

# Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School, on Monday, 18 June 2018 at 19:30

Present:

E R Marcus, C Gunn, Mrs E Flett, Miss F Georgeson, M J Leitch, J Stevenson and Mrs L Wilson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor H Johnston.
- Councillor R King.
- R Irvine, Rural Planner, Development and Marine Planning.
- Police Officer, Police Scotland.
- Mrs L Leitch, Clerk.

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## **1. Update from Rural Planner**

The meeting welcomed the Rural Planner, from the Development and Marine Planning section of Orkney Islands Council, who had previously indicated that he would welcome the chance to discuss representations made by the Community Council on the recent Core Paths Plan Consultation.

Members heard that the formal consultation had recently ended with the aim to make a smaller but better, consolidated network of paths. The meeting was also informed that the paths are used for walking, cycling and horse riding with no motorised vehicles permitted. The planner advised that the Council had the power to maintain the paths but were not at duty to do so. Some of the core paths were rights of way which had been established under common law. He also informed the meeting that property owners who have core paths running through their land, do not have the option to close the paths or intentionally move their livestock into fields to stop access. However, the public were encouraged to contact the Council should any paths go through fields of livestock. The Rural Planner also advised that any amendments to the core paths are publicised to the public with landowners fully consulted. Following discussion, the planner invited members to contact him should there any further points to be raised, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

The Rural Planner thanked members for their time and left the meeting at this point.

## **2. Apologies**

Resolved to note that had been received from Councillors Tierney and Tullock, and Police Sergeant Morris.

## **3. Election of Chairman**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

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

## **4. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Following a secret ballot, it was:

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

## **5. Election of Planning Representative**

Resolved that C Gunn be elected Planning Representative for Evie and Rendall Community Council.

## **6. Election of Kirkyard Representatives**

Resolved that C Gunn be appointed Kirkyard representative for Rendall and M Leitch be appointed to represent Evie.

## **7. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 26 March 2018**

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 26 March 2018 was approved, being proposed by Ms L Wilson and seconded by C Gunn.

## **8. Matters Arising**

### **A. Abandoned Creels at Aikerness**

Following consideration of correspondence from Councillor Tierney, and after discussing how the matter could be resolved, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should contact the Maritime and Coastguard Agency requesting their assistance with this matter.

### **B. Overhanging Trees at The Manse, Evie**

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, which advised that the responsibility of cutting back trees laid with the property owners, it was:

Resolved that Mrs Flett would contact the property owners.

## **9. Correspondence**

### **A. Rats at Aikerness Beach**

Following consideration of a letter received from a local resident regarding their concerns over the number of rats at Aikerness Beach, and after discussion that the vermin was a problem which could not be eradicated, it was:

Resolved that the matter should be passed onto Environmental Health.

### **B. Young Athlete Travel Award Scheme**

Following consideration of correspondence from C McAllister, copies of which had previously been circulated, which advised that his daughter was in receipt of funding from the Young Athlete Travel Award Scheme administered by Orkney Islands Council which helped towards the costs of competing in events held on the Mainland, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Planning Application for Proposed Wind Farm, Costa Head**

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, which advised that the date of the planning committee meeting to determine the application for the proposed Wind Farm at Costa Head had been changed to Wednesday, 4 July 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **D. Seafarers UK – Merchant Navy Day**

Following consideration of correspondence from Seafarers UK, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting the Community Council to fly the red ensign in commemoration of Merchant Navy Day in September, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **E. Community Conversation Meetings**

Members considered correspondence received from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, which noted the dates of the recent Community Conversation meetings. Feedback from the meetings had been positive, with attendees asking for the Council to be more proactive and to inform the public what exactly the authority spends their reserve funds on, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **F. Thank You Letters and Messages**

After hearing from the Clerk that thank you letters and messages had been received in respect of financial assistance provided by the Community Council, it was:

Resolved to note that letters of thanks had been received from Mr and Mrs Hull, NHS Orkney Fundraising Group, Orkney Folk Festival Organisers and Ms J Childs with messages of thanks received from Mrs L Sharpe, Ms R Ware and Evie School.

