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Skerries Community Council (SCC)
Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on (Friday 13th March 2026)
In Skerries Community Hall

Present:

(P.J) Paul James Chair
(J.H) Janice Hughson Vice Chair
(M.A) Marina Anderson (Teams)
(K.J) Kia James (Minutes)
(M.T) Marina Tait
(D.H) Dianne Hughson (T)
(F.A) Frances Anderson
(N.S) Nicole Sim (T)
(V.M) Violet McQuade (T)
(M.D) Michael Duncan (T)
(J.W) Joyce Williamson
(A.I) Alistair Inkster
(B.A) Bertha Anderson
(J.A) Jilly Ash

In attendance:

None

1) Apologies

(L.H) Lynsey Hall

(R.T) Robert Thompson

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were significant problems with audio from Solarhus affecting the meeting,

2) Declaration of Interest to any agenda Item

None

3) Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting, held on the (13th March 2026) were approved.

Proposed by (J.H), seconded by (F.A).

4) Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting

4.1 P.J to follow up re: culvert. P.J reported there were no updates.

4.2 P.J to send details of residents' feedback re: maintenance post.
This would be a generic post.

4.3 P.J to send Letter of Comfort regarding the bird restoration project.
P.J reported they had been in contact, and they no longer required
a letter at this stage

4.4 R.T to speak to Port Authorities regarding broken mooring chain
on barge. Reverted to next CC meeting

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4.5 K.J to liaise with M.A regarding film crew. This has been shelved for now- Pending,

4.6 V.M to order skip- actioned.

5) Applications for funding

There were two applications for funding from the distribution fund from the Skerries Development Group.

The first for shelving for the waiting room plus sundry fixings at £250.00.

The second for various items for the Kirk amounting to £1999.00.

Both applications have been unanimously agreed.

The tables have already been delivered.

K.J has offered to order the shelves for the waiting room

6) Bird Restoration Project

A discussion was had around the current progress of the project. (No items for update or decision). V.M mentioned that they have suggested visiting Skerries on April 22nd, 2026, to meet the residents. V.M has emailed twice for confirmation, no reply as yet. The community will be updated accordingly.

7) Risks

P.J updated the members regarding risk to pertaining to emergency service provision. Due to current state of the ferries, Scottish Fire and Rescue have stationed a small fire engine in Skerries with view to making it a permanent feature.

8) P.J reported no changes to the issues register.

9) Correspondence Received

V.M stated all circulated.

10) AOCB

10.1 V.M noted that there had been a request for a community run for May 23rd, 2026. It was agreed to send in a request to ferry services.

10.2 A discussion was had re: defibrillators. P.J stated that a request had been placed for an additional NHS DF to be located at the waiting room at the harbour. This was awaiting response.

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- 10.3 V.M mentioned that defibs were discussed at the recent meeting of the ASCC (Association of Shetland Community Councils). Andrew Mayhew and Daniel Mainland attended the meeting. They are pushing for all defibs to be registered and monitored so they are ready and safe to use as and when needed.

They are aiming to set up a database so emergency services know where each defib is.

A.M and D.M will be sharing a list of the current registered defibs and circulating the list to Community Councils. They are also offering to provide training to any Community Councils. We need to get in touch with them if we wish to do so.

M.D says that the training is very straightforward and doesn't take very long.

RE: Additional defibs. Ask A.M and D.M to recommend a good model. Once a model has been identified Michael will help to locate funding sources to help pay for it.

- 10.4 A.I mentioned the issue of small fishing hooks injuring and killing seabirds in the context of the Bird Restoration Project. He agreed to forward the information to P.J.

The meeting concluded at 3.07pm.

14) Date and time of next meeting

Next meeting will be at 2pm Friday 17th April in the Skerries Community Hall

Summary of actions to be updated at next Matter Arising

- **P.J to follow up S.I.C contact re: culvert at burn (Item 4.1)**
- **P.J to send C.S details of jobs/residents' feedback re: maintenance post.(Item 4.2)**
- **R.T to speak to Port Authorities re: broken chain on barge. (Item4.4)**
- **K.J to order shelves for waiting room. (Item 5)**
- **K.J to follow up Bird Restoration Project meeting. (Item 6)**
- **P.J to update and circulate the risk register (Item 7)**

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- **V.M update re: community run May 23rd (Item 10.1)**
- **A.I to forward details of fishing hooks/seabirds to P.J (Item 10.3)**

Chair Signature

Signed.....