

# Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held at Evie Community School and via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 26 September 2022 at 19:30

## Present:

Eoin R Marcus, Mrs Elizabeth Flett, Miss Fiona Georgeson, Colin Gunn and Ms Jane Rawle.

## In Attendance:

- Ms Hayley Green, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Councillor Jean Stevenson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan Tullock.
- Mrs Jenny McGrath, Community Council Liaison Officer.
- Mrs Lynne Leitch, Clerk.

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## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The meeting was opened by the Community Council Liaison Officer who welcomed new members and Councillors, and explained the role of Democratic Services, and it was:

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillor King.

## **2. Election of Office Bearers**

### **A. Chair**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that E Marcus be appointed Chair of Evie and Rendall Community Council.

### **B. Vice Chair**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that C Gunn be appointed Vice Chair of Evie and Rendall Community Council.

### **C. Planning Representative**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

Resolved that Mrs E Flett be elected Planning Representative for Evie and Rendall Community Council.

### **D. Kirkyard Representatives**

Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that Mrs E Flett be appointed Kirkyards representative for Rendall and Miss F Georgeson be appointed representative for Evie.

### **E. West Mainland Tourist Brochure**

Resolved that Ms J Rawle would represent Evie and Rendall at any meetings of the West Mainland Tourist brochure.

## **3. Adoption of Constitution**

Following consideration of the constitution, copies of which were had been previously circulated, it was:

Resolved that the constitution be adopted, being proposed by C Gunn and seconded by Mrs E Flett.

## **4. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of the meeting held on 21 March 2022 was approved, being proposed by Miss F Georgeson and seconded by C Gunn.

## **5. Matters Arising – Ownership Query of Aikerness Pier**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services advising that the Council do not have any title on the pier at Aikerness and after discussion on the ownership, it was:

Resolved that the matter was out of the hands of the Community Council.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **A. Memorial Inspections**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Burial Grounds Officer informing that inspections of the memorials within the four Kirkyards would be taking place and after noting a recent update from the Officer that no headstones had been considered dangerous and requiring any action, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and update.

### **B. Verge Maintenance 2022**

Following consideration of the Verge Maintenance Plan 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that no comments were made.

### **C. NHS Share, The Scottish Health Register**

Following consideration of correspondence received from The Scottish Health Register, copies of which had been previously circulated, asking for members of the public to register for their campaign into research for new treatments, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To promote the campaign on the Community Council's Facebook page.

### **D. Old Rendall Kirkyard Grass Cutting**

Following consideration of correspondence from a Rendall resident, copies of which had been previously circulated, complementing the standard of grass cutting in the Old Rendall kirkyard it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **E. West of Orkney Windfarm Project**

Following consideration of correspondence from the West of Orkney Windfarm project, copies of which had been previously circulated, informing members of their proposed community benefit fund and after discussion, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note that Democratic Services were already in the process of finding out more about the project.
2. That Democratic Services were also to find out what role the Community Councils played in the project.

### **F. eBike Grant Fund**

Following consideration and discussion of correspondence from Energy Saving Trust, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the contents of the correspondence and include details of the fund on the Community Council Facebook page.

### **G. West Mainland Tourist Brochure Update**

Following an update from C Gunn and correspondence received from the West Mainland Tourist Brochure sub-committee advising that the brochure was now available online at orkney.com and that no further copies would be printed due to the high costs and paper wastage, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

### **H. Thrive Renewables – Grant funding for Community Buildings**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Centre for Sustainable Energy offering grant funding for community buildings and after noting the closing date had now passed, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **I. Orkney Island Council – Neighbourhood Service and Infrastructure Directorate**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Neighbourhood Service and Infrastructure informing members that a representative from their management team will endeavour to attend all future Community Council meetings whenever possible, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **J. Parking at Evie Beach**

Following consideration of correspondence received on behalf of a local resident asking if white lines could be painted on the parking bays at the Aikerness toilets and also if any signs could be erected asking users to park considerately, it was:

Resolved for the Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, to look into the matter and respond in due course.

### **K. Thank you letters and messages**

Resolved to note that messages of thanks had been received from Mrs S Tomalin, Evie School, Rendall Football Club, P Mather, Miss L Wood, Miss M McAllister, and

D Hull and that a thank you letter had been received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club.

## **L. Evening Bus Services on Friday and Saturdays**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services asking for any comments on the current timings of the recently introduced evening bus services on Friday and Saturdays, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the new times were a great addition and were fully supported by the Community Council.
2. That the timetable be included on the Community Council Facebook page.

## **M. Outdoor Access, Walking and Cycling**

Following consideration of correspondence received from OIC's Development and Marine Planning asking members for ideas on where new or improved footpaths are needed, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to suggest that a path along to the old Rendall kirkyard at Hinderayre be considered.

