

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 21 June 2021 at 19:30

Present:

E R Marcus, C Gunn, Miss F Georgeson and Ms L Wilson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R King.
- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Chief Inspector M Webb, Police Scotland.
- Mrs M Spence, Democratic Services Manager.
- Mrs L Leitch, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs E Flett.

2. Police Scotland Matters

After hearing from the Chief Inspector that a new Chief Inspector was in place and that the force were looking at sending the Community Councils regular newsletters as an alternative means of communicating with members, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

The Chief Inspector left the meeting at this point.

3. 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

Following a secret ballot, it was:

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

D. Kirkyard Representatives

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that C Gunn be appointed Kirkyards representative for Rendall. Nominated for the Evie Kirkyards was J Stevenson who was not present at the meeting and therefore would be contacted by the Clerk in due course.

4. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 22 March 2021 was approved, being proposed by C Gunn, and seconded by Ms L Wilson.

5. Matters Arising - Update on Reporting of Road Issues

After hearing that some road chipping had been done and that all defects reported were being included on the master plan, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

6. Correspondence

A. Community Renewal Fund

Members had been forwarded copies of a briefing note on the Community Renewal Fund, the aim of which was to enable pilot projects and new approaches to community development, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Regional Marine Plan

Members had been forwarded information regarding the preparation of a statutory Regional Marine Plan for Orkney, which provided information on future updates and how to find details, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. Adoption of Planning Guidance

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising of the adoption of various planning documents, it was:

Resolved to note that Orkney Islands Council had recently approved the following documents:

- Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance.
- Amenity and Minimising Obtrusive Lighting Planning Policy Advice.
- The Development Plan Scheme 2021.

D. Agri Environment Climate Scheme – Improving Public Access

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Rural Planner advising that the Scottish Government were seeking the help of landowners to create and/or develop existing routes on their land to improve public access under the Agri-Environment Climate Scheme and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Surface Dressing Programme

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council advising that the surface dressing programme was underway, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Connecting Scotland Programme

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services advising that the Connecting Scotland Programme run by the Scottish Government was now in phase three, and after hearing that the Community Education team were taking the scheme forward, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Thank You messages

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

Resolved to note that messages of thanks had been received Mrs K Leitch, Orkney Amateur Swimming Club and Mrs G Farrer.

H. Island Communities Fund

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services advising that the Scottish Government had recently launched their new £2 million Island Communities Fund for business and community groups, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

7. Consultations

A. Transport Scotland

Following consideration of the consultation launched by Transport Scotland to gather evidence on how the impact of proposed free bus travel scheme for under 22's might have on island communities, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 21 June 2021.
2. To note that no comments were made.

B. Local Place Plan Regulations

Following consideration of the Local Place Plan Regulations Consultation by the Scottish Government enabling communities the opportunity to set out what they would like to see happen in their places, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 25 June 2021.
2. To note that no comments were made.

C. Scheme for Orkney Community Councils 2021

Following consideration of the Scheme for Orkney Community Councils which had been reviewed to reflect the recent Covid-19 restrictions which meant that meetings could only be held online and in addition, there had been some other minor amendments made in response to feedback over recent years, it was:

Resolved:

- A. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 16 July 2021.

B. To note that no comments were made.

8. Evie and Rendall Community Park

Members heard that the Chair had contacted the contractor who had advised that he was currently waiting for a Play Inspector to sign off the equipment. It was envisaged that the earliest date that the park would be ready was August 2021. Members also heard that there are some minor details to attend to and finish off. The contractor had also noted that a maintenance programme would need to be drawn up which would also include the grass cutting of the park.

The Clerk also updated members on the current finances of the project. To date, the contractor had been paid £108,000 with £33,600 still to be invoiced to the Park. The amount of £21,132 had still to be claimed from CDF with this being done retrospectively. Members were advised that £6,000 had been transferred from the Hammars Hill Energy Fund to the Park's bank account to cover the recent invoice from the Contractors, to which members approved at the meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

9. Finance

A. Community Council Certified Annual Accounts

Following consideration of the certified Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2021.

B. Community Council Annual Grants 2020/2021

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 2021/2021 was £3,866.94, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Financial Statements as at 31 March 2021

After consideration of the General Finance statements as at 31 March 2021, it was:

Resolved to note that the general balance for the Evie and Rendall Community Council was £2,613.29, the Npower Wind Fund was £47,940.75, the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund was £7,261.72 and the Hammars Hill Energy Fund was £28,866.19.

D. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 9 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,182.83.

E. NPower Fund

After consideration of the NPower Fund statement as at 9 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £47,190.75.

F. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 9 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £7,154.72.

G. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 9 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £22,366.19.

H. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 9 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was

Resolved to note that the sum of £2,791.42 remained available for allocation.

I. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 9 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

J. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 9 June 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,395 remained available for allocation.

10. Hammars Hill Education Grants 2021/2022

Members agreed to invite applications for the 2021/2022 Hammars Hill Energy Fund Education grants. The grant will be advertised with a closing deadline in time for applications to be discussed at the next meeting, and it was:

Resolved that the 2021/2022 Education Grant be advertised inviting applications in time for the next Community Council meeting.

11. Financial Applications

A. Road Repairs to Braeside, Rendall

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mr and Mrs G Purnell, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for grant funding for improvements to their road and driveway at Braeside, Rendall through the Road Repairs Scheme, it was:

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

B. D McGee, Stromness Academy Outdoor Activity Days

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of his son participating in the Outdoor Activity days being held at Stromness Academy, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given towards the cost of the event, which should be met from Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

C. Mrs G Phaithaisong, Stromness Academy Outdoor Activity Days

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 participating in the Outdoor Activity days being held at Stromness Academy, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 be given towards the cost of the event, which should be met from Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

D. Rendall Football Club

Following consideration of correspondence received from Rendall Football Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of purchasing new footballs for the amount of £147.95, it was:

Resolved that the full cost of the footballs be met and that £147.95 be awarded, with the cost being met from Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

E. Road Repairs to Lower Bisgarth, Evie

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mr and Mrs Bilcliffe, copies which had previously been circulated, applying for grant funding for improvements to their road at Lower Bisgarth, Evie, through the Road Repairs Scheme, it was:

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

F. Road Repairs to Wasswick, Rendall

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms K Skea, copies which had previously been circulated, applying for grant funding for improvements to their road at Wasswick, Rendall, through the Road Repairs Scheme, it was:

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

G. Road Repairs to Orquil, Rendall

Following consideration of correspondence received from D Skea, copies which had previously been circulated, applying for grant funding for improvements to their road at Orquil, Rendall, through the Road Repairs Scheme, it was:

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

G. Road Repairs to Hall of Rendall, The Old Manse, Rendall and Gairsty Landing Slip.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs V Bailey, copies which had previously been circulated, applying for grant funding for improvements to a shared road to Hall of Rendall, The Old Manse, Rendall and the Gairsty Landing Slip and after hearing that the properties had been awarded their full grant of £250 per property in 2019, it was:

Resolved that no granting would be awarded until five years had passed since their previous application.

12. Publications

A publication had been received from Orkney Ferries and had been made available to members via email.

13. Any Other Competent Business - RSPB

Following on from the previous meeting, C Gunn updated members that he had spoken to the RSPB regarding consulting with the local community. He had encouraged the RSPB to speak to landowners and farmers face to face and there would be a better chance of improving relationships between the two. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that C Gunn would respond to the initial email from the RSPB and advise them to meet and talk with farmers and landowners.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Following consideration of future meeting dates and the format of meetings, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held on Monday, 6 September 2021, commencing at 19:30. Depending on

restrictions nearer the date would determine if the meeting would be face to face or by Teams.

15. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:08.