

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 6 September at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor Rachael King.
- Councillor Harvey Johnston.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan Tullock.
- Mrs Lynne Leitch, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from James Stevenson.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Members discussed the Police Scotland Orkney Area newsletter which advised that the publication would be circulated instead of officer attendance at meetings. Members also noted that a request for the police to attend meetings should now be made via Democratic Services and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved that Colin Gunn would reply to the sender of the newsletter.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of the meeting held on 21 June 2021 was approved, being proposed by Miss Fiona Georgeson, and seconded by Colin Gunn.

4. Matters Arising – Evie Kirkyards Representative

After hearing that James Stevenson had agreed to oversee the Evie Kirkyards, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

5. Correspondence

A. 2019 Review of Electoral Arrangements

Members considered correspondence received from the Scottish Boundary Commission, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising that responses to the public consultations had been considered and a final proposal had been submitted to Scottish ministers, which was available on their website, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Waste and Recycling Services

Members considered an update on the current waste and recycling services and heard from Councillors that plans were being deliberated to improve facilities and include additional amenities. Following discussion and suggestions by members, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

C. 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 G Purnell and Rendall Football Club and thank you letters had been received from Evie School for the new Community Park.

D. New Stagecoach Bus Fleet

Following consideration of correspondence from Stagecoach informing members that five brand new vehicles were due to arrive in October 2021, with a further delivery of 29 new buses expected in Spring 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

E. Transport Scotland - HITRANS Funding

Members considered correspondence from Transport Scotland which advised details of grants available via Sustrans to constituted groups for small scale projects to make it easier and safer for people to choose to walk, cycle or wheel for essential trips and exercise, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

F. Community Council Meetings Guidance Note

Following consideration of guidance notes from Democratic Services in relation to COVID implications on attendance at Community Council meetings, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Connecting Scotland Programme

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services advising that the Connecting Scotland Programme run by the Scottish Government were currently inviting applications for Phase 3, Round 2 (Employability), focusing on organisations working to removing to remove barriers relating to digital exclusion for unemployed young people and adults, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

6. Consultations

A. Community Benefit - OCWFP

Following consideration of the consultation launched by Orkney Islands Council Strategic Projects on the community benefit element of the proposed Orkney Community Wind Farm Project, and after noting that the closing date for comments had been put back to allow for an Islands Community Impact Assessment to be carried out, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 15 September 2021.
2. To note that no comments were made.

B. SEPA Flood Risk Management Plan: Orkney Local Plan

Members noted that SEPA and local authorities were currently working in partnership to develop and refine the flood risk management plan and local flood risk management plans. Responses from the draft plans together with consultation questions would determine how future flooding was managed, delivered and coordinated locally. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 31 October 2021.
2. To note that members had no comments.

C. EMEC Billia Croo

Following consideration of correspondence from Marine Scotland advising that EMEC (European Marine and Energy Centre) had submitted further information to the Scottish ministers relative to their Billia Croo Wave test site, it was:

Resolved:

- A. To note that the deadline for submission of comments was 9 October 2021.
- B. To note that no comments were made.

7. Evie and Rendall Community Park

Member heard that the new Park had opened to the public recently. The Chair advised that there was still some tidying up to be done and the last of the Sub Contractors equipment and plant to be removed which would open up the lay by at the front. Members also heard that a fence would be erected between the School grounds and the park with access via a kissing gate. The grass cutting contract also had to be drawn up and this, along with organising an official opening, would be organised by the Park Committee at their next meeting (date to be decided at the conclusion of this meeting), and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

8. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 24 August 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,109.67.

B. NPower Fund

After consideration of the NPower Fund statement as at 24 August 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 24 August 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £6,956.77.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 24 August 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £22,277.87.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 24 August 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was

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

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 24 August 2021, 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 24 August 2021, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

9. Hammars Hill Education Grants 2021/2022

Miss Fiona Georgeson and Ms Lorraine Wilson declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion thereof.

Members considered the list of students who had applied for the 2021/2022 Hammars Hill Education Grant, a copy of which had been distributed before the meeting and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved:

A. That thirteen of the applicants were students attending further education out of Orkney and that an award of £500 per applicant would be granted.

B. That five of the applicants were students attending Orkney College and that an award of £250 per applicant would be granted.

C. That the criteria of the grant would be reviewed when a new Community Council is elected in 2022.

10. Financial Applications

A. Kirkwall City Ladies Football Club

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms Lorraine Wilson, copies of which had previously been distributed, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter representing Kirkwall City Ladies Football in forthcoming away games with dates to be confirmed, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each away game when the dates are confirmed, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

B. Orkney Junior Hockey, Shetland

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

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms Lorraine Wilson, copies of which had previously been distributed, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter representing Orkney in Junior Hockey in Shetland, it was:

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

C. Under 13's County Football, Wick

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of both his son and himself participating in the Under 13's County football being held in Wick, it was:

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

D. Evie School Parent Council – Outdoor Benches

Following consideration of correspondence received from Evie School Parent Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost purchasing four outdoor benches for the grounds of Evie School for the amount of £650, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £650 be given towards the cost of the benches, which should be met from NPower Fund.

E. Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of the annual bonfire and fireworks display in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for a donation of £100 towards the annual event.

F. Rendall Community Association – Football Pitch Maintenance

Eoin Marcus and Ms Lorraine Wilson declared an interest in this item of business and did not take part in the discussion.

Consideration was given to correspondence from Rendall Community Association, who were asking for assistance towards the annual cost of upkeep of the football pitch at the Rendall Hall at an estimated cost of £2,500. Given that no quorum was present, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact James Stevenson for his response on the application. Should the request be approved, then the Clerk should apply for Grant Scheme for the amount of £2,500, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Clerk would contact James Stevenson in the first instance.
2. That, should the request be approved, the Clerk should apply through the Community Council Grant Scheme for £2,500.

11. Publications

Publications received from Police Scotland and Community Development Funding had been made available to members via email.

12. Any Other Competent Business

Resolved to note that there was no other competent business.

13. 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, 22 November 2021, commencing at 19:30, either face to face or by Teams depending on the restrictions in place at that time.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:11.