

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Vishall View Community Room, Evie School, on Monday, 28 January 2019 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mr J Patterson, OREF Board/THAW Committee.
- Mrs L Leitch, Clerk.
- One member of the public.

Order of Business

1. Apologies	2
2. Police Scotland Matters	2
3. Adoption of Minutes	2
4. Matters Arising	2
5. Correspondence.....	2
6. Consultations	4
7. Evie and Rendall Community Park.....	4
8. West Mainland Tourist Brochure Meeting report.....	4
9. Financial Statements.....	4
10. Financial Applications	5
11. Publications.....	7
12. Any Other Competent Business	7
13. Dates of Next Meetings	7
14. Conclusion of Meeting.....	8

1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor H Johnston.

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 12 November 2018 was approved, being proposed by Ms L Wilson and seconded by M Leitch.

4. Matters Arising

A. Update on Abandoned Creels

After hearing that there were no further developments on the matter, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

B. Evie and Rendall Boundary Query

Following consideration of correspondence passed from Democratic Services on behalf of the Planning Manager, regarding the boundaries and road names between Evie and Rendall, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

5. Correspondence

A. Planning Presentation from Community Council Conference

Members considered of correspondence from Democratic Services relating to the presentation recently provided by the Planning Manager at the Community Council conference. After hearing from the Chair that the information contained in the correspondence was very useful to note, it was:

Resolved that the members should look over the information in more detail.

B. OREF/THAW Orkney – Fuel Poverty

The meeting heard from a representative who currently sat on the Orkney Renewables Energy Forum (OREF) board and also on the Committee for THAW Orkney. He informed members of the statistics of Fuel Poverty in Orkney and how OREF and THAW Orkney would like to invite more residents to come forward and apply for help. Following discussion, members agreed that the Community Council should be more proactive in highlighting that help is available, and it was agreed that a newsletter be produced to include a section on Fuel Poverty as well as the grants awarded by the Community Council. Members also agreed for the representative of the two organisations to report back to the Community Council on matters discussed at future THAW meetings, and it was resolved:

1. For the representative to forward information on Fuel Poverty to the Clerk for inclusion in the newsletter.
2. That C Gunn and Mrs E Flett would kindly compile the newsletter to also include information on all grants offered by the Community Council.
3. For the representative to report back to the Community Council on matters raised by THAW Orkney at their future meetings.

C. Costa Head Planning Permission Appeal

Following consideration of correspondence from the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division of the Scottish Government advising that the Reporter appointed to consider the Costa Head Planning Permission Appeal application would be carrying out a site visit, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Planned Headstone Works, Evie Kirkyards

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services which advised that the planned headstone works would be carried out in the Evie Kirkyards early in the New Year and, after discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Orkney Islands Council Community Transport Grant

Following consideration correspondence received on behalf of the Transportation Manager inviting applications for the Community Transport Grant currently on offer, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. SSEN – Response to Orkney Transmission Connection Consultation

Following consideration correspondence received from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks which detailed information on the proposed Finstown Substation and also the Hoxa Head infrastructure, 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 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 Orkney's Year of Young People Ambassadors, Miss M McAllister, C Ridland and Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, with messages of thanks conveyed by Orkney Gymnastics Club, Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, Mrs J Barber, Miss A Mill and Mrs J Pickles.

6. Consultations

A. Verge Maintenance Plan 2018

Following consideration of the Verge Maintenance Plan 2018 and after agreeing that last year's plan should remain for this year, it was resolved:

1. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was Friday, 15 March 2019.
2. That the members requested that the Verge Maintenance Plan remained unchanged from 2018.

B. Scottish and Southern Electricity Network – Finstown Substation Public Consultation

Following consideration of an invite from Scottish and Southern Electricity Network, which was distributed at the meeting, asking all interested parties to a further public consultation to be held on 6 February 2019 in the Ayre Hotel, Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the invitation.

7. Evie and Rendall Community Park

Members heard that an application for Lottery Funding had been successful with a grant of £5,000 to be awarded. Also, a successful application for Community Development Funding had resulted in an award of £41,580. The Architect had been contacted to commence the project now that the funding was in place, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

8. West Mainland Tourist Brochure Meeting report

The Clerk advised that the format of the current brochure would remain the same for 2019 with slight amendments to be made to places of interest. Only one run of brochures would be done per annum. The anticipated cost of printing the brochures was thought to be approximately £640 with all West Mainland Community Councils applying for grant scheme towards the printing costs in the new financial year. Members agreed that the Fernvalley Wildlife Centre should be included as a place of interest on the brochure, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply for Community Council Grant Scheme for the share of the printing costs, estimated to be £640, in the new financial year.

9. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 9 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £1,849.56.

B. Npower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 9 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £39,016.83.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 9 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £5,541.57.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 9 January 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 9 January 2019, it was:

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

F. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund Statement as at 9 January 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 9 January 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £3,395.

10. Financial Applications

A. Road Repairs Scheme, Wateries, Costa

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mr and Mrs Lockwood 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 criteria scheme.

B. Ms J Childs, Musical Development

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms J Childs applying for financial help towards the purchase of a musical instrument for her son, and following discussion thereof, it was resolved:

1. That no contribution would be made towards the purchase of the musical instrument.
2. That a travel grant of £75 would instead be awarded towards the cost of her son taking his music exam, should it be held on the mainland.

C. Ms L Wilson, Under 15's Netball

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms L Wilson applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter representing the Under 15's Netball team in three separate competitions being held on the mainland, it was:

Resolved for a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the three competitions, giving a total of £225, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

D. Ms R Ware, Rugby Training and Games

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms R Ware applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter participating in four rugby training sessions in Dundee and representing Caithness Rugby in two away games, it was:

Resolved for a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the six competitions, giving a total of £450 which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

E. C McAllister, North District Age Group Swimming Championships, Inverness

Following consideration of correspondence from C McAllister applying for financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter competing in the North District Age Group Swimming Championships in Inverness, it was:

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

F. 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 for their annual Christmas trip to Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £110 would be awarded, subject to evidence of expenditure by receipted invoices, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

G. Miss W Deyell, Under 17's Netball

Following consideration of correspondence from Miss W Deyell applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter representing the Under 17's Netball team in three separate competitions being held in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee, it was:

Resolved for a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the three competitions, giving a total of £225, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

H. Road Repairs Scheme, Deanlea, Rendall

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mrs A King applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving her road and driveway, it was:

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

I. Miss W Deyell, Under 15's Netball

Following consideration of correspondence from Miss W Deyell applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in an Under 15's Netball competition being held in Perth, it was:

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

11. Publications

A publication from THAW Orkney, Clan Cancer Support and Macmillan was made available to members at the meeting.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Evie School Football Pitch

After hearing that the Evie School football pitch was in a very poor state and had been reported to the Capital Programme Manager in December 2018, it was:

Resolved that the matter would be pursued again by members.

B. Drain at BT Exchange, Evie

Members reported that either an old drain or water pipe had been hooked by accident at the BT Exchange in Evie by a local contractor and, as a result, water was pouring out of it. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the matter should be reported to the Roads Department.

C. 2023 Islands Games, Orkney

Members heard that a Committee had been formed to take forward the preparations for the 2023 Island Games being held in Orkney, and that members of the organising Committee would be visiting the Communities in due course, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

13. Dates of Next Meetings

Following consideration of future meeting dates, it was:

Resolved that future meetings of the Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held on Monday, 25 March 2019 and Monday, 24 June 2019 both to be held in Vishall View Community Room, Evie School, commencing at 19:30.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:47.