

# **Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School on Tuesday, 20 November 2023 at 19:30**

## **Present:**

Eoin R Marcus, Fiona M C Georgeson, Colin Gunn, Jane Rawle, Duncan Clarke and Mark Hull.

## **In Attendance:**

- Councillor Rachael King.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan Tullock.
- Roddy Mackay, Head of Planning and Community Protection.
- Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Elizabeth A Flett and Councillor Jean Stevenson.

## **2. Election of Office Bearers**

A secret ballot was held for the following posts, and it was:

Resolved to note the Eoin Marcus was elected as Chair, Colin Gunn was elected as Vice Chair, Jane Rawle was elected as Health and Care Representative, Elizabeth Flett was elected as Planning Representative and Fiona Georgeson and Elizabeth Flett were elected as Kirkyard Representatives for Evie and Rendall Kirkyards respectively.

## **3. Adoption of Minute**

The minute of the meeting held on Monday, 29 August 2023 was approved, being proposed by Jane Rawle and seconded by Fiona Georgeson.

## **4. Matters Arising - Road Speed Concerns in Evie**

The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advised that it was yet to be confirmed when the speed indicators would be put up, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. High Speed Broadband**

Following consideration of from Mr D McLaughlin regarding when high speed broadband might be available in the area, it was:

Resolved to advise Mr McLaughlin that he should contact the local MP and MSP who were more knowledgeable on the subject and that there was an online meeting due to be held on 15 December 2023 that might provide further information.

### **B. My Place Awards 2024**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Civic Trust advising members of the My Place Award categories, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. West of Orkney Wind Farm**

Following consideration of correspondence from West of Orkney Wind Farm, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing an update on the recent submission of the offshore consent application, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **D. Winter Service Plan 2023-2024**

Following consideration of the Winter Service Plan 2023-2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that members had no comments to make at this time.

## **E. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council - Benches**

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting information on the Community Council's involvement with benches in the area, it was:

Resolve that the Community Council did not have a policy for benches and each bench was dealt with on a case by case basis.

## **F. Thank You Letters**

Members were advised that thank you letter had been received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council and J Tait for funding provided by the Community Council, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

## **G. Boundaries Scotland**

Following consideration of correspondence from Boundaries Scotland regarding the local inquiries into proposed constituencies for the Scottish Parliament, it was

Resolved to note that this did not affect Orkney.

## **6. Consultation - Scottish National Islands Plan**

Following consideration of correspondence regarding the Scottish National Islands Plan and consultation events being held, which had been emailed previously, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the actual balance was £8,642.30.

### **B. NPower Fund**

After consideration of the NPower Fund statement as at 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £47,258.38.

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

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6206.77.

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

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £28,617.71.

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

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the OIC Main Capping Limit was fully allocated.
2. To note the OIC Additional Capping Limit was fully allocated.

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

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £6,580.86 remained available for allocation.

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

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

## **8. Financial Applications**

### **A. Z Hopkins – Education Grant**

Following consideration of correspondence which had previously been agreed by email, applying for an Education Grant, it was:

Resolved that an award of £600 had been granted toward attending further education out of Orkney.

### **B. Evie Primary School – Bus Hire**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Evie Primary School, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of a bus hire for a school trip, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £220 would be made, which would be met from General Funds.

### **C. G Phaithaisong – Shetland Football Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from G Phaithaisong, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter's travel costs for attending a football match in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 would be made towards the travel cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **D. C Nicolson – Three Rugby Trips**

Following consideration of correspondence received from C Nicolson, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter taking part in three rugby trips in Lochaber, Stirling and Caithness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of each trip, totalling £270, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **E. Evie Primary School**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Evie Primary School, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of their Outdoor Education event in September, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £360 would be given towards the cost of the event, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **F. G Montgomery – Hockey Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from G Montgomery, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of attending the Lady Hamilton Cup in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **G. Stromness Academy – Switzerland Trip 2024**

Following consideration of correspondence from Stromness Academy, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of eight pupils from the Evie and Rendall areas attending the geography trip to Switzerland, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a list of the names and addresses of the eight pupils from Evie and Rendall participating in the event should be sought from Stromness Academy.
2. That each pupil, subject to being resident in the community council area, would be granted £180 each, totalling £1,440, which would be paid to their parents.

3. That a donation of £500 would be made to Stromness Academy towards the trip.
4. That the awards would be made from Hammars Hill Funds.

### **H. Rendall Football Club – Training Costs**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Rendall Football Club, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards hire of venues for training, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a grant of £2,164.75 should be awarded.
2. That Community Council Grant Scheme should be applied for on the total cost.
3. That the Community Council's share of the cost would be met from Npower Funds.

### **I. C Nicolson – Gymnastic Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from C Nicolson, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter taking part in a gymnastics trip in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of the trip, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **J. K Moar – Gymnastic Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from K Moar, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter taking part in a gymnastics trip in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of the trip, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **K. D McGee – Two Rugby Trips**

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of both him and his son being involved in two rugby trips in Invergordon and Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of both trips for each person, totalling £360, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **L. Evie Community Association – Senior Citizens Lunches**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Evie Community Association, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the shortfall costs of the monthly senior citizens lunches, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 be given towards the shortfall, which would be met from the General Fund.

## **M. A Hall – Education Grant**

Following consideration of correspondence received from A Hall, copies of which had been circulated, applying for and Education Grant, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of the trip, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

## **N. G Phaithaisong – Gymnastic Trip**

Following consideration of correspondence received from G Phaithaisong, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter taking part in a gymnastics trip in Perth, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of the trip, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

## **O. C Flett – Road Assistance Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence received from C Flett, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of road repairs, it was:

Resolved to advise, that £300 was available on evidence of receipts, for the repairs to the road at North Moa, which would be met from the Npower Fund.

## **P. T Flett – Road Assistance Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence received from C Flett, copies of which had been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of road repairs, it was:

Resolved to advise, that £300 was available on evidence of receipts, for the repairs to the road at Lyking, which would be met from the Npower Fund.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Total Heating with Total Control**

Colin Gunn mentioned to members that he had been made aware that the Total Heating with Total Control system was to be discontinued from March 2024. Mark Hull advised that this was no longer the case, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the discussion.

### **B. ONWP Update**

Members discussed the request from ONWP to provide an update at a future meeting, and it was:

Resolved to invite them to the next meeting.

## **C. Grass Cutting Tenders**

Members discussed the annual grass cutting tenders, and it was:

Resolved that the grass cutting for 2024 should be put out to tender for one year and that the Evie Play Park should be included in the tendering process as well.

## **10. Publications**

Resolved to note that the following publications had been forwarded to members:

- VAO – Newsletter – September and October 2023.
- Police Scotland – Orkney Area Command – CC Newsletter – October 2023.
- ORSAS Newsletter – November 2023.

## **11. Date of Future Meeting**

Resolved that the next meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held on Monday, 29 January 2024 commencing at 19:30 in the Community Room of Evie School.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:40.