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Skerries Community Council (SCC)

Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on (*Friday May 29th 2026*)

In Skerries Community Hall

Present:

Paul James (Chair) (PJ)

Marina Anderson (MA)

Janice Hughson (JH)

Kia James (KJ) (Minutes)

Marina Tait (MT)

Frances Anderson (FA)

Dianne Hughson (DH)

In attendance:

Robert Thompson (RT) Teams

Lynsey Hall (LH) Teams

1) Apologies

Jilly Ash, Michael Duncan.

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Declaration of Interest to any agenda Item

None

3) Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting, held on the (April 17th, 2026), were approved.

Proposed by (MA), seconded by (DH).

4) Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting

4.1 Agenda Item- Seeking agreement for job profile and try to move forward.

4.2. Culvert at the burn has been cleared by Willie.

4.3 Chain on barge. Not much change or progress. RT mentioned again that the barge is not in the jurisdiction of Skerries. Waiting for legal team to give advice.

4.7 Seabirds and hooks. Nothing to add. Discharged.

5.0 Agenda Item. Participatory Budget.

Core funding budget increase for CC's- Will be discussed at next ASCC meeting.

6.0 Updating risk register. Needs to be actioned.

9.2 Ferry timetable. Awaiting response as to maybe ferry leaving earlier on a Thursday.

9.4 Clearance at school. Email has been sent. Waiting to hear back.

9.5 Lifeboat. PJ has spoken to father of the owner. Boat has been drained. MT proposed boat to be moved to fish factory.

9.7 Litter bin at the Post Office. Paul has sent photos to Carl Symonds.

5.0 **Participatory Budgeting**.

Paul spoke with MD. No additional funding is available from SIC.

MT mentioned that PB was an extra funding source last time- separate from the core funding for the CC.

LH mentioned different funding sources available for PB.

MT mentioned funding for the Kirk.

6.0) **Community Handyman Job**

CS waiting for contact and approval from Skerries community re: Job description.

MT mentioned that the rubbish collection would need including in the job.

PJ raised concern as to who would be the Handyman's line manager/who would we report to as a community if there was a problem with the work done here.

RT mentioned that CS was the line manager @ Fetlar.

7.0) **Council Housing**

Will be discussed with the attendance of Luke Frazer and Davie Campbell (Community Led Housing) at the next CC meeting. Was July 10th – now rescheduled for July 17th.

8.0) **Risks**

Need updating and changing.

DH mentioned Fire Engine as to its status.

PJ to contact Matt Mason.

9.0) **Issues**

Static. PJ stated there are issues around resilience for the island pending the removal of the 999 service.

A discussion was had about power cuts/resilience/satellite phones and planning for difficult times. Food security/ hot meals at the hