

# Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Evie School on Monday, 2 February 2026 at 19:30

## Present:

Mr Eoin Marcus, Mrs Liz Flett, Mr Colin Gunn and Mr Mark Hull.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Rachel King.
- Mr Chris Grainger, Thrive.
- Mrs Maureen Spence, Burgar Hill Renewables.
- Ms Melissa Spence, Burgar Hill Renewables.
- Mr Dennis Stevenson, Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ms Jane Rawle, Ms Fiona Georgeson and Mr Duncan Clarke and Councillors Duncan Tullock, Jean Stevenson and Owen Tierney.

## **2. Burgar Hill Renewables Update**

The Members received an update from representatives of Burgar Hill Renewables and Thrive in relation to the Burgar Hill Repowering proposals, as part of the Evie and Rendall Community Consultation, which reflected amended development proposals to address the feedback received from the initial earlier consultation exercise. Following the presentation, it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

The Burgar Hill Renewables representatives left the meeting at this point.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 24 November 2025 was adopted, being proposed by Mr Colin Gunn and seconded by Mr Eoin Harcus.

## **4. Matters Arising - Local Place Plan**

Resolved to note the Clerk's confirmation that there was no further update or Local Authority feedback available.

## **5. Correspondence**

### **A. Community Transport Small Grant Scheme**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the Community Transport Small Grant Scheme, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **B. Integrated Joint Board – Service User Representative**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the Integrated Joint Board – Service User Representative, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **C. Thank you notes**

The Clerk advised that thank you letters for financial assistance provided had been received from Rendall Football Club and Kelly Nicolson, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **D. SEPA – National Flood Risk Assessment 2025 Report**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the SEPA – National Flood Risk Assessment 2025 report, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **E. Hammars Hill Energy – 2025 Community Benefit**

Following consideration of correspondence from Hammars Hill Energy advising members that £13,300 had been paid to the Community Council, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and to extend the Community Council's thanks to Hammars Hill Energy.

## **6. Consultations**

### **A. Historic Environment Scotland – Property and Collections Strategy**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the above, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **B. SEPA – Safeguarding Scotland's Water Environment**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the above, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **C. EMEC – Falls of Warness**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the above, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **D. Burgar Hill Wind Farm Repower**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the above, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **E. SEPA – Flood Risk Management Plan - Consultation**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the above, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **F. Orkney Islands Council – Winter Service Policy 2026-2031**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the above, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **7. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Fund statement as at 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £9,093.89.

### **B. Npower Fund**

Following consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £54,342.90.

### **C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund**

Following consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £8,929.67.

### **D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund**

Following consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £54,318.86.

### **E. Community Council Grant Scheme**

After consideration of the Grant Scheme statement as at 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the main and additional capping limit were both fully allocated.

### **F. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to note that £11,636.86 remained for allocation.

### **G. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the balance remaining for allocation of £3,395.

## **8. Financial Requests**

### **A. Harray Young Farmers – National Speechmaking Finals**

Following consideration of a request from C Ridland of Harray Young Farmers, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of a member who resides in Evie to attend the National Junior Speechmaking finals in Edinburgh, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

### **B. S De Rees – Family Disco**

Following consideration of a request from S Rees, copies of which had previously been circulated, along with additional information on the financial shortfall of the event, for financial assistance to hold a family disco for Evie and Rendall Communities, it was:

Resolved to award £70 from General Funds, as an isolated one off decision on recognition that future events are unlikely to attract funding.

### **C. Rendall Football Club – Purchase of Footballs**

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall Football Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of footballs for winter training, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that funding of £189.90 be provided towards the cost, on evidence of expenditure, which would be met from Npower Funds.

### **D. G Phaithaisong – Volleyball, Dunfermline 12 December 2025**

Following consideration of a request from G Phaithaisong, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend a volleyball trip to Dunfermline on 12 December 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

### **E. J Hopkins – Arizona State University Coaching**

Following consideration of correspondence from J Hopkins, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to offer coaching to Arizona State University athletes, it was:

Resolved to award £190 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

### **F. D McGee - Rugby – 25 January, and two for 7 February 2026**

Following consideration of a request from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of his sons, and himself as occasional coach, to attend rugby trips to Inverness on 25 January 2026 and claims for both sons to Aberdeen on 7 February 2026, it was:

Resolved to award £180 (player and coach) for Inverness on 25 January 2026, £180 (player and coach) for first son to attend Aberdeen on 7 February 2026 along with £90 (player only) for second son to attend Aberdeen on 7 February 2026, totalling £450, from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trips.

### **G. K Lennie - Netball – 16 January 2026**

Following consideration of a request from K Lennie, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend a Netball trip in Aberdeen on 16 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

### **H. G Spence - Rugby – 25 January 2026**

Following consideration of a request from G Spence, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her son to attend an U13s rugby trip to Aberdeen on 25 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

### **I. D McGee - Rugby – 28 January 2026**

Following consideration of a request from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of his son to attend an under 14s rugby trip to Invergordon on 28 January 2026, it was:

Resolved to award £180 (player and coach) from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

### **J. G Spence - Rugby – 7 February 2026**

Following consideration of a request from G Spence, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her son to attend an U13s rugby trip to Elgin on 7 February 2026, it was:

Resolved to award £90 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications had all previously been emailed to members and were noted:

- VAO Newsletters – December 2025 and January 2026.
- NHS Newsletter – December 2025.
- VAO Training and Funding Updates – December 2025 and January 2026.
- New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils – Newsletter 3 – January 2026.
- Scottish Community Drama Association – January 2026.

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

### **A. Kirkyard Grass Cutting - Tenders**

Members considered and discussed the above, and it was:

Resolved to instruct the Clerk to prepare the tender documents for the 2026/2027 season and advertise as appropriate.

### **B. Evie Pier Car Park - Signage**

Members considered and discussed the above, and it was:

Resolved to request Orkney Islands Council to erect a sign similar to that displayed at Windwick, South Ronaldsay to appropriately advise users of the Evie Pier Car Park.

## **11. Dates for Future Meetings**

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council had been set for 20 April 2026, and that further 2026 meetings were proposed to take place on the following dates:

- 22 June 2026.
- 31 August 2026.
- 23 November 2026.

## **12. Conclusion of meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:12.