

# Minute of the Meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held in the Evie School and via Teams on Monday, 20 April 2026 at 19:30

## Present:

Eoin Marcus, Elizabeth Flett, Colin Gunn, Mark Hull, Duncan Clarke, Fiona Georgeson and Jane Rawle.

## In Attendance:

- Councillor Rachel King.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Jean Stevenson.
- Jackie Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer.
- Lorna Richardson (via Teams), Director, Infrastructure and Organisational Development.
- Dennis Stevenson, Clerk.
- 2 members of the public.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Duncan Tullock.

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minute of meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council held on 2 February 2026 was adopted, being proposed by Liz Flett and seconded by Colin Gunn.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Local Place Plan**

Resolved to note confirmation that there was no further update or Local Authority feedback available and that the Clerk would raise the matter.

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

Members noted the response received from the Orkney Islands Council's Service Manager for Development and Marine Planning, and it was:

Resolved to request the Clerk to enquire as to the estimated costs of erecting a similar sign as displayed at Windwick, South Ronaldsay.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. OIC Briefing Note – Burial Grounds Grass Cutting**

Members considered the OIC Briefing Note on Burial Grounds Grass Cutting, which provided the outcome of the recent consultation with community councils, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **B. Kirkyard Path Moss Treatment**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the response received from the Burial Grounds Officer, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and for the Chairman to make contact with a suitable contractor to explore treatment options.

### **C. OIC – Meet the Buyer Event**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the OIC Meet the Buyer Event, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

### **D. Orkney Marine Planning Update**

Members considered the Orkney Marine Planning Update, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **E. Royal British Legion – Best Kept War Memorial**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the Royal British Legion's Best Kept War Memorial competition, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **F. OIC – Verge Maintenance 2026 Programme**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the OIC Verge Maintenance 2026 Programme, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and request the Clerk to highlight if the Rendall end of the Lyde Road access junction be included in the safety cut category of maintenance subjects.

## **G. Greener Orkney – Bag the Bruck 2026**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the Greener Orkney's Bag the Bruck 2026 Event, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

## **H. Burgar Hill Energy 2026 Community Benefit**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the Burgar Hill Energy 2026 Community Benefit, advising that a payment of £12,481.65 had been received, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and to extend the Community Council's thanks to Burgar Hill Energy for their continued support.

## **I. Thank you notes**

The Clerk advised that thank you letters for financial assistance provided had been received from Rendall Football Club, Rendall Community Association and Evie and Rendall Church, and it was:

Resolved to note the information.

## **5. Consultations**

### **A. 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.

### **B. Harray and Sandwick Community Council – Local Place Plan**

Members considered correspondence in relation to the above, where Harray and Sandwick Community Council were consulting with other neighbouring parishes on their place plan, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence and welcomed Duncan Clarke's offer to consider the contents of the above and respond appropriately.

## **6. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Finance**

Following consideration of the General Fund statement as at 8 April 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £9,538.41.

### **B. Burgar Hill Energy Fund (Former N-Power Fund)**

Following consideration of the Npower Fund statement as at 8 April 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £66,579.61.

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

Following consideration of the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund statement as at 8 April 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £7,659.67.

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

Following consideration of the Hammars Hill Energy Fund statement as at 8 April 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the estimated balance of £53,118.86.

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

After consideration of the Grant Scheme statement as at 8 April 2026, it was:

Resolved to note the main and additional capping limit were both fully allocated for the 2025-2026 financial year.

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

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 8 April 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 8 April 2026, it was:

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

## **7. Financial Requests**

### **A. H Clarke – University Open Days and Auditions**

Duncan Clarke declared an interest in this item and withdrew from discussions.

Following consideration of a request from H Clarke and her daughter to attend three open days and auditions in Liverpool, Brighton and London, it was:

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

### **B. L Savage – School Trip**

Following consideration of a request from L Savage for financial support for a local school Island trip, it was:

Resolved to award £30 from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

### **C. G Spence - Rugby – 28 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 U16s rugby trip to Falkirk, it was:

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

### **D. D McGee - Rugby – Various Trips**

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 Lossiemouth on 28 February 2026, Caithness on 5 March, Dundee on 7 March 2026, Strathmore 14 March 2026 and to Aberdeen on 29 March 2026, it was:

Resolved to award £90 per qualifying application (limited to 4 in each financial quarter per person) which came to a total of £360, from the Bugar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trips.

