

# **Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Vishall View Community Room, Evie School on Monday, 25 March 2019 at 19:30**

## **Present:**

E R Harcus, C Gunn, Mrs E Flett, Miss F Georgeson, M J Leitch, J Stevenson and Ms L Wilson.

## **In Attendance:**

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

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors H Johnston and D Tullock and apologies for lateness was received from Miss F Georgeson.

## **2. Police Scotland Matters**

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 28 January 2019 was approved, being proposed by M Leitch and seconded by C Gunn.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### **A. Update on Headstones at Old Evie Kirkyard**

Members considered correspondence conveyed by Democratic Services on behalf of the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, advising that the working group from Orkney Islands Council (OIC) were, at present, in the process of re-erecting headstones which were under 1m high and post-1950. The working group had also signalled their intent to re-erect as many headstones which did not fall into the aforementioned category and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Community Council Newsletter**

The meeting heard that the Community Council newsletter had been posted earlier that day and it was noted that not all parishioners were included on the Open Register of Electors and therefore not every address would receive a newsletter. The cost of printing and labels had amounted to £50 with the postage amount to be confirmed by Democratic Services. Members heard that the all newsletter costs were eligible through Community Council Grant Scheme, and it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the discussion.
2. That the Clerk would apply for the newsletter costs through the Community Council Grant Scheme.

### **C. Evie School Football Pitch**

The meeting heard from one member that the Capital Programme Manager had confirmed that the Evie School football pitch would receive one grass cut followed by one round of grass fertilizer. The upkeep of the pitch would then be passed to the School Janitor, as it had been done prior to the new School build. The meeting also heard that the Sport and Leisure Service Manager was also being contacted to make sure that the School had an adequate sit on lawn mower to carry out the grass cutting efficiently, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

## **D. Overflowing Manhole Cover in Evie**

After hearing that the problem with the overflowing manhole cover had been repaired, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Lord Lieutenancy of Orkney**

Following consideration of correspondence received from one of the seven Deputy Lieutenants in Orkney, informing members of the duties which the post held, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Our Power**

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of the Strategic Projects Director, Development and Infrastructure, which advised that Our Power had ceased trading, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, informing members of the self-build loan funds available, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. Bag the Bruck 2019**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising members of arrangements for the annual Bag the Bruck event to be held from 30 March to 7 April 2019, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That the Clerk should apply for assistance through the Community Council Grant Scheme on a project cost of £300.
3. That the £300 would be split equally between the groups applying to take part in the Bag the Bruck event prior to the event date.

### **E. Thank You Messages**

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

Resolved to note that a message of thanks had been conveyed by C McAllister.

## **6. Report on Evie Surgery Sub Committee meeting**

Members heard that the Evie Surgery Sub Committee had met on 4 February 2019, with three representatives from NHS Orkney, to discuss the future of the Evie Surgery, where the decision had been to permanently close the premises with effect from 29 March 2019. Evie patients would now be transferred to the Dounby Surgery and all patients had been notified by letter of the closure. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

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

The meeting heard that the members of the Park Group Committee had met with the Architect and Contractor on 9 March 2019 where the Contractor Agreement had been signed. Both the Education Department and Development and Infrastructure had confirmed no objection to the former bus park/lay by being closed for use by the Contractors during the works. Members agreed that it would be in order for the Clerk to contact the resident directly opposite the park to notify them of the lay by closure as a matter of common courtesy. Members also heard that the first instalment from the Hammars Hill Energy Fund Directors of £25,000 towards the new Park had been received, from which £12,000 had been used to pay the first instalment to the Architect. The Clerk asked if the difference of £13,000 could also be transferred from the Community Council fund to the Park's bank account to differentiate between Community Council funds and Park funds and also to facilitate paying future invoices, to which members agreed. After hearing that the Park Committee's Annual General meeting was due to be held on 3 April 2019, it was resolved:

A. To note the contents of the update.

B. That the Clerk would notify the resident opposite the park of the impending closure of the lay by.

C. That the Clerk would ask Democratic Services to transfer £13,000 from the Hammars Hill Energy Fund to the Park bank account.

## **8. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 1 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £947.47.

### **B. Npower Fund**

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 1 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £39,708.94.

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

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 1 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4,381.57.

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

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 1 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £27,772.92.

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

Following consideration of the 2018/2019 Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 1 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £1,876.46.

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

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 1 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for approval was £6,480.30.

### **G. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund Statement as at 1 March 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,395.00.

