

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Vishall View Community Room, Evie School on Monday, 16 September 2019 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 H Johnston.
- Councillor R King.
- Councillor O Tierney.
- Councillor D Tullock.
- J Patterson, OREF Representative.
- Mrs L Leitch, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that no apologies for absence had been received.

2. Police Scotland Matters

Resolved to note there were no Police Scotland matters.

3. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 24 June 2019 was approved, being proposed by C Gunn and seconded by M J Leitch.

Mrs E Flett joined the meeting at this point.

4. Update on Fuel Poverty/Energy Assessment and Introduction to Project ReFlex

Members heard from the OREF representative that the Fuel Poverty and Energy Assessment carried out in the spring had been quite successful. However, there remained a large number of householders who had not come forward for help and members agreed that a similar event should be held again next year.

The OREF representative also explained the ReFlex Orkney (Responsive Flexibility) project which aims to create a 'smart energy island' - developing a ground-breaking 'virtual energy system' in Orkney which will monitor generation, grid constraint and energy demand, and then use smart control of energy technologies to manage and improve the supply-demand balance.

Following a discussion on the project, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the discussion.
2. For the OREF representative to return to a further meeting of the Community Council in the new year.
3. For a second Fuel Poverty and Energy Assessment event to be organised for the Spring of 2020.
4. For a Community Council newsletter to be published to coincide with the Energy event.

5. Matters Arising

A. Evie School Football Pitch

After hearing that it was unclear whether or not the football pitch grass had been fertilised before being handed over to the duties of the Evie School janitor, and also if the issue of the lawn mower had been dealt with, it was:

Resolved that M Leitch would have a look at the football pitch and then contact the Orkney Islands Council for a further update.

B. Fire Exit from Community Room of Evie School

Following an update from Democratic Services, distributed at the meeting, which advised that the since the external door in the Community Room was included in the building design as a secondary means of escape, and not as an actual access, there was no requirement for any ramps and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

C. Response to Planning Concerns

Members heard that the proposed changes to the Housing in the Countryside consultation had been discussed at the recent meeting of the Development and Infrastructure Committee, where it had been decided to defer for further consideration and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

6. Correspondence

A. Headstone Reinstatement

Following consideration of correspondence which advised that the programme to reinstate headstones was underway and after discussion on the training of personnel to carry out the work, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Bus Services

Following consideration of correspondence from the Transportation Manager advising the proposed trialling of new bus services and after discussion on routes which had been tried unsuccessfully in the past, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. To note that Dial A Bus may benefit instead from any available funding.

C. Planning for Met Masts

Following consideration of correspondence received from Democratic Services, informing members that planning applications have been made to install 'met masts' at two of the sites being considered as part of 'Orkney's Community Wind Farm', it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. West Mainland and East Mainland Tourist Brochures

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services which advised that the Orkney.com website would like to include the West Mainland Tourist Brochure on their website, it was:

Resolved that members felt that this would be beneficial.

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 the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club and C Ridland, with messages of thanks received from J Tams-Gray, Kirkwall Grammar School, Miss J Pickles, Mrs L Sharpe, C McAllister, Miss M McAllister, The Barber family and Mrs L Hall.

7. Hammars Hill Education Grant Applicants

Members considered the list of students who had applied for the 2019/20 Hammars Hill Education Grant which was distributed at the meeting, and it was resolved:

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

8. New Evie and Rendall Community Park

The meeting heard that the next invoice from the Contractor was imminent and approval to transfer funds from the Community Council to the Park bank account once the amount was known would be required. The balance of the bank account as at date of meeting was £26,297.72 from which the annual lease of £1 had been paid.

The next meeting of the Park group was due to be held on 3 October 2019 where arrangements for the Bingo night would be finalised and it was:

Resolved that the clerk would email members for approval once invoice received from the Contractor.

9. Finance

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £3,807.40.