# **7. Financial Statements**

## **A. Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2022**

Following consideration of the certified Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2022.

## **B. Financial Statements as at 31 March 2022**

After consideration of the General Finance statements as at 31 March 2022, it was:

Resolved to note that the general balance for the Evie and Rendall Community Council was £5,653.50, the Npower Wind Fund was £39,965.33, the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund was £11,602.77 and the Hammars Hill Energy Fund was £20,396.41.

## **C. Financial Statements as at 31 August 2022**

### **1. General Finance**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 31 August 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,859.90.

## **2. NPower Fund now RWE Renewables Ltd**

After consideration of the NPower Fund statement as at 31 August 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance of £38,428.06.

## **3. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund**

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 31 August 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated and after hearing that the annual community benefit of £7,300 had been received, it was:

Resolved:

A. To note that the balance was £10,071.77.

B. To note that the Community Benefit of £7,300 had since been received.

## **4. Hammars Hill Energy Fund**

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 31 August 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £18,678.14.

## **5. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 August 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance.

## **6. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 31 August 2022, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

## **7. Seed Corn Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 31 August 2022 copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

## **D. Review of Policy on Financial Applications**

Members reviewed the financial support given to residents through the various funds administered by the Community Council and it was suggested to increase all funding by 20%. Following discussion, the motion was proposed by E Harcus and seconded by Mrs E Flett, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That all funding levels be increased by 20%.
2. That all other one-off applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **E. Poppy Wreaths**

Members heard that usually it was noted at the beginning of a new Community Council term that poppy wreaths can be ordered annually from the Royal British Legion without being included in a financial request, and it was:-

Resolved that the Clerk would order the two poppy wreaths annually from the Royal British Legion in time for Remembrance Sunday with the cost being met from the general fund.

Councillor Tierney left the meeting at this point.

## **8. Hammars Hill Education Grants 2022-2023**

Miss Fiona Georgeson 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 2022/2023 Hammars Hill Education Grant, a copy of which was been distributed at the meeting and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the seven applicants who were students attending further education out of Orkney would each be granted £600.

## **9. Financial Applications**

### **A. D McGee - Rugby and Football**

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards travel costs for his son to compete in rugby in Thurso and for both himself and his son competing in football in Caithness and also in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given to each of the participants in the three events, totalling £450, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **B. Ms L Wilson - Kirkwall City Ladies Football - Buckie and Sutherland**

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 away football games in Buckie and Sutherland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards to the cost of each of the two games, totalling £180, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **C. Ms L Wilson - Orkney Ladies Senior Hockey - Aberdeen and Edinburgh**

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 away hockey games in Aberdeen and Edinburgh, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards to the cost of each of the two games, totalling £180, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **D. D McGee - Rugby Tournament - Inverness**

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of him and his son competing in a rugby tournament in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards to each of the two competitors, totalling £180, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **E. Mrs G Phaithaisong - Football and Dancing - Nairn and Inverness**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs G Phaithaisong, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her two daughters competing in football in Nairn and dancing in Inverness respectively, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards to the cost of each of the two trips, totalling £180, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **F. G Nicolson - Royal Highland Show**

Following consideration of correspondence received from G Nicolson, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the travel costs of attending the Royal Highland Show to promote his business, it was:

Resolved that no donation would be given.

### **G. Rendall Football Club - Parish Cup v Sanday**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Rendall Football Club requesting financial assistance towards the costs of travelling to Sanday for a parish cup game, it was:

Resolved that the full cost, totalling £233.47 be awarded from RWE Renewables UK.

### **H. Rendall Community Association - Pitch Maintenance**

Eoin Marcus and Ms Jane Rawle declared an interest in this item of business. However, given that no quorum was present, the Community Council Liaison Officer advised that the members could take part as they would be not gaining financially from the application as the request was from the Community Association.

Consideration was given to correspondence from Rendall Community Association, asking for assistance towards the annual cost of upkeep of the football pitch at the Rendall Hall at an estimated cost of £2,500 and after hearing that the request was eligible for grant scheme, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply through the Community Council Grant Scheme for the amount of £2,500.

### **I. Mrs H Clarke - National Youth Dance Festival - Birmingham**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs H Clarke, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter representing Scotland at a dance festival in Birmingham, it was:

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

### **J. Mrs S Tomalin - Netball and Swimming – Edinburgh and Shetland**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs S Tomalin, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards travel costs for officiating as team manager at a netball competition in Edinburgh and also for both herself and her daughter competing in a swimming competition in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given to each of the participants in the two events, totalling £270, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **K. Evie Community Association – Defibrillator Spares**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Evie Community Association, copies of which had been circulated previously, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of purchasing spares for the defibrillator at Evie School and after discussing the state of the cabinet which the device is currently kept in, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the full cost of the defibrillator spares be met from the Community Council Grant Scheme for the amount of £348.00.
2. That, should the defibrillator cabinet need replaced, the Evie Community Association apply again.

