

Minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held at Evie Community School and via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 21 March 2022 at 19:30

Present:

Eoin R Marcus, Mrs Elizabeth Flett, Miss Fiona Georgeson, Colin Gunn and Ms Lorraine Wilson.

In Attendance:

- Tom Hadley, Community Liaison Officer, Orkney Native Wildlife Project.
- Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs Lynne Leitch, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no apologies had been received.

2. Presentation from Community Liaison Officer, Orkney Native Wildlife Project

Members heard an interesting and informative presentation from the Community Liaison Officer for the Orkney Native Wildlife Project, which focused on the aims of the project to try and eradicate stoats from the islands. Following the presentation and questions from members, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the presentation and discussion.

The Community Liaison Officer left the meeting at this point.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 6 February 2022 was approved, subject to changing the last section of the first sentence under item 3 to “therefore it was not the best use of time”. Subject to the amendment the minutes were approved by Miss Fiona Georgeson and seconded by Mrs Elizabeth Flett.

4. Matters Arising – Ownership Query

Members had queried who owned the pier at Aikerness beach, and it was:

Resolved to include this question in the business letter to Democratic Services.

5. Correspondence

A. SSEN Resilient Community Fund

Following consideration of correspondence received from SSE, copies of which had previously been circulated, informing communities that their resilient fund was now open for applications and after hearing that the fund had since closed, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

B. North Highlands Climate Action Hub

Following consideration of correspondence received from the North Highland Climate Action Hub, copies of which had previously been circulated, on funding available for climate action community flood resilience projects, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. The West of Orkney Windfarm

Following consideration of correspondence received from Offshore Wind Power Ltd, copies of which had previously been circulated, introducing the proposed West of Orkney Windfarm project and forthcoming stakeholder engagement events, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Orkney Marine Planning Update

Members considered an update from OIC Development and Marine Planning, copies of which had been circulated, on the work that had been taking place over the last few months regarding the preparation of the Orkney Regional Marine Plan and following discussion it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Thank you letters and 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 from Mrs C Linklater, Miss H Murray and Mrs G Phaithaisong and that a thank you letter had been received from the Orkney Pilgrimage.

F. Disability Equality Scotland - Hate Crime in Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence received from Disability Equality Scotland, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, asking for support of their forthcoming Disability Consultation on Hate Crime in Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Scottish Islands Passport App

Following consideration of correspondence received from Scottish Islands Passport, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, introducing their app due to be launched to support local island businesses and charities in the area, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Tenders - Evie and Rendall Kirkyards and Evie War Memorial

After opening and considering two tenders for the maintenance of the Evie and Rendall Kirkyards and Evie War Memorial, it was:

Resolved:

A. To award the contract for the maintenance to Isbister Brothers Ltd for the next year.

B. That the Clerk would apply for Community Council Grant Scheme on the cost of maintaining the War Memorial.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 8 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £5,157.49.

B. NPower Fund

After consideration of the NPower Fund statement as at 8 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, and after hearing that the annual community benefit was usually credited at the end of March, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £29,717.85.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 8 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £11,587.77.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 8 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £20,344.41.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 8 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance had been fully allocated for the current year.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 8 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £6,580.30 remained available for allocation.

G. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 8 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

Ms L Wilson left the meeting at this point.

8. Financial Applications

A. Miss L Wood - Netball

Following consideration of correspondence received from Miss L Wood, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards travel costs to Aberdeen to compete in the under 17's netball, it was:

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

B. D McGee - Hockey

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the costs of competing in the Men's District Hockey Cup in Aberdeen, it was:

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

C. N Coward - Road Repairs Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence received from N Coward, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for grant funding for repairs to his driveway at Burgar House, 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.

D. Ms L Wilson – Hockey

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter competing in two rounds of Hockey both held in Inverness on separate dates, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, giving the sum of £150 which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

E. Evie, Rendall and Firth Ploughing Match

Following consideration of correspondence received from the organisers of the Evie, Rendall and Firth Ploughing Match, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for funding towards the insurance costs of the 2022 ploughing match, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £131 be given towards the cost of the insurance which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

F. Ms L Wilson - University Interviews

Following consideration of correspondence received Ms L Wilson, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter's university interviews in Edinburgh and Stirling on two separate dates, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, amounting to £150 which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

G. P Mather - Road Repairs Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence received from P Mather, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for grant funding for improvements to his road at Upper Quoys, 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.

H. Mrs S Tomalin - Netball

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs S Tomalin, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards her daughter competing in netball competitions being held in Aberdeen and Glasgow, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, amounting to £150, which should be met from the Bargar Hill Renewables Fund.

I. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Pentland Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of two swimmers and one coach taking part in the Pentland Meet in Wick, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given to each of the participants, totalling £225 which should be met from the Bargar Hill Renewables Fund.

J. Mrs G Phaithaisong - Gymnastics

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs G Phaithaisong, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards her daughter competing in a gymnastics competition being held in Aberdeenshire, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the event, which should be met from the Bargar Hill Renewables Fund.

K. Evie School, P7 Class trip to Hoy

Following consideration of correspondence received from Evie School, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of 7 pupils participating in their trip to Hoy, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a donation of £25 be given to each pupil participating in the trip amounting to £175; and
2. That a further donation of £175 be given towards the cost of the excursion.
3. That the donations should be met from the Bargar Hill Renewables Fund.

L. Rendall Football Club - Training Costs

Following consideration of correspondence received from Rendall Football Club, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards their training costs, it was:

Resolved that the full amount of the training costs be met and that a donation of £739.20 be met from the Npower Fund.

M. Ms Hays - Road Repairs Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms Hays, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for grant funding for repairs to her driveway at Huckoo, 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.

N. Ms L Wilson - Kirkwall City Ladies Football

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

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter playing for Kirkwall City Ladies Football away games, it was:

Resolved for requests to be made by the applicant as and when the team were due to play away.

O. Rendall Football Club – Competition Fees

Following consideration of correspondence received from Rendall Football Club, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards their competition fees, it was:

Resolved that the full amount of the competition fees be covered and that a donation of £115 be met from the Npower Fund.

P. D McGee - Rugby

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of him and his son participating in the under 14's county rugby trip to Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given to each participant, giving a sum of £150 to be met from Burgar Hill Renewables fund.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Report from Northern Isles Digital Forum

The meeting heard that Mrs Elizabeth Flett had attended the recent Northern Isles Digital Forum. The Forum included the on-going work to improve broadband and mobile coverage within the county. Since the forum, the member had been canvassing her neighbourhood to highlight Cloudnet's broadband installation some of which could be free with an eligible government voucher. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

B. Traffic Lights at top of Tingwall

Members noted that the traffic lights at the top of Tingwall had been in place for several months with no obvious works going on. The Empowering Communities Liaison Officer advised that the work needed to rectify the problem was complicated and it was anticipated that it should be done by mid-May 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the update.

C. Community Council Purdah

The meeting heard that that the Community Councils would be entering into purdah at the end of April 2022 and therefore no matters could be discussed, or decisions made until the new Community Council had been elected for the next term and a date set for the next meeting, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

D. Hammars Hill Education Grant 2022/2023

Following on from item 9C members agreed that the 2022/2023 Hammars Hill Education grant would be open for applications at the end of June 2022, and it was:

Resolved to note the applications would be invited for the 2022/2023 education grant at the end of June 2022.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the date of the next meeting would be set once the Community Council elections had taken place.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:48.