

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Evie School on Monday, 24 November 2025 at 19:30

Present:

Mr Eoin Marcus, Mr Duncan Clarke (via Teams), Mr Colin Gunn and Ms Fiona Georgeson.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Jean Stevenson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Rachael King.
- Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Mr Dennis Stevenson, Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Ms Jane Rawle, Mrs Liz Flett and Mr Mark Hull and Councillor Duncan Tullock.

2. Burgar Hill Renewables Update

Resolved to note that notification had been received by the Interim Clerk that no update would be available from representatives of Burgar Hill Renewables, however they would be attending the next meeting scheduled for 2 February 2026.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The minute of meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 15 September 2025 was adopted, being proposed by Mr Colin Gunn and seconded by Mr Duncan Clarke.

4. Matters Arising

A. Kirkyards – Path Maintenance

Resolved to note the Interim Clerk's confirmation that there was no further update available.

B. Health and Care Representative

Resolved to note that Ms Jane Rawle had confirmed acceptance of the above position.

5. Correspondence

A. BHR Community Benefit Fund

Following consideration of correspondence from Burgar Hill Renewables Limited advising members that £8,750 had been paid to the Community Council, which was the fifteenth annual payment, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and to extend the Community Council's thanks to Burgar Hill Renewables Limited.

B. Scapa Deep Water Quay Update

Members considered correspondence in relation to the Scapa Deep Water Quay, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Thank you notes

The Interim Clerk advised that thank you letters for financial assistance provided had been received from Evie School, Firth School, 1st Dounby Rainbows, Oliva Scott and Rowan McAllister, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

D. Evie and Rendall LPP Steering Group

Members considered correspondence in relation to the potential signage in relation to the Evie Pier Car Park area, along with comparable signage in other Orkney locations.

Councillor R King gave an update on the OIC Place Plans and observed that once a Place Plan had been established it may allow funding to become available for such items.

Mr Duncan Clarke confirmed that an interim Place Plan had been submitted but no feedback had been received to date.

Mr Colin Gunn suggested that the Place Plan may need a wider group of members, and it was:

Resolved to defer a decision on the signage at the Evie Pier Car Park in the meantime.

E. Islands Business Resilience Fund

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

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

6. Consultations

A. EMEC – Section 36 Variation – Fall of Warness

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

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Briefing Note – Burial Grounds Grass Cutting

Members considered and discussed the contents and recommendations contained within the OIC briefing Note for Members and Community Councils on grass cutting in burial grounds, and the need to review the budget allocation for this work. After considerable discussion, it was:

Resolved to advise that Evie and Rendall Community Council would like to see the current number of grass cuts per annum maintained, and that the Community Council would be willing to fund any shortfall in funding received.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

Following consideration of the General Fund statement as at 17 November 2025, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £9,742.81.

B. Npower Fund

Following consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 17 November 2025, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £55,835.70.

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

Following consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 17 November 2025, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £10,009.67.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

Following consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 17 November 2025, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £41,701.56.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Grant Scheme statement as at 6 November 2025, 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 6 November 2025, 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 6 November 2025, it was:

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

8. Financial Requests:

A. Rendall FC – Indoor and Outdoor Training

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall Football Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of indoor and outdoor training venue fees, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved that funding of £1,781.40 be provided towards the cost, on evidence of expenditure, which would be met from Npower Funds.

B. Friends of Firth Primary Playground Committee

Following consideration of correspondence from Firth School Playground Committee, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of improving the Firth School playground, it was:

Resolved that, once confirmation that the project will be undertaken and completed, a donation of £500 would be made.

C. Evie/Firth Primary - Indoor Football Training

Mr D Clarke declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of correspondence from the Evie/Firth Primary Football teams, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the cost of indoor training venue fees, it was:

Resolved that, since the application was a joint funding application also made to Firth and Stenness Community Council, a grant of £320 be given towards the cost, which would be met from the General Fund, on evidence of expenditure.

D. Evie Community Association – Over 60s Lunches

Ms F Georgeson declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance towards the shortfall in cost of monthly lunches for over 60's residents, it was:

Resolved that, £312 would be provided for funding shortfall along with an additional £221 to cover the costs of attendees Christmas lunch, which would be met from the General Fund, on evidence of expenditure.

E. K Reid - Gymnastics – 2 November

Following consideration of a request from K Reid, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend the Highland Floor and Vault competition in Inverness on 2 November 2025, it was:

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

F. S De Rees – Family Disco

Following consideration of a request from S Rees, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance to hold a family disco for Evie and Rendall Communities, it was:

Resolved to request additional information on event outcome and if any shortfall in funding was outstanding.

G. Harray Young Farmers – Speechmaking

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 North Area Junior Speechmaking eliminations in Halkirk, in advance of the finals on 6 December 2025, it was:

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

H. T Innes - Netball – 31 October

Following consideration of a request from T Innes, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend a Netball trip to Aberdeen on 1 November 2025, it was:

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

I. G Spence - Rugby – 1 November

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 1 November 2025, it was:

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

J. Evie Community Association Tree Lighting

Ms F Georgeson declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of a request from Evie Community Association, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the planned Christmas Tree Lighting on 30 November 2025, it was:

Resolved to donate £100 towards the overall costs from the General Fund.

K. K Moar – Gymnastics - Inverness – 2 November

Following consideration of a request from K Moar, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend a gymnastics competition on 23 November 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90, on form completion, from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

L. K Moar – Dancing – 23 November

Following consideration of a request from K Moar, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend a dancing competition, it was:

Resolved to award £90, on form completion, from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

M. D McGee - Rugby – 15 November and 22 November

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 the senior

rugby trip to Stornoway on 15 November 2025 and Glasgow on 22 November, it was:

Resolved to award £90 each trip, totalling £180, from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trips.

N. G Spence - Rugby – 22 November and 29 November

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 Gairloch on 22 November 2025 and Aberdeen on 29 November, it was:

Resolved to award £90 each trip, totalling £180, from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trips.

9. Publications

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

- ORSAS Newsletter – September and November 2025.
- VAO Training and Funding – September and October 2025.
- VAO Newsletters – October and November 2025.
- PSTN Switch Off Information.
- Scottish Water Autumn/Winter Newsletter.
- Improvement Service - Free Training Sessions.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Resolved to note that no other matters were raised by members.

11. Dates for future meetings

Resolved to note that the next meetings of the Evie and Rendall Community Council had been set for 2 February 2026, and that further 2026 meetings were proposed to take place on the following dates:

- 20 April 2026.
- 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 20:55.