## **10. Police Scotland Matters**

The Police Officer advised that a number of officers in Orkney would soon receive training in the use of tasers in a move by the force to improve safety of the public and police officers. The meeting also heard that parking issues in Kirkwall and Stromness had recently come under the jurisdiction of the Orkney Police with the matter of vans parking on double lines also discussed. The Officer also advised that the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers were going from strength to strength with the Orkney Drugs Dog also gaining momentum. After hearing that the teething problems were being ironed out with the Dundee control room, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

The Police Officer left the meeting at this point after thanking the members for their time.

## **11. Consultation - Scottish Water**

Following consideration of Scottish Water's consultation on the future of water and waste water services, it was:

Resolved to note that the deadline for submission of comments was 31 August 2018 and that no comments had been received.

## **12. Update on Evie and Rendall Community Park**

The meeting heard that the Park Group had raised the sum of £2,058.42 from the recent 50/50 Sale. Three quotations had now been received for the construction, project management and equipment of the new park which would allow for further funding applications to be submitted. The Chair advised that he had had a positive meeting with one of the directors from Hammars Hill Energy Ltd, who were also due to meet, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **13. Hammars Hill Education Grant 2018/2019**

Members were asked if they wished for applications for the Hammars Hill Energy Fund Education grants to be advertised in time for the next meeting, and it was:

Resolved that the 2018/2019 Education Grant be advertised inviting applications in time for the next Community Council meeting.

## **14. Finance**

### **A. Community Council Annual Grants 2018/2019**

After consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services advising members that the annual grant awarded to Evie and Rendall Community Council for 2018/2019 was £3,774.09, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. Community Council Certified Annual Accounts**

Following consideration of the certified Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2018, it was:

Resolved to note the Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2018.

### **C. Financial Statements as at 31 March 2018**

After consideration of the General Finance statements as at 31 March 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the general balance for the Evie and Rendall Community Council was £3,762.37, the Npower Wind Fund was £36,519.61, the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund was £791.57 and the Hammars Hill Energy Fund was £38,216.98.

### **D. General Finance Statement**

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £7,425.54.

### **E. Npower Fund**

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £44,958.94.

## **F. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund**

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £591.57.

## **G. Hammars Hill Energy Fund**

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £38,216.98.

## **H. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £2,914.29.

## **I. Community Development Fund**

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £6,480.30 remained available for allocation.

## **J. Seedcorn Fund**

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 31 May 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £3,395.00 remained available for allocation.

## **15. Applications for Financial Assistance**

### **A. Mrs J Barber – Northern Isles of Scotland Athletics, Inverness**

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs J Barber, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in the Long Jump at the Northern Isles of Scotland Athletics, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the event costs which should be met from general funds.

### **B. Mrs C Linklater – Road Repairs**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs C Linklater, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting on behalf of the five properties on the Park Road, Rendall, for assistance towards road repairs, it was:

Resolved that a grant up to a maximum of £250 be awarded to each of the five properties within the Park Road, Rendall, subject to the criteria of the roads scheme.

### **C. Ms R Ware – Rugby and Athletics Competitions**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms R Ware, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in two rugby trips to Glasgow and Aberdeen and two athletic competitions both being held in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the four events, giving a total of £300 which should be met from general funds.

### **D. Ms L Wilson – Under 15's Island Select Athletics, Inverness**

Ms L Wilson declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in an athletics competition being held in Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the event costs which should be met from general funds.

### **E. Ms R Ware – Rugby Competition**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms R Ware, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in the National Club rugby final to be held at Murrayfield, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the event which should be met from general funds.

### **F. Ms R Ware – Athletics Competition**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms R Ware, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in two athletics competitions being held in Inverness and Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, giving a total of £150 which should be met from general funds.

### **G. THAW Orkney**

Following consideration of correspondence received from THAW Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial support towards the second year of their project, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £150 should be given, to be met from general funds.

### **H. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Thurso Mini Meet**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one Rendall swimmer competing in the Thurso Mini Meet, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the event which should be met from general funds.

### **I. Mrs J Barber – Northern Isles of Scotland Athletics, Inverness**

Following consideration of an application from Mrs J Barber, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in two athletic competitions being held in Inverness and Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, totalling £150, which should be met from general funds.

### **J. Year of Young People Youth Concert**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Year of Young People Ambassadors in Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of the proposed Youth Concert planned for August, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £25 would be given if any of the participants were from the Evie and Rendall area, to be met from general funds.

### **K. Ms L Wilson – Athletics, Inverness and Aberdeen**

Ms L Wilson declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in two athletics competitions being held in Inverness and Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each competition, totalling £150, which should be met from general funds.

