

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School, on Monday, 10 September 2018 at 19:30

Present:

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

In Attendance:

- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Mrs L Leitch, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Councillors R King and H Johnston.

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held 18 June 2018

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 18 June 2018 was approved, being proposed by M Leitch and seconded by C Gunn.

3. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note that there were no Police Scotland matters discussed.

4. Matters Arising

A. Abandoned Creels at Aikerness

Resolved to note that there was no further update on this matter.

B. Overhanging Trees at The Manse, Evie

Resolved to note that the trees had been cut back by the property owners.

C. Rats at Aikerness Beach

Following consideration of correspondence from the Environmental Health Manager which advised that action could be taken over serious vermin matters and that rats on agricultural land came under the Agricultural Act 1947, it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To note that no further complaints had been made.

D. Planning Application for proposed Wind Farm, Costa Head

After hearing that the planning application for the proposed Wind farm at Costa Head had been refused by the Planning Committee and discussion thereafter, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

E. Flooding Issue at Standpretty, Evie

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services that advised that the works carried out at the end of the Standpretty Road end should address the flooding issues at the location, it was:

Resolved for the matter to be observed meantime and to report any issues should they arise.

5. Correspondence

A. Police Scotland – Community Resilience Planning

Following consideration of correspondence from Police Scotland informing members of the Community Resilience Planning, and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Update of Headstone Inspection Process in Orkney Cemeteries

Following consideration of correspondence updating members on the current Headstone Inspection Process taking place in Orkney's cemeteries, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

C. Accessible Transport in Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence updating members on the Accessible Transport event to be held on 20 September 2018 at the Pickaquoy Centre, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Grasscutting Proposal

Following consideration received from the All Age Learning Disability Service proposing that adults with learning disabilities are included to help with the grass cutting within the area, members agreed that, following problems from a previous year with a contractor, the Community Council were very happy with the maintenance of the Kirkyards carried out by the current contractor. However, it was suggested to propose to the All Age Learning Disability Service that the Peedie Sea in Kirkwall could use the help, and it was:

Resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. For the Clerk to respond to the writer with the suggestion of helping with the Peedie Sea grasscutting.

E. 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 THAW Orkney, Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, Miss G Montgomery and messages of thanks had been conveyed by Mrs L Sharpe, C McAllister and Ms R Ware.

6. Update on Fundraising for New Evie and Rendall Community Park

The meeting heard that the Park Group had raised the sum of £1,914.14 from the pavilion catering at the Dounby Show which took the balance of the bank account to

£7,563. The Chair advised that he had spoken with one of the Hammars Hill directors who had notified that the first instalment from the Energy Fund should be received in the near future. Members heard that the Park Group were to be in the Blue Door from 8 to 12 October 2018 and it was anticipated that the amount raised would take them to the initial goal of £10,000.

The Clerk advised that an application had been submitted to the National Lottery Awards for All and work was in hand to complete an application to CDF, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

7. Applications for Hammars Hill Education Grant 2018/2019

Members considered the list of students who had applied for the 2018/2019 Hammars Hill Education Grant which was distributed at the meeting, and it was:

Resolved:

1. That eight of the applicants were students attending further education out of Orkney and that an award of £500 per applicant be granted.
2. That three of the applicants were students attending Orkney College and that an award of £250 per applicant would be granted.

8. Finance

A. General Finance Statement

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 29 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £4608.36.

B. Npower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 29 August 2018, it was:

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

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 29 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £591.57.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 29 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £37,277.70.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 29 August 2018, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £1,727.69.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as 29 August 2018, it was:

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

G. Seedcorn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 29 August 2018, it was:

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

9. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Ms R Ware – Rugby and Athletics Competitions

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms R Ware, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in six rugby trips and two athletic competitions all being held on the Mainland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the eight events, giving a total of £600 which should be met from the General Fund.

B. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council Bonfire and Fireworks event

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council asking for financial support towards the cost of the annual Bonfire and Fireworks night to be held 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.

C. C McAllister – Scottish Summer Meet, Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence received from C McAllister, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter taking part in a swimming competition being held in Aberdeen, it was:

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

D. Ms L Wilson – Under 15's Island Select Athletics, Grangemouth

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

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter taking part in an athletics competition being held in Grangemouth, it was:

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

E. Mrs J Barber – Orkney Youth Development League, Football, Shetland

Following consideration of an application from Mrs J Barber, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her two sons competing in separate football competitions being held in Shetland, it was:

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

F. Orkney Gymnastics Club Competition, Alvah

Following consideration of correspondence from the Orkney Gymnastics Club applying for financial assistance towards the cost of one Rendall member competing in a competition being held at Alvah, Banffshire, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Alvah competition, to be met from the General Fund.

G. Mrs L Leitch - Orkney Youth Development League, Football, Shetland

M Leitch and the Clerk declared an interest in this item of business and did not take part in the discussion thereof.

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs L Leitch applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in the Orkney Youth Development League football competition being held in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Shetland trip to be met from the General Fund.

H. Miss A Mill, Strom West Football, Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, received from Miss A Mill applying for financial assistance towards the cost of two of her daughters competing in a football competition being held in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given to each girl towards the cost of the Shetland trip, totalling £150 to be met from the General Fund.

I. Ms L Wilson – Strom West Football, Shetland

Ms L Wilson declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the 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 taking part in a football competition being held in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Shetland trip to be met from the General Fund.

J. Police Scotland Youth Volunteers – Emergency Services Fun Day

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of their forthcoming Emergency Services Fun Day in Kirkwall, it was:

Resolved for a donation of £100 to be given towards the costs of the event to be met from the General Fund.

K. Community Defibrillators

Correspondence had been received from a Rendall resident, which was distributed at the meeting, proposing that the Community Council should consider placing defibrillators at several locations within the parishes of Evie and Rendall and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved for the Clerk to respond to the writer that the Community Council members had suggested that defibrillators be placed at the Rendall Hall and also the Tingwall Jetty.

L. Ms S Spence - Orkney Youth Development League, Football, Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms S Spence, which was distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in the Orkney Youth Development League football competition being held in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of the Shetland trip to be met from the General Fund.

10. Publications

Resolved to note that no publications had been received.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Financial Assistance

One member advised that further to financial assistance awarded at the last meeting towards a competition on the mainland, some of the costs towards the trip had been received through sponsorship. Following discussion, members agreed that the travel assistance had been given to a worthy recipient who was representing the parishes and also Orkney at the competition, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

B. Overhanging Trees

Members noted that overhanging trees at the junction opposite the Evie Surgery and also overgrown hedges and foliage on the corner at Harbour Cottage were dangerous to traffic, and it was:

Resolved for the Clerk to write to the property owners at both addresses to ask if they could cut back the trees and hedges accordingly.

C. Bridge at Evie Village

The dip in the road over the Bridge in the Evie Village was highlighted again, and despite road surfacing, members felt that the problem had not been resolved, and it was:

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

D. White Line Road Marking

Members questioned if the quality of the workmanship of the road markers had been queried given the poor white line painting, particularly on the stretch of road from the Mistra to Costa, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the discussion.

12. Dates of Next Meetings

Members agreed that future meetings would be held on Monday, 12 November 2018 and Monday, 28 January 2019 both commencing at 19:30 in the Vishall View Community Room of Evie School.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting concluded at 20:15.