

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School on Monday, 24 June 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Eoin R Marcus, Elizabeth A Flett, Mark Hull and Jane Rawle.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Jean Stevenson.
- Councillor Duncan Tullock.
- Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Peter Tinkler, Community Council Liaison Assistant.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been received from Colin Gunn and Duncan Clarke and Councillor Rachael King.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on 22 April 2024 was approved, being proposed by Elizabeth Flett and seconded by Jane Rawle.

3. Matters Arising

A. Traffic Concerns – Brookfield, Rendall

After hearing a report from the Interim Clerk regarding traffic concerns at Brookfield, Rendall, it was:

Resolved to note that there were no traffic restrictions being considered at this time.

B. Planning Issue

Elizabeth Flett advised that for this issue, the decision had been received and no further discussion was needed.

4. Correspondence

A. Annual Grants

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising that the Community Council Annual Grants had been approved, and noting that details of allocations for all Community Councils had been provided, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. BT Digital Voice Roadshow

Following consideration of correspondence from BT regarding a drop-in session they were holding at Orkney Library on 23 July where you could speak to them about their new home phone service, Digital Voice, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Note of Thanks – M Tams-Gray

Members were advised that a thank you note had been received from M Tams-Gray, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

5. Consultations

A. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – National Public Consultation

Following consideration of correspondence from Scottish Fire and Rescue regarding a pre-consultation exercise titled ‘Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say’, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Review of the Orkney Local Development Plan

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a review of Orkney’s Local Development Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that the Team Manager, Development Planning, should be invited to the next meeting.

C. Review of Gambling Policy

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board carrying out a review of its Gambling Policy, noting that the deadline for comments was 28 June 2024, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and that members had no comments to make.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 13 June 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £9,602.29.

B. NPower Fund

After consideration of the NPower Fund statement as at 13 June 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £57,153.06.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 13 June 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £1,412.77.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 13 June 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £36,441.44.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 13 June 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the OIC Main Capping Limit remaining for allocation was £1,235.93 is £3,837 and the OIC Additional Capping remaining was £765.

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 13 June 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the sum of £11,636.86 remained available for allocation.

G. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 13 June 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

H. Annual Accounts

After consideration of the Annual Accounts as at 31 March 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the Annual Accounts.

7. Financial Applications

A. Evie Primary School – Bag the Bruck

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Primary School requesting funding towards hiring a bus for their Bag the Bruck event, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 be made and that an application should be submitted for Community Council Grant Scheme assistance on the cost of £300.

B. Evie Primary School – P7 Hoy Trip

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Primary School requesting financial assistance towards their trip to Hoy, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £210 be awarded towards the cost, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Fund.

C. G Phaithaisong – Barbados Celtic Festival

Following consideration of correspondence from G Phaithaisong requesting financial assistance towards travel expenses for her two daughters to attend Barbados Celtic Festival in Barbados, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £180 each of the two daughters, totalling £360, be awarded, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Fund.

D. G Phaithaisong – Football, Inverness

Following consideration of correspondence from G Phaithaisong requesting financial assistance towards travel expenses for her daughter to attend a football match in Inverness, it was:

Resolved to request additional information from the applicant before making a decision on the request.

E. K Moar – Highland Dancing, Caithness

Following consideration of correspondence from K Moar requesting financial assistance towards travel expenses for her daughter to attend a Highland Dancing Competitions in Caithness, it was:

Resolved to request additional information from the applicant before making a decision on the request.

F. K Moar – Gymnastics, Inverurie

Following consideration of correspondence from K Moar requesting financial assistance towards a gymnastics squad trip to glitterball competition in Kintore, it was:

Resolved to request additional information from the applicant before making a decision on the request.

G. Evie and Rendall Toddler Group - Toys

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie and Rendall Toddler Group requesting financial assistance towards purchasing new toys, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a donation of £500 be awarded towards the cost, subject to CCGS approval.
2. That the Community Council share of the cost should be met from the Npower Fund.