B. NPower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, and after hearing that £5,000 had been set by the Community Council in 2011 as the maximum amount per year to be awarded for road repairs, it was resolved:

1. To note that the balance was £37,688.77.

2. To note that the Community Council would continue to cap the limit awarded for Road Repairs Scheme to £5,000 per financial year.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note that the balance was £619.57.
2. To note that the annual Community Benefit Instalment was due by the end of September 2019.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £31,944.98.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £669.33.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 27 August 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

G. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 13 June 2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

H. Rendall Community Association – Maintenance of Football pitch

The meeting heard that due to lack of a quorum at the previous meeting, members who did not have an interest in the Rendall Community Association [RCA] were contacted for their response to the application made by the RCA for the maintenance of the football pitch. The application had been approved by members and processed through the CCGS for the sum of £2,500.00, and it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

I. Road Repairs Scheme

After hearing that two residents had applied for an extension in time to claim their grant towards road repairs, it was:

Resolved that the time be extended for the claim to be submitted.

J. Applications for Financial Assistance

Resolved for details of which costs are eligible under the travel assistance scheme to be included in the next newsletter.

10. Applications for Financial Assistance

A. Evie School Nursery trip to Birsay

Following consideration of correspondence from the Evie School Nursery class, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of hiring a bus to the Birsay Playpark, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £110 be given towards the bus hire costs, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

B. Rendall Football Club – Away matches in Sanday and Maryburgh

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Rendall Football Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of players from Evie and Rendall playing in away matches in Sanday and Maryburgh, it was resolved:

1. That a donation of £25 be awarded to each of the five players from the area competing in the Sanday match, totalling £125, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.
2. That a donation of £75 be awarded to each of the four players from the parishes participating in the Maryburgh game, giving a sum of £300, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.
3. That the Football Club be made aware of possible travel funding available through Northlink Ferries.

C. R Fraser – Gibraltar Island Games

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Island Games Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of one Rendall resident participating in the Gibraltar Island Games, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £150 be given to the resident towards the costs of the event, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

D. Ms R Ware – Athletics in Inverness and Aberdeen

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

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the cost of each of the two events, giving a total of £150, to be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

E. Mrs J Barber – Volleyball in Dundee and St Andrews

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs J Barber, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son competing in Volleyball training and competitions held in Dundee and St Andrews on three different occasions, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards each of the three volleyball trips, giving a total of £225, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

F. Orkney Amateur Football Association – Milne Cup, Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Football Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of two competitors from Evie and Rendall competing in the Milne Cup in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 per competitor be given towards the costs of the event, giving a total of £150, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

G. Girlguiding Orkney – Tartan Gig, Glasgow

Following consideration of correspondence received from Girlguiding Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of one Girl Guide from Evie participating in the Tartan Gig being held in Glasgow, it was:

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

H. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council – Annual Bonfire Night

Following consideration of correspondence received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying 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.

I. Ms L Wilson – Islands Select Athletics, Grangemouth

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

Following consideration of correspondence received from Ms L Wilson, copies of which had been previously circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of her daughter competing in an athletics competition being held in Grangemouth, it was:

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

J. Road Repairs Scheme – Freya, Aikerness, Evie

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mr and Mrs J Orr, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of improving their driveway, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £250 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria.

K. Miss J Pickles – Inter County Hockey, Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence received from Miss J Pickles, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of competing in Inter County Hockey in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be awarded towards the costs of the event, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

L. D McGee – Hockey and Football, Shetland

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of competing in Hockey in Shetland and also towards the costs of his son representing Orkney in a football tournament also in Shetland, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be given towards the costs of each of the two Shetland events, giving a total of £150, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

M. Orkney Amateur Swimming Club – Far North Meet, Wick

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Orkney Amateur Swimming Club, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of two competitors from Evie and Rendall competing in the Far North Meet in Wick, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 per competitor be given towards the costs of the event, giving a total of £150, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

N. Mrs S Tomalin, Swimming Thurso Open Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mrs S Tomalin, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of officiating at the Thurso Open meeting and also towards the cost of two competitors from Evie and Rendall competing at the same competition, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be awarded to each of the three residents, giving a total of £225, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

