

Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Evie Community School on Monday, 15 September at 19:30

Present:

Mr Eoin Marcus, Mr Duncan Clarke, Mrs Elizabeth A Flett, Mr Colin Gunn and Mr Mark Hull.

In Attendance:

- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Rachael King.
- Mrs Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.
- Ms Cheryl Kelday, Community Council Liaison Assistant.
- 2 members of the public.

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1. Election of Office Bearers

A. Appointment of Chair

Resolved that Mr Eoin Marcus be reappointed Chair of Evie and Rendall Community Council.

B. Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved that Mr Colin Gunn be reappointed Vice Chair of Evie and Rendall Community Council.

C. Appointment of Planning Representatives

Resolved that Mrs Liz Flett should be reappointed as the Planning Representative for Evie and Rendall Community Council.

D. Appointment of Kirkyard Representatives

Resolved that Ms Fiona Georgeson would be reappointed as the Evie Kirkyard representative, subject to her agreement, and that Mrs Liz Flett would be reappointed as the Rendall Kirkyard representative.

E. Appointment of Health and Care

Resolved that Ms Jane Rawle be reappointed as the Health and Care representative of Evie and Rendall Community Council, subject to her agreement.

2. Apologies

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

3. Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 30 June 2025 was adopted, being proposed Mrs Liz Flett by and seconded by Mr Colin Gunn.

4. Matters Arising

A. Local Place Plan

Following consideration of correspondence previously circulated, a member of the place plan steering group provided an update advising that they had received a good response from the surveys in the short timeframe it was available. The two main issues raised was housing, in particular affordable housing, and road safety such as extending the 20mph zone at the school, and it was:

Resolved to note the place plan steering group would submit the place plan, relating to housing and road safety element only, before the deadline by 30 September 2025.

B. Kirkyards – Path Maintenance

Members were advised there was no further update, and that the interim clerk would chase this up again with the view to getting this addressed early next year, and it was:

Resolved to note the Interim Clerk would chase this again.

5. Correspondence

A. Ferry Replacement Programme and Orkney Master Harbour Masterplan Phase 2

Members considered correspondence regarding the Ferry Replacement Programme and Harbours Mater Plan Phase 2, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Traffic Counts in Evie and Rendall

Members discussed correspondence regarding previous traffic count information from Orkney Islands Council, that had previously been emailed, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Eday Connection Project – Public Event

Members had previously been sent an update on the Eday Connection Project advising members of the open sessions to be held, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

D. Notes of Thanks

Resolved to note that letters of thanks had been received from K Reid, K Moar, Rendall Football Club, M Nicolson and S Tomalin for financial assistance provided.

E. Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP)

Members considered correspondence from Orkney Islands Council advising on a workshop due to be held on 24 September, on the CCAP, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

F. RSPB

The RSPB Orkney team had contacted the Interim Clerk asking to come to the next Community Council meeting to update on the RSPB Cottiscarth and RSPB Rendall Moss, and it was:

Resolved to invite the RSPB to attend the meeting due to be held on 2 February 2026.

6. Consultations

A. Our Orkney, Our Future

A copy of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council had previously been sent round members, advising of the Our Orkney, Our Future consultation regarding the Visitor Management Plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

B. Birsay Local Place Plan

Members had previously been sent the Birsay Place Plan consultation and, following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

C. Transport Scotland – Drop-in Sessions

Following consideration of correspondence in relation to the Transport Scotland Community drop-in sessions about the next Northern Isles Ferry Services Contract, it was:

Resolved to note the correspondence.

D. Our Orkney, Our Story

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding an invitation to stakeholder events for the Our Orkney, Our Story project to be held in October, it was:

Resolved that Mrs Liz Flett would attend the event.

7. Financial Statements and Annual Accounts

A. 2024/2025 Annual Accounts

After consideration of the Annual Accounts statement as at 31 March 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the balance.

B. General Statement

After consideration of the General Finance statement as at 4 September 2025 copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £10,255.23.

C. Npower Fund

After consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 4 September 2025 copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £62,569.95.

D. Burgar Hill Renewables Fund

After consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 4 September 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £4,709.67.

E. Hammars Hill Energy Fund

After consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 4 September 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £47,320.80.

F. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 4 September 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that both the OIC Main Capping Limit and the OIC Additional Capping Limit were fully allocated.

G. Community Development Fund

After consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 4 September 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

H. Seed Corn Fund

After consideration of the Seed Corn fund statement as at 4 September 2025, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

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

8. Financial Requests

A. H Wailoo, Swimming, Lerwick – 13-15 June 2025

Following consideration of a request from H Wailoo, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend the Midsummer meet in Shetland on 13 June 2025, it was:

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

B. J Purnell, Hockey, Shetland – 26 July 2025

Following consideration of an application for financial assistance from J Purnell, copies of which had previously been circulated, towards the Senior Inter County Hockey in Shetland on 26 July 2025, it was:

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

C. C Nicolson, Rugby, Various Trips - 24 August – 28 September

Following consideration of a request from C Nicolson, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter for five trips to play with Caithness Rugby Under 16s team, on 24 August, 31 August, 7 September, 21 September and 28 September 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 per trip for four trips in the quarter from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trips, totalling £360.