### **L. Mrs G Phaithaisong - Gymnastics and Dancing - Inverurie and Birmingham**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs G Phaithaisong, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her two daughters competing in a gymnastics competition in Inverurie and a dancing festival in Birmingham, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards to the cost of each of the two trips, totalling £180, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **M. Ms H Wailoo - Swimming - Shetland**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms H Wailoo, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in a swimming competition in Shetland, it was:

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

### **N. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club - Midsummer Meet, Shetland**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of one of the team officials accompanying competitors to a swimming competition in Shetland, it was:

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

### **O. C Ridland - Young Farmers Stockmanship Program**

Ms F Georgeson declared an interest in this agenda item and did not take part in the discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from C Ridland, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of training in Selkirk and competing in the Stockmanship programme at the Royal Highland Show through the Young Farmers Association, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost of each trip, totalling £180 which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **P. D McGee - Football Festival - Dingwall**

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the travel costs to a football festival in Dingwall as team coach and also for his son competing in the same event, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given to each of the two competitors towards the trip, totalling £180 which should be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **Q. Miss M McAllister - Research Project - Shetland**

Ms J Rawle declared an interest in this agenda item and did not take part in the discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Miss M McAllister, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her research project in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the costs of the project which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **R. D McGee - Hockey - Shetland**

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of competing in a Senior inter county hockey competition in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given to towards the cost of travelling to Shetland, which should be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **S. Mrs S Tomalin - Swimming - Inverness and Fraserburgh**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs S Tomalin, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards travel costs for officiating as coach and also for her daughter competing in two swimming competitions in Inverness and Fraserburgh, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given to each of the participants in the two events, totalling £360, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **T. Evie School - Primary 6 class Outdoor Education**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Evie School, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of five pupils in Primary 6 participating in an Outdoor Education event being held at Firth School, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 be given to each of the five pupils, totalling £150, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **U. Mrs C McGee - Primary 6 class Outdoor Education**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs C McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her son participating in an Outdoor Education event being held at Firth School, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 be given towards the event, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **V. Rendall Community Association - Queens Jubilee funding for Rendall Fun Day**

Members considered correspondence received from the Rendall Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of their Fun Day themed on the Queen's Jubilee.

After hearing that Evie School had also applied for funding available towards their event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which had been agreed by the previous Community Council and had not been paid out yet, it was it was:

Resolved that donations of £250 be given to both Evie School and the Rendall Community Association totalling £500, which should be met from the general funds.

### **W. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council – Annual 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.

### **X. Evie Community Association - Senior Citizens Lunches**

Mrs E Flett declared an interest and did not take part in any discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Evie Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of meeting the shortfall for the Over 60's monthly lunches, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance of a total of £500 to meet the shortfall.

### **Y. Road Repairs Scheme – Parkhill, Rendall**

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Ms W Deyell, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving her road at Parkhill, Rendall it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £300 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria to be met from RWE fund.

### **Z. D McGee - Rugby - Fort William**

Following consideration of correspondence received from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards travel costs for officiating as coach and also for his son competing in an Under 16's rugby game in Fort William, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given to each of the participants in the rugby trip, totalling £180, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **AA. Ms L Wilson - Orkney Women's Football - Buckie**

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 an Orkney Women's Football game against Buckie, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the competition, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **AB. Mrs C Nicolson - Rugby and Gymnastics**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs C Nicolson, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of one of her daughter competing in four ladies rugby events, her son taking part in a rugby tournament in Invergordon and her daughter competing in a gymnastics competition in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 each be given towards the six events, totalling £540 which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

### **AC. S Nicolson - Road Repairs Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from S Nicolson, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying on behalf of the six properties on the Ellibister road, Rendall, for assistance towards road repairs, it was:-

Resolved that a grant up to a maximum of £300 each be awarded to four of the properties on the road, subject to the criteria of the roads scheme.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Water Ruts**

After noting that it was important for the Council to keep on top of digging out the water ruts, it was:

Resolved to note the comment made.

### **B. Tingwall Reconstruction Work**

The meeting heard from Mrs H Green that the tenders were out for undertaking the reconstruction works on the bridge at the top of Tingwall and after hearing that the contract was due to commence in early November 2022, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the update.

## **11. Publications**

Publications received from Police Scotland, Scottish Water and ORSAS had been made available to members via email.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved that the date of the next meeting would be held on Monday, 5 December 2022 commencing at 19:30 in the Community room of Evie School.

## **13. Conclusion of Meeting**

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