### **L. Evie Community Association – Over 60's Lunch Club**

Mrs L Leitch declared an interest in this item of business.

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from Evie Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking 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 £120 to meet the shortfall.

### **M. Evie School Nursery – Trip to Kirkwall**

Following consideration of correspondence which had been received from Evie Community School, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of hiring a bus for a Nursery class trip to Kirkwall at a cost of £160, it was:

Resolved that a total donation of £160 be given, upon receipt of proof of expenditure, which should be met from general funds.

### **N. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Pentland Trophy**

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of one Rendall swimmer competing in the Pentland Trophy being held in Thurso, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the event, which should be met from general funds.

### **O. Ms R Ware – Athletics Competition**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms R Ware, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in two athletics competitions being held in Grangemouth and Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, giving a total of £150, which should be met from general funds.

### **P. C McAllister – Swimming Time Trials, Aberdeen**

Following consideration of correspondence received from C McAllister, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter taking part in swimming time trials being held in Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of trip, to be met from general funds.

### **Q. Mrs L Sharpe – Army Cadet Camp, Cumbria**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Sharpe, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her son participating in an Army Cadet Camp to be held in Cumbria, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the camp, to be met from general funds.

### **R. Miss F Georgeson – Young Farmers Stockjudging Competition, Royal Highland Show**

Miss F Georgeson declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Miss F Georgeson, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in the Young Farmers Stockjudging competition being held at the Royal Highland Show, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the competition, to be met from general funds.

### **S. Rendall Community Association – Rendall Football Pitch Maintenance**

The Chair and Ms L Wilson declared an interest in this item of business and were not present during discussion thereof.

Consideration was given to correspondence from Rendall Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the annual cost of upkeep of the football pitch at the Rendall Hall at a cost of £2,300. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk should apply for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for the full amount of £2,300 towards the pitch upkeep.

### **T. C McAllister – Midsummer Swimming Meet, Shetland**

Following consideration of correspondence received from C McAllister, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter participating in the Midsummer Swimming meet in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Shetland trip, to be met from general funds.

### **U. Mrs J Barber – Orkney Under 15's Football and Athletics**

Following consideration of an application from Mrs J Barber, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in a Football festival being held in Dingwall and a Youth Development League Athletics competition in Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each event, totalling £150, which should be met from General funds.

### **V. Evie Community School – Class trip to Hoy**

Following an email sent to the members asking whether or not to approve an application from Evie School for financial support for their annual class trip to Hoy, it was:

Resolved that members had agreed to award £25 to each of the 8 pupils participating in the Hoy trip.

## **W. Orkney Gymnastics Club – Glitterball competition**

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Gymnastics Club, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of one Rendall member competing in the Glitterball competition being held in Garioch, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the trip to Aberdeenshire, to be met from general funds.

## **X. Ms L Wilson – Youth Development League Athletics, Aberdeen**

Ms L Wilson declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence from Ms L Wilson, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter competing in a Youth Development League athletics competition being held in Aberdeen, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the athletics trip, to be met from general funds.

## **Y. Evie School Nursery – Trip to Skail Beach**

Following consideration of correspondence received from Evie Community School, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of hiring a bus for a Nursery class trip to Skail Beach at a cost of £155, it was:

Resolved that a total donation of £155 be given, upon receipt of proof of expenditure, which should be met from general funds.

## **16. Publications**

The Orkney Partnership Community Planning News and the latest Orkney Policing Report were made available at the meeting.

## **17. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Flooding Issue at Standpretty, Evie**

Whilst it was observed that repairs had been carried out at the Standpretty road end, concern and frustration was raised by members that the works had been done at the wrong side of the road. Members noted that the action which had been taken would not alleviate any flooding, and asked for this to be highlighted to the Roads department for remedy, and it was:

Resolved for the matter to be included in the business letter to Democratic Services.

## **B. Resurfacing**

Members agreed that the recent road resurfacing done in the area had been a job well done, and that closing the roads had resulted in the maintenance being carried out quicker and more efficiently, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the comments.

## **C. Hinderayre, Rendall**

One member reported that the sea wall at Hinderayre was in need of repairs, however it was noted that the area was on private property, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the comments.

## **18. Date of Next Meeting**

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 10 September 2018 commencing at 19:30 in the Evie Community School.

## **19. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting concluded at 21:23.