D. C Nicolson, Gymnastics, Garioch – 5 October

Following consideration of a request from C Nicolson, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend a gymnastics event in Gairloch on 5 October, it was:

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

E. H Clarke, Liverpool University Open Day

Mr Duncan Clarke declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of a request from H Clarke, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her daughter to attend a university open day in Liverpool, it was:

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

F. H Clarke, Drama, Pitlochry and Edinburgh

Mr Duncan Clarke declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of a request from H Clarke, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her two daughters to attend a school drama trip to Pitlochry and Edinburgh in September 2025, it was:

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

G. G Morris, Football, Shetland – 29 August

Following consideration of a request from G Morris, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her son to travel to Shetland with the Under 12s football team on 29 August 2025, it was:

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

H. D McGee, Football, Shetland – 5 September

Following consideration of a request from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of his daughter to attend a football trip to Shetland on 5 September 2025, it was:

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

I. D McGee, Football, Inverness – 27 September

Following consideration of a request from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of himself and his son, to travel to Inverness for the Under 13 football on 27 September 2025, it was:

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

J. D McGee, Football, Shetland – 10 October

Following consideration of a request from D McGee, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of himself and his son to travel to Lerwick for Under 13 intercounty football on 10 October, it was:

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

K. G Spence, Football, 29 August

Following consideration of a request from G Spence, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her son to travel to Lerwick for the Under 12 Football on 29 August 2025, it was:

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

L. G Montgomery, Hockey, 26 July

Following consideration of a request from G Montgomery, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance for travel to the Senior Inter County hockey on 26 July 2025, it was:

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

M. G Montgomery, Football, 30 August

Following consideration of a request from G Montgomery, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance to travel to Lerwick to play the Senior Inter County football on 30 August 2025, it was:

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

N. Evie Community School – P6 Outdoor Activities

Following consideration of a request from Evie Community School, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of six children from the area to attend the P6 Outdoor Education 3-day activities, it was:

Resolved to award £30 per child, totalling £180, from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

O. Firth Primary School – P6 Outdoor Activities

Following consideration of a request from Firth Primary School, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of four pupils from Evie and Rendall area to attend the P6 Outdoor Education 3-day activities, it was:

Resolved to award £30 per child, totalling £120, from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

P. 1st Dounby Rainbows, Thurso – 14 September

Following consideration of a request from the 1st Dounby Rainbows, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of four children from the Evie and Rendall area to attend a day trip to Thurso on 14 September 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 per child, totalling £360, from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

Q. Rendall Community Association – Fun Day

Mr Eoin Marcus and Mrs Jackie Montgomery declared an interest in this item and left the room; and Mr Mark Hull declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of a request from the Rendall Community Association for financial assistance towards the Family Fun Day on 6 September 2025, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £250 from the Npower Fund.

R. Rendall Community Association – Solar Panels

Mr Eoin Marcus and Mrs Jackie Montgomery declared an interest in this item and left the room; and Mr Mark Hull declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of a request from the Rendall Community Association for financial assistance towards the provision of solar panels for the Rendall Hall, it was:

Resolved to award a donation of £7,084.25 from the Npower Fund.

S. Hammars Hill – Education Grants

Following consideration of correspondence and a report from the Interim Clerk advising that ten applications had been received for the education grants, along with confirmation of course attendance, it was:

Resolved to note £5,400 of grants would be allocated from the Hammars Hill Fund.

T. Evie and Rendall After School Club

Following consideration of a request from the Evie and Rendall Church of Scotland After School Club for financial assistance towards the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the club, it was:

Resolved to award a £500 donation from the General Fund.

U. S Tomalin, Swimming – 11 October and 8 November

Following consideration of a request from S Tomalin on behalf of her and her daughter for 3 trips, one University open day and two swimming trips on 11 October 2025 and 8 November 2025, it was:

Resolved to award £90 each, per trip, from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip, totalling £540.

V. G Morris, Football – 20 September

Following consideration of a request from G Morris, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her son to attend the Orkney Youth Development Under 12 football trip to Caithness on 20 September 2025, it was:

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

W. G Phaithaisong, Football – 5 September

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 Football trip to Shetland on 5 September 2025, it was:

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

X. G Spence, Football – 20 September

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 a football trip with the under 12 squad to Caithness on 20 September 2025, it was:

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

Y. H Clarke, Summer School

Mr Duncan Clarke declared an interest in this item.

Following consideration of a request from H Clarke, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance on behalf of her three children to attend a musical theatre and performance summer school in London, it was:

Resolved to award £90 per child from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip, totalling £270.

9. Publications

Resolved to note the following publications, which had previously been emailed to members:

- VAO Training and Funding – July and August 2025.
- VAO Newsletter – June and August 2025.

10. Any Other Competent Business - Remembrance Day Wreaths

Members considered correspondence regarding purchase of the wreaths for the Remembrance Sunday event, and it was:

Resolved that the Interim Clerk would arrange for two wreaths to be purchased at £37 each, from the General Funds.

11. Dates for Future Meetings

Resolved to note that the next meetings of Evie and Rendall Community Council were scheduled for 24 November 2025 and 2 February 2026.

12. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:18.