phaithaisong - Gymnastics Competition, Garioch

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs G Phaithaisong, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in a Gymnastics competition in Garioch, 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.

Y. Evie School Parent Council, Waterproofs for Nursery Class

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from the Evie Parent Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing new waterproofs for the Nursery class, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply for the full cost of £90 from the Community Council Grant Scheme.

Z. Rendall Community Association - Maintenance of Rendall Football Pitch

The Chair declared an interest in this item of business.

Given that there was no quorum present, it was agreed for the Clerk to email the members with no interest in the Rendall Community Association (RCA) for their response to the application for financial assistance with the annual maintenance of the Rendall football pitch, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would contact members with no interest to declare in the RCA for a decision to be minuted at the next meeting.

AA. Ms L Wilson - Athletics, Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in Athletics in Aberdeen, 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.

AB. Mrs J Barber - Volleyball Trials, Dundee

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs J Barber, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son taking part in Volleyball trials in Dundee, it was:

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

AC. Mrs H Clarke - Ballet School, Dundee

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs H Clarke, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter participating in twenty classes at Ballet School in Dundee throughout the next year and following discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. That a donation of £75 be awarded for each trip to Dundee, subject to evidence of expenditure, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.
2. That the Clerk would inform the applicant that Orkney Islands Council offered travel grants to talented young people.

AD. Mrs J Hopkins - Volleyball Trials, Dundee

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs J Hopkins, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in two Volleyball trials in Dundee, it was:

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

AE. Rendall Pipe Band

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Rendall Pipe Band, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the running costs of the group, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £500 to be awarded, subject to evidence of expenditure, to be met from the NPower Wind Fund.

13. Publications

Publications from the Scottish Health Council and HAGS Playground were made available to members and noted at the meeting.

14. Any Other Competent Business

Resolved to note that there was no other competent business to discuss.

15. Dates of Future Meetings

Resolved that future meetings of Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held on Mondays 16 September and 18 November 2019 in the Vishall View Community Room, Evie School, commencing at 19:30.

16. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 22:15.