### **E. K Reid – Gymnastics - 7 March 2026**

Following consideration of correspondence from K Reid requesting financial assistance towards the cost of her daughter attending a competition in Inverness, it was:

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

### **F. G Spence - Rugby – Forfar 7 March 2026 and Dundee 14 March 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 to the above, it was:

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

### **G. Evie and Rendall Ploughing Match Committee**

Following consideration of a request from the above in relation to a financial request to cover public liability insurance, it was:

Resolved to award £102 from General funds towards the application.

### **H. K Lennie - Netball – 13 and 21 February 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 Shetland on 13 February 2026 and Edinburgh on 21 February 2016, it was:

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

### **I. Evie Primary School – Bag the Bruck**

Following consideration of correspondence from the above, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance on behalf of Evie Primary School to undertake the above activity, it was:

Resolved to award grant assistance of £150 plus bus hire cost of £250 from the General Funds.

### **J. Evie and Rendall Church of Scotland- Bag the Bruck**

Following consideration of correspondence from the above, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting financial assistance on behalf of the After School Club to undertake the above activity, it was:

Resolved to award grant assistance of £150 from the General Funds.

### **K. Rendall Football Club – Youth Development**

Following consideration of a request from the above, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance to purchase equipment to develop youth football, it was:

Resolved to award £1,729.88 from the Burgar Hill Energy Fund towards the costs.

### **L. Rendall Community Association – Pitch Maintenance**

Members Eoin Marcus, Mark Hull and Jane Rawle along with the Empowering Communities Liaison Officer declared an interest in this item and left the meeting for discussion and decision to take place for this item and 7M below.

Following consideration of a request from the above, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance to maintain the football pitch, it was:

Resolved to award grant assistance of £2,600 with the Evie and Rendall Community Council contribution coming from the Burgar Hill Energy Funds.

### **M. Rendall Community Association – Robot Mowing**

Following consideration of a request from the above, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance to maintain the football pitch surrounding area, it was:

Resolved to award £2000 from the Burgar Hill Energy Funds.

### **N. Evie School Parent Council – School Trip**

Following consideration of a request from the above, copies of which had previously been circulated, for financial assistance towards the whole school to attend a local beach outing, along with bus hire, it was:

Resolved to award £812 from the Burgar Hill Renewables Fund towards the trip.

## **O. Road Repair Scheme**

### **1. C Stevenson, Sunny Att, Rendall**

Following consideration of a Road Scheme application from C Stevenson, it was:

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

### **2. D Skea, Orquil, Rendall**

Following consideration of a Road Scheme application from D Skea, it was:

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

### **3. K Skea, Wasswick, Rendall**

Following consideration of a Road Scheme application from K Skea, it was:

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

### **4. A.B & J.A Fraser, Westshore, Rendall**

Following consideration of a Road Scheme application from G Fraser, it was:

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

### **5. A Macleod, Hattamoa, Rendall**

Following consideration of a Road Scheme enquiry from A Macleod, it was:

Resolved that a donation of £300 be awarded to road repairs, and that the cost should be met from the Npower Fund, on completion of an application form.

## **8. Publications**

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

- VAO Training and Funding – February 2026.
- VAO Newsletter – February 2026.
- VAO Update and Survey – March 2026.
- Community Payback Unpaid Work Scheme.
- New Powers for Community Councils – Newsletters.
- VAO Training and Funding – March 2026.
- VAO Newsletter – March 2026.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business - Kirkyard Grass Cutting Tenders**

Members were updated on the successful outcome of the recent 2026-2027 grass cutting tender, and it was:

Resolved to note the result of the tender, with the Evie War Memorial cost to be covered from General Funds.

## **10. Dates for Future Meetings**

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Evie and Rendall Community Council had been set for 22 June 2026, and that further 2026 meetings were proposed to take place on the following dates:

- 31 August 2026.
- 23 November 2026.

## **11. Conclusion of meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20:47.