

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in Evie Community School on Monday, 18 November 2024 at 19:30

Present:

Eoin R Marcus, Duncan Clarke, Mark Hull and Fiona Georgeson.

In Attendance:

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

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Elizabeth A Flett, Colin Gunn and Jane Rawle and Councillor Duncan Tullock.

2. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting held on Monday 2 September 2024 was approved, being proposed by Mr D Clarke and seconded by Mr M Hull.

3. Matters Arising

Resolved to note that there were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

A. OSCR – Annual Return

The Interim Clerk advised members that the annual return had been sent to OSCR for the play park, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

B. Orkney Nature Wildlife Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Nature Wildlife project asking if they could attend a future meeting to provide an update on the project, it was:

Resolved to provide the list of future meeting dates asking when they wished to attend.

C. Winter Service Plan – CC comments

Following consideration of the comments regarding the Winter Service Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Burgar Hill Renewables

Following consideration of correspondence from Burgar Hill Renewables Limited advising members that £8,250 had been paid to the community council, which was the fourteenth annual payment, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and to send a letter of thanks to Burgar Hill Renewables Limited.

E. Notes of Thanks

Members were advised that notes of thanks for funding awarded had been received from L Sinclair, Blair Horse Trials and S Tomalin, Swimming, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

5. Consultation - Insights on Community Resilience in Emergencies

Members had previously been sent correspondence regarding a survey on Insights on Community Resilience in Emergencies, and it was:

Resolved to note the deadline for completion had passed.

6. Financial Statements

A. General Finance

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 5 November 2024 copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £7,791.64.

B. Npower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 5 November 2024 copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £56,194.66

C. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 5 November 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £11,192.77.

D. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 5 November 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £35,589.52.

E. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 5 November 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the OIC Main Capping Limit was over allocated and the OIC Additional Capping had £765 remaining for allocation

F. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 5 November 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

After consideration of the Seed Corn statement as at 5 November 2024, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

7. Financial Applications

A. S Tomalin – Swimming – Aberdeen 2/3 November

Following consideration of correspondence from S Tomalin requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the North District Open Meet in Aberdeen on 2/3 November 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

B. G Montgomery – Inter County Orkney Women’s Football

Following consideration of correspondence from G Montgomery requesting financial assistance towards the cost of travelling to Orkney from studying in Edinburgh for the Inter County Football Match, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

C. C Nicolson – U18s Rugby – 10, 17, 24 November 1 December and 16/17 January

Following consideration of correspondence from C Nicolson requesting financial assistance towards the cost of five trips for Rugby for C Williamson. Four U18 rugby trips for the Cup competition on 10 November 2024 to Biggar; 17 November 2024 to Gairloch; 24 November 2024 to Stirling; and 1 December 2024 to a location TBC on mainland Scotland; and one trip to Regional Game Series trials for Caledonia at Highland Rugby Club on 16/17 January, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 per trip, totalling £450, be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

D. C Nicolson – Gymnastics, Glasgow

Following consideration of correspondence from C Nicolson requesting financial assistance towards the cost of daughter C Nicolson competing at the Holly Jolly gymnastics competition in Glasgow on 8 December, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

E. D McGee – Firth Primary School P6 3-day Outdoor event

Following consideration of correspondence from D McGee requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the P6 Outdoor education trip for C McGee, with Firth Primary School 26, 27 and 30 September 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £30 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

F. G Spence – U11s Orkney Football – Inverness 7/8 September

Following consideration of correspondence from G Spence requesting financial assistance towards the cost of F Hunter travelling to the U11s Inverness Trip with Orkney Youth Development Football Team on 7-8 September, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

G. K Moar – Gymnastic – Inverness – 10 November

Following consideration of correspondence from K Moar requesting financial assistance towards the cost of A Moar attending a Gymnastics competition in Inverness on 10 November, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

H. K Reid – Gymnastics – 10 November

Following consideration of correspondence from K Reid requesting financial assistance towards the cost of E Reid attending a Gymnastics competition on 10 November 2024, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

I. Evie Primary Netball Team – Equipment

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Primary Netball Team requesting financial assistance towards the cost of equipment, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £225 be given towards the cost, which would be met from General Funds.

J. Evie Community Association – Senior Citizens Lunches

Following consideration of correspondence from Evie Community Association requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the Senior Citizens Lunch, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £425 be given towards the cost, which would be met from General Funds.

K. Harray Young Farmer Club – Speech Making – Inverness

Following consideration of correspondence from Harray Young Farmers, requesting financial assistance for H Thomson towards the cost of the Speechmaking trip to Inverness, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

L. Rendall Football Club – equipment

Following consideration of correspondence from Rendall Football Club requesting financial assistance towards the cost of training equipment, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £600 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Npower Funds.

M. Orkney Pilgrimage – St Magnus Way

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Pilgrimage requesting financial assistance towards the cost of the annual insurance for the St Magnus Way, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 be given towards the cost, which would be met from General Funds.

N. Bag the Bruck, Rendall Church – After School Club

The Interim Clerk advised members that there had been a misunderstanding by the group as to the application process for Bag the Bruck and subsequently no funding had been awarded to the After School Club this year, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the information and that under the circumstances the After School Club should be awarded £150, which would be met from Npower Funds.

O. D McGee – update on grant applications

The Interim Clerk advised members on correspondence advising on events where funding had been paid and the trips were subsequently cancelled. The applicant asked if the funding could be used for upcoming trips rather than refunding and applying for them, and it was:

Resolved that the funding for cancelled trips could be used for the upcoming trips as detailed.

P. Road Scheme Applications:

1. A Watt and C Montgomery, Faray, Rendall

Following consideration of a Road Scheme Application from A Watt and C Montgomery, it was:

Resolved that member agreed that a donation of £300 be awarded to road repairs, and that the cost should be met from the Npower Fund.

2. C Gillon, Drill Hall, Evie

Following consideration of a Road Scheme Application from C Gillon, it was:

Resolved that members agreed that a donation of £300 be awarded to road repairs, and that the cost should be met from the Npower Fund.

Q. Hammars Hill – Education Grants – 7 applications

Members considered the list of students who had applied for the 2024-25 Hammars Hill Education Grant, copies of which was been distributed at the meeting and following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the seven applicants who were students attending further education out of Orkney would each be granted £600.

R. G Phaithaisong – Gymnastics – Edinburgh – 17 November

Following consideration of correspondence from G Phaithaisong requesting financial assistance towards the cost of C Phaithaisong attending a Gymnastics competition in Edinburgh on 17 November, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £90 be given towards the cost, which would be met from Burgar Hill Renewables Fund.

8. Publications

The following publications had previously been forwarded to members:

- VAO Newsletters – October 2024.
- VAO Training and Funding Update – October 2024.
- ORSAS Quarterly Newsletter – October 2024.
- Digital Phone Switchover.

9. Any Other Competent Business

A. Evie Play Park

The Interim Clerk advised that an invoice for the grass cutting had been received for the grass cutting and how would members wish for it to be paid due to the work being part of the play park. Following discussion, it was:

Resolved that the invoice should be paid through the play park funds with the Play Park Committee then claiming the funding from the agreed Community Council Grant Scheme set up by the Community Council.

B. Review of Polling Stations

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding a review of the present Polling Stations, it was:

Resolved to advise that Rendall Community Centre met all the necessary requirements for the Polling Station.

10. Dates For Future Meetings

Following discussion of dates for the 2025 meetings, it was:

Resolved that the next meetings would be held in the Evie School and via Teams at 19:30 on the following dates:

10 February 2025.

21 April 2025.

30 June 2025.

15 September 2025.

24 November 2025.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:15.