O. Stromness Academy – Geography Trip to Switzerland

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

Following consideration of correspondence received from Stromness Academy, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of 6 pupils from Evie and Rendall taking part in their residential trip to Switzerland in June 2020, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £150 be awarded to each of the pupils, giving a total of £900, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

P. Mrs J Barber – Football in Shetland

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mrs J Barber, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of her son representing Orkney in a football tournament in Shetland, it was:

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

Q. J Tams-Gray – Scottish Youth Parliament

Following consideration of correspondence received from Mr Tams Gray, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter travelling to the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) in Edinburgh, which had been fully funded by the SYP it was:

Resolved that no donation would be given in this instance.

R. J Tams-Gray – Oxbridge Interview Workshop, Aberdeen

Following consideration of correspondence from Mr Tams-Gray, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of his daughter taking part in an Oxbridge interview workshop in Aberdeen, it was:

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

S. J Tams-Gray – Travelling costs to/from Dundee University

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mr Tams-Gray, copies of which had previously been circulated, asking for financial assistance towards the cost of moving his son to and from University in Dundee, it was:

Resolved that no donation would be given.

T. Mrs J Hopkins - Volleyball in Dundee and St Andrews

Following consideration of correspondence from Mrs J Hopkins, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of

her daughter taking part in two volleyball training sessions in Dundee and also two volleyball competitions in St Andrews, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be awarded towards the costs of each of the four events, giving a total of £600, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

U. C McAllister – Swimming Thurso Open Meet

Following consideration of correspondence received from C McAllister, copies of which had previously been circulated, applying for financial assistance towards the costs of his daughter competing in the Swimming Thurso Open meet, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £75 be awarded towards the costs of the event, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund.

V. Evie School – Class visit to The Balfour

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie School, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of hiring a bus for a potential visit to The Balfour, the price of which was unknown, it was resolved:

1. To meet the cost of bus hire in principle.
2. For the Clerk to email members once the costs were known.

W. Ms L Wilson – Sports Ambassador Workshop, Inverness

Ms Wilson declared an interest in this application and did not take part in 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 costs of her daughter taking part in a Sports Ambassador workshop in Inverness, it was:

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

X. Road Repairs Scheme – Cott, Rendall

After consideration of correspondence which had been received from Mr and Mrs Lennie, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, applying for financial assistance towards the cost of resurfacing their road, it was:

Resolved that a grant of up to a maximum £250 be awarded, subject to the roads scheme criteria.

Y. Rendall Community Association – Upgrade and Replacement of Equipment

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

Consideration was given to an application from the Rendall Community Association, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, for the replacement and upgrade of kitchen equipment estimated to cost £3676.26. After hearing from the Clerk that £3,000 had been awarded to another applicant in March 2016 which had not been claimed due to no invoice ever being received, and also that the request from the RCA may be eligible for grant scheme, it was resolved:

1. That the full cost of £3,676.26 would be met.
2. For the Clerk to apply for Community Council Grant Scheme funding for the balance remaining to be claimed.
3. That the difference in total would be met from the NPower funds.

11. Publications

Publications from Orkney Marine and The Orkney Partnership were made available to members and noted at the meeting.

12. Any Other Competent Business

A. Review of Electoral Arrangements

Following consideration of correspondence from the Boundary Commission for Scotland, copies of which were distributed at the meeting, informing members of their current public consultation on its electoral arrangement proposals for Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the deadline for comments was 2 December 2019 and that no remarks were made at the meeting on the consultation.

B. Flooding at Standpretty Road End

After hearing that the issue of flooding at the end of the Standpretty Road had reoccurred again, it was:

Resolved for the matter to be reported to Democratic Services via the business letter.

13. Dates of Future Meetings

Resolved that future meetings of Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held on Monday 18 November 2019 and Monday 27 January 2020 in the Vishall View Community Room, Evie School, commencing at 19:30.

14. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:00.