

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Evie School Community Room on Monday, 30 June 2025 at 19:30

Present:

Mr Eoin Marcus, Mr Duncan Clarke, Mrs Elizabeth A Flett, Ms Fiona Georgeson, Mr Colin Gunn, Mr Mark Hull and Ms Jane Rawle.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Ms Melissa Spence, Burgar Hill Renewables.
- Mr Rob Collin, Greencat Renewables Ltd.
- Mrs Maureen Spence, Burgar Hill Renewables.

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1. Presentation by Bugar Hill Energy

Members received a presentation from representatives of Bugar Hill Renewables and Greencat Renewables Ltd on the progress made on the possible repowering of Bugar Hill. Members were shown pictures of the visual impacts from various areas, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the presentation.

The representatives of Bugar Hill Renewables and Greencat Renewables Ltd left the meeting at this point.

2. Apologies

Resolved to note apologies for absence had been received from Councillors R King, J Stevenson and D Tullock.

3. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 28 April 2025 was adopted, being propose by Mr Mark Hull and seconded by Mr Duncan Clarke.

4. Matters Arising

A. Local Place Plan

Mr Duncan Clarke provided an update on the progress being made and the information collated to date by the Steering Group. Members were advised that Elaine Side had attended the online workshop on Local Place Plans and that an Expression of Interest had been submitted to the Orkney Fund for funding to undertake a housing survey for Evie and Rendall. Members discussed the document put together by the group, which had previously been circulated, and were impressed with the information contained in it, and it was:

Resolved to note the amount of work put into the Local Place Plan to date.

B. Hillside Road

After hearing a report from the Interim Clerk advising members that the road repairs had been completed, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

5. Correspondence

A. Online LPP Workshop

Resolved to note that this item was discussed at 4A above.

B. Orkney 2025 – Council Service Changes

Following consideration of correspondence, previously emailed due to the deadline, regarding Orkney Islands Council service changes due to the Island Games, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Island Games Road Closures

Following consideration of correspondence, previously emailed, regarding planned road closures during the Island Games, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Scottish Islands Federation – National Islands Plan

Following consideration of correspondence, previously emailed due to the deadline, regarding the online meeting regarding Scotland's new National Islands Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

E. Orkney Community Planning Partnership

Following consideration of correspondence, previously emailed due to the deadline, regarding Orkney Islands Council Community Planning online meeting, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

F. Orkney Digital Voice Event

Following consideration of correspondence, previously emailed due to the deadline, regarding drop-in sessions about the switch to digital voice, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

G. The Orkney Fund – Place Plan funding

Resolved to note that this item was discussed at 4A above.

H. Evie and Rendall Local Place Plan

Resolved to note that this item was discussed at 4A above.

I. Notes of Thanks

Resolved to note that letters of thanks had been received from J Pickles and S Charlesworth for financial assistance provided.

J. Annual Grants

Following consideration of the annual grant awards, it was:

Resolved to note that Evie and Rendall Community Council's grant award was £4,061.35.

6. Consultations

A. Payphones in Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from British Telecom advising members that they were planning to remove the phone boxes at Gorseness and the Rendall Community Centre, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. SEPA – Proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence from SEPA regarding a proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme consultation, it was:

Resolved to note that members had not comments to forward.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 20 June 2025 copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the estimated balance was £7,289.57.
2. To note the annual grant of £4,061.35 was confirmed by email on 26 June 2025, and still to be transferred to the account.

B. Npower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 20 June 2025 copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £63,895.79.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 20 June 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £7,323.77.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 20 June 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £47,320.80.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 20 June 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that both the OIC Main Capping Limit and the OIC Additional Capping Limit were over allocated.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 20 June 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £11,636.86 remained available for allocation.

G. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn fund statement as at 20 June 2025, 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 Requests

A. K Lennie - Hoy Residential Trip – 21 May

Following consideration of a request from K Lennie on behalf of her daughter, for financial assistance towards attending the Stromness Academy S2 outdoor education residential trip, it was:

Resolved to award £30 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

B. C Nicolson – Rugby - Edinburgh - 16 May 2025

Following consideration of a request from C Nicolson, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend the Scottish Rugby Conference on 16 May 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

C. Mrs M Nicolson - Nations Cup Badminton – Spain – 11 June 2025

Following consideration of a request from M Nicolson, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the cost of attending the Nations Senior Cup in Spain on 11-15 June 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £180 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

D. J Purnell – Hockey - Scottish Cup

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance from J Purnell, copies of which had previously been circulated, towards three Scottish Cup hockey matches, a home game on 16 February 2025, and two away games on 8 and 30 March 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £30 for the first trip and £90 for each of the remaining two trips from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trips, totalling £210.

E. G Spence, Football, Caithness – 31 May - Rugby, Caithness – 22 June 2025

Following consideration of a request from G Spence on behalf of her son to attend the Orkney Youth Development U12s squad trip to Caithness on 31 May 2025, and the Orkney Rugby U12s trip to Caithness on 22 June 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 per trip from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trips, totalling £180.

F. K Reid – Gymnastics - Aberdeen - 22 June

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance from K Reid on behalf of her daughter, who was taking part in a gymnastics trip to Aberdeen on 22 June 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

G. D McGee – Travel Grant Applications

Following consideration of nine applications from D McGee, on behalf of his sons and himself, as detailed below:

Rugby – Moray – 23 August 2025 – Player and Coach
Rugby – Falkirk – 30 August 2025 – Player and Coach
Rugby - Ellon – 6 September 2025 – Player and Coach
Rugby – Aberdeen – 13 September 2025 – Player
Rugby – Garrioch – 13 September 2025 - Player and Coach
Rugby – Ross Sutherland – 18 September 2025 - Player and Coach
Rugby – Aberdeen – 3 October 2025 – Player and Coach
Rugby – Aberdeen – 31 October 2025 – Player and Coach
Rugby – Aberdeen – 28 November 2025 - Player and Coach, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the Coach would not receive a payment for the 18 September 2025 trip, due to having reached the four payments in the quarter already.
2. That ten payments of £90 per trip should be made in the August, September and October quarter, totalling £900 which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.
3. That six payments of £90 per trip should be made in the October, November and December quarter, totalling £540 which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

H. Evie Playpark – Grass Maintenance

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance from the Evie and Rendall Community Park Group, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance with the cost of grass cutting for the park, it was:

Resolved to make a donation, on evidence of expenditure, to cover the cost of £2,200 for the annual grass maintenance for the park, which would be met from Npower Funds.

I. Evie Primary School – Nursery Trip – 17 June 2025

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance from the Evie Primary School nursery class, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting assistance with the cost a trip to Skail Beach on 17 June 2025, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £100 towards the cost, which would be met from General Funds.

J. Rendall Football Club, Parish Cup, Westray

Following consideration of an application from Rendall Football Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the parish cup match in Westray, it was:

Resolved to awards a donation of £214.10 towards the cost, which would be met from Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

K. Young Enterprise Scotland, Glasgow, May 2025

Following consideration of a request from Young Enterprise Orkney for an Evie resident to attend as part of the Stromness Academy team to attend the Scottish Finals in Glasgow on 29 May 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

L. D McGee – Football – Caithness – 29 June 2025

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance from D McGee on behalf of his daughter, who was taking part in a football trip to Caithness on 29 June 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

M. K Moar – Dancing – 2 August 2025

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance from K Moar on behalf of her daughter, who was taking part in a dancing trip on 2 August 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

N. Road Scheme Applications

Resolved to award Npower funding for road aggregate of up to £300 to each of the following householders, on receipt of invoices:

- North Aittit, Rendall.
- Cott, Rendall.
- Kirkvoe, Rendall.

9. Publications

Resolved to note the following publications, which had previously been emailed to members:

- VAO Training and Funding – May and June 2025.
- VAO Newsletter – April 2025.
- Scottish Water – May 2025.
- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter – May 2025.
- NHS Orkney – Phio.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A. Kirkyards – Path Maintenance

Concerns were raised about the condition of the paths which were badly covered in moss in the new kirkyards in Evie and Rendall. Members also discussed options for maintaining the grass in the old kirkyards in the future, and it was:

Resolved that enquiries should be made about the removal of the moss and weeds from the paths in both kirkyards.

B. Hammars Hill Fund – Education Grants

Members discussed the Education Grants for 2025-2026 and it was:

Resolved to advertise the Education Grants for 2025-2026 and that the closing date for applications should be 1 September 2025.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

Resolved to note that the remaining meetings of Evie and Rendall Community Council for 2025 were scheduled for 15 September and 24 November, in Evie School at 19:30.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:10.