## **9. Financial Applications**

### **A. Ms J Childs - Glasgow Percussion Summer School**

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Ms J Childs applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son attending the Glasgow Percussion Summer School, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Summer School which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **B. Orkney Schools Concert Band - National Finals - Perth**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the coordinators of the Orkney Schools Concert Band applying for financial help towards the cost of one resident from Evie participating in the National finals of the Scottish Concert Band in Perth, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs involved in taking part in the National finals which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **C. Road Repairs Scheme - Howe, Evie**

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from J Vincent applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving his road and driveway, it was:

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

### **D. Ms R Ware - Rugby and Athletics**

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms R Ware applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter participating in three rugby training sessions and games for Caithness Ladies, and also taking part in two athletic competitions, all to be held on the mainland, it was:

Resolved for a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the five events, giving a total of £375 which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **E. Stromness Academy - S2 Class Trip to Hoy**

Following consideration of correspondence which was received at the meeting from eight Stromness S2 pupils who lived in Evie and Rendall applying for financial assistance towards the cost of their trip to Hoy in May, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given to each of the eight pupils towards the cost of their trip, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **F. Miss A Mill – Volleyball Festival, Huntly**

Following consideration of correspondence from Miss A Mill applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in a Volleyball Festival to be held in Huntly, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Volleyball trip which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **G. Mrs L Leitch – Volleyball Festival, Huntly**

M Leitch and the Clerk declared an interest in this item and did not take part in discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs L Leitch applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in a Volleyball Festival to be held in Huntly, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Volleyball trip which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **H. Evie School - Nursery Class Trip to Kirkwall**

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie School Nursery asking for financial help towards the cost of hiring a bus from Kirkwall following a visit to the Police Station, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £60 would be awarded, subject to evidence of expenditure by receipted invoices, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **I. Rendall Pipe Band – Hall Charges**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Rendall Pipe Band asking for financial assistance towards the cost of hall hire and after noting details of the Band's income and expenditure which was distributed at the meeting and discussion thereof, it was:

Resolved for the Clerk to ask the Pipe Band for further information on future expenditure and for a specific amount they would like to apply for to be considered at the next meeting.

### **J. Evie Community School – Class 7 trip to Nethy Bridge**

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Community School applying for financial assistance towards the costs of eight pupils participating in the annual trip to Nethybridge in June 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards each of the eight pupils, amounting to £600, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **K. Evie Community School – Class 6 trip to Hoy**

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Community School applying for financial assistance towards the costs of two pupils participating in the annual trip to Hoy in June 2019, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given towards each of the two pupils, amounting to £50, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs J Barber applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in a Volleyball Festival to be held in Huntly, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Volleyball trip which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **M. Road Repairs Scheme - Castlehill, Westbank, Dykeside and Cuppar, Evie**

After consideration of correspondence which had been received on behalf of the four residents off the Burgar Hill track in Evie applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving the road, it was:

Resolved that a grant up to a maximum of £250 be awarded to each of the four properties off the Burgar Hill track, subject to the criteria of the roads scheme.

## **N. Road Repairs Scheme – Nedier Cottage, Evie**

Following consideration of correspondence, which was distributed at the meeting, received from I Gray applying for 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 criteria scheme.

## **O. Road Repairs Scheme – Neidgarth, Evie**

Following consideration of correspondence, which was distributed at the meeting, received from Mrs H Clarke applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving her road, it was:

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

## **P. Ms L Wilson - Volleyball and Athletics**

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

Following consideration of correspondence, which was distributed at the meeting, from Ms L Wilson applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in a Volleyball Festival in Huntly, and also representing the Under 15's Athletics team in Aberdeen, it was:

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

## **Q. Road Repairs Scheme - The Old Manse, Hall of Rendall and Gairsay Landing Slipway**

After consideration of correspondence, which was distributed at the meeting, from Mrs V Bailey applying, on behalf of the three properties on the private road below the Rendall Doocot, for financial assistance towards the cost of road improvements, it was:

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

## **R. Ms L Wilson - Kirkwall City Ladies Football**

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

Following consideration of correspondence, which was distributed at the meeting, from Ms L Wilson applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter representing Kirkwall City Ladies Football in forthcoming away games with dates to be confirmed, it was:



Resolved for a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each away game when the dates are confirmed to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

## **10. Publications**

A publication from the Scottish Health Council was made available to members at the meeting.

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

### **A. Shore Road, Aikerness**

One member had been asked to raise the matter of the state of the Shore Road at Aikerness in Evie between the toilets and the tarred road. After hearing that the strip of road was owned privately by three properties and therefore any improvements would be carried out and financed by the owners should they decide to do so, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

### **B. Front Door and Foyer Fire Door of Evie School**

The meeting heard that the front of Evie School appeared to be closing too quickly and not allowing sufficient time for any disabled users or less abled folk to enter or leave the building. It was also noted that one of the inside fire doors in the School foyer was remaining open due to catching the matting which had already been reported to Customer Services by one member, and it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the discussion.
2. That the matter of the timing of the front exterior door's automatic opening and closing to also be reported to Customer Services by the Clerk.

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

Resolved that the next meeting of the Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held on Monday, 24 June 2019, in the Vishall View Community Room, Evie School, commencing at 19:30.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:12.