

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School on Monday, 2 September 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Eoin R Harcus, Duncan Clarke, Elizabeth A Flett, Colin Gunn, Mark Hull and Jane Rawle.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Jean Stevenson.
- Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Fiona Georgeson and Councillors Rachael King and Duncan Tullock.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 24 June 2024 was approved, being proposed by Elizabeth Flett and seconded by Jane Rawle.

3. Matters Arising

A. Kirkyard Weeds

The Interim Clerk advised members that a response had been received regarding the cost of spraying the path in the Rendall Kirkyard, and it was:

Resolved to note that it was too late in the year for spraying and that arrangements should be made to have it done earlier in the season next year.

B. Travel Grants

Members resumed consideration of the travel grant policy criteria and following discussion, it was:

Resolved set the following criteria as from this meeting date:

1. That the grants awarded would remain at:

- £30 within Orkney.
- £90 per trip outwith Orkney.
- £180 outwith UK.
- Everything else on case-by-case basis.

2. That individuals would only be awarded grants for four trips per person in each quarter.

3. That the quarters would be start from 1 April each year, in line with the financial year.

4. That in the event a club had been awarded funding on behalf of an individual no additional funding would be awarded to the individual.

5. That these criteria would become effective from 2 September 2024.

4. Correspondence

A. Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Attendance

Following consideration of correspondence from the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, regarding officers' attendance at community council meetings, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. OIC Winter Treatment Contracts

Members had been sent information, via email, regarding Winter Treatment Contracts inviting offers of assistance during periods of extreme weather or for civil engineering works, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Notes of Thanks

Members were advised that notes of thanks for funding awarded had been received from K Lennie, Rendall Football Club and G Phaithaisong , and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising on the Finfish Farming Spatial Guidance consultation, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising on the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan drop-in events, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. National Care Service

Members had previously been sent correspondence from Democratic Services and on the Scottish Government engagement on National Care Services, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and members could respond individually if they wished.

D. Voice of Communities Survey

Following consideration of a survey which had been circulated on behalf of Highlands and Islands Enterprise, regarding opportunities and challenges

communities were seeing and their ambitions to shape and inform future working, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that individual comments could be forwarded if wished.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,160.82.

B. NPower Fund

After consideration of the NPower Fund statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £56,494.66.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £6452.77.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £35,841.44.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 22 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the OIC Main Capping Limit was over allocated and the OIC Additional Capping had £765 remaining.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 22 August 2024, 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 22 August 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

7. Financial Applications

A. D McGee – Highland Amateur Cup Football, Dingwall

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of his son competing in the Highland Amateur Cup in Dingwall on 29 June 2024 with the Rendall Football Club, it was:

Resolved that no award would be made as a donation had previously been made to Rendall Football Club on his behalf.

B. D McGee – U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby, Caithness

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby in Caithness on 7 December 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

C. D McGee - U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby, Invergordon

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby in Invergordon on 9 November 2024, it was:

Resolved that the applicant had advised that the trip had been cancelled therefore no award was made.

D. D McGee – U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby, Inverness

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby on 15 September 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

E. D McGee – U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby, Dundee

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby in Dundee on 8 September 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

F. D McGee – U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby, Inverness

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby in Inverness on 24 August 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

G. D McGee – Intercounty Football, Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of his son attending the Intercounty Football in Shetland on 23 August 2024, it was:

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

H. D McGee - U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby, Caithness

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U16/18 Caledonia Club League A Rugby in Caithness on 29 September 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

I. D McGee – U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Rugby, Caithness

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Fixture Caithness on 8 December 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

J. D McGee – U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Rugby, Moray

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Fixture in Moray on 16 November 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

K. D McGee – U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Rugby, Moray

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Fixture in Moray on 9 November 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost for of each person, totalling £180, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

L. D McGee – U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Rugby, Ellon

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of both him and his son attending the U13/14 Caledonia (North) Club Fixture in Ellon on 21 September 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of his son travel, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewable Fund, however D McGee had reached the maximum of four trips per quarter therefore no award could be made to him.

M. A Tomalin – Science Summer School

Following consideration of an application from S Tomalin requesting assistance towards the cost of her daughter attending a Science Summer School at The Highland Wildlife Park in July 2024, it was:

Resolved to award a grant of £90 towards the costs involved in attending the Science Summer School, which would be met from the Hammars Hill Fund.

N. S and A Tomalin – Swimming Trips

Following consideration of correspondence from S Tomalin requesting assistance towards the cost of both her and her daughter attending swimming competitions in Aberdeen on 6 October and 3 November and Fraserburgh on 13 October, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 per person per trip, totalling £450, which would be met from the Burgar Hill Renewable Fund.

O. Road Repairs Assistance Scheme – S Nicolson

Following consideration of correspondence from S Nicolson advising that he had missed the deadline for claiming the grant and could consideration be given to awarding the funds still or submit a new application for the four properties, it was:

Resolved that the grant could be claimed for the four properties, subject to the criteria being followed.

P. G Spence – Under 15 Orkney Football, Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence from G Spence requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son attending the U15 Orkney Football in Shetland on 16 August 2024, it was:

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

Q. L Sinclair – Blair International Horse Trials, Perthshire

Following consideration of correspondence from L Sinclair requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter attending the Blair International Horse Trials on 22-25 August 2024, it was:

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

R. Kirkwall and St Ola CC – Bonfire and Fireworks at Pickaquoy

Following consideration of correspondence from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the annual bonfire and fireworks, it was:

Resolved that a grant of £120 should be made and that Community Council Grant Scheme assistance should be applied for on the cost.

S. R McAllister – Hammars Hill Education Grants

J Rawle declared an interest in this item and did not take part in discussion.

Following consideration of correspondence from R McAllister enquiring about the Hammars Hill Education Grants, it was:

Resolved to note that the grants had not been advertised for this year yet.

T. Y Phaithaisong – Hammars Hill Education Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from Y Phaithaisong enquiring about the Hammars Hill Education Grants, it was:

Resolved to note that the grants had not been advertised for this year yet.

U. J Graham – Youth Climbing Series

Following consideration of correspondence from J Graham requesting assistance towards the cost of her daughter attending the Youth Climbing Series in Inverness on 14 September in Inverness, 28 September in Aberdeen and 19 October in Dundee, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 per trip should be given, totalling £270, which would be met from the Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

V. Evie Primary School – Outdoor Activities

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Primary School requesting assistance towards six pupils taking part in the Outdoor Education event, which includes water sports, bush craft raft building etc over 3 days on 26th 27th and 30th September, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 each of the six pupils, totalling £180 should be awarded, which should be met from Bugar Hill Renewable Fund.

8. Publications

The following publications had previously been forwarded to members:

- VAO – Newsletters – June and July 2024.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – May 2024.
- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter – June 2024.
- NHS Scotland – We need your support.

9. Any Other Competent Business - Hammars Hill Education Grants 2024/2025

Following consideration of providing the Hammars Hill Education Grants for 2024/2025, it was:

Resolved:

- A. To advertise the Hammars Hill Education Grants for 2024/2025.
- B. That an advertisement should be put in the local press, locally and on the Evie and Rendall Community Council Facebook page.
- C. That the criteria and grants would remain the same.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion of dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held in Evie School and via Teams on 18 November 2023 at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:15.