H. Rendall Football Club – Highland Amateur Cup, Maryburgh (Second round)

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall FC requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated with taking part in the Highland Amateur Cup Second Round in Maryburgh, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 each of the nine players, totalling £810, be awarded, which should be met from the Burgar Hill Fund.

I. Rendall Football Club – Highland Amateur Cup, Maryburgh (Third round)

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall FC requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated with taking part in the Highland Amateur Cup Third Round in Maryburgh, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 each of the nine players, totalling £810, be awarded, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Fund.

J. Rendall Football Club – Parish Cup, Sanday

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall FC requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated with taking part in the Parish Cup Game in Sanday, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 each of the thirteen players, totalling £390, be awarded, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Fund.

K. R Spence – Track Repairs

Following consideration of correspondence from R Spence requesting financial assistance towards the cost of materials for road repairs and maintenance, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 would be awarded, which would be met from the NPower Fund.

L. G Spence – U11 Football, Caithness

Following consideration of correspondence from G Spence requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated with taking part in Under 11's Orkney Football trip to Caithness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 was awarded, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Fund.

M. D McGee – Barbados Celtic Festival

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee, requesting financial assistance towards travel expenses for his daughter to attend Barbados Celtic Festival in Barbados, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £180 be awarded, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Fund.

N. D McGee – OYDG Football, Thurso

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated with taking part in Intercounty Football trip to Thurso, it was:

Resolved that a donation as per the travel grant criteria would be made, subject to clarification from the applicant on the number of applicants.

O. D McGee – Rugby, Caithness

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated in taking part in a rugby competition in Caithness, it was:

Resolved that a donation as per the travel grant criteria would be made, subject to clarification from the applicant on the number of applicants.

P. D McGee – Highland Amateur Cup - Maryburgh

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs for his son taking part in the Highland Amateur Cup in Maryburgh, it was:

Resolved that this payment has already been awarded through the Rendall Football Clubs application.

Q. H Wailoo – Swimming, Lerwick

Following consideration of correspondence from H Wailoo, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated with her daughter taking part in the Mid-Summer Meet in Lerwick, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 was awarded, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Fund.

R. G Phaithaisong – Gymnastics, Inch

Following consideration of correspondence from G Phaithaisong, requesting financial assistance towards travel costs associated with her daughter taking part in the Gymnastics event in Inch, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 would be awarded, which should be met from the Bugar Hill Fund.

S. Rendall Community Association – Annual maintenance for the Football Pitch

E Marcus, M Hull, J Rawle and J Montgomery declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during discussion.

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall Community Association, requesting financial assistance towards maintenance costs associated with the football pitch in Rendall, it was:

Resolved:

1. That a donation of £2,500 be awarded, subject to CCGS approval.
2. That the community council share should be met from the Npower Fund.
3. That this decision was subject to agreement from C Gunn and D Clarke, which would be undertaken by email.

T. Road Repair – E Littlejohn

Following consideration of an email from E Littlejohn requesting further information on the roads repair scheme, it was:

Resolved that member agreed that a donation of £300 be awarded to road repairs, should it be required, and that the cost should be met from the N Power fund.

8. Publications

The following publications had previously been forwarded to members:

- VAO – Newsletters – April and May 2024.
- VAO – Training and Funding Update – May 2024.
- Review of OLDP Newsletter – June 2024.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Defibrillator

After hearing a report from the chairman advising that the Defibrillator at the school was broken and required replacing at an estimated cost of £1,100, it was:

Resolved:

1. To purchase a new defibrillator, which should be compatible with the heated cabinet already in place.
3. That the cost of the unit should be met from the NPower Fund.

B. Kirkyard

After hearing a report from L Flett advising that the paths in the Rendall Kirkyard were badly overgrown with weeds and moss, it was:

Resolved to request a price from Isbister's to provide a spraying quote for the cost of this work.

C. Travel Grants

Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was held in private.

Following consideration of the present travel grant criteria, it was:

Resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion of dates for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings of Evie and Rendall Community Council would be held in Evie School and via Teams on 2 September 2024 at 19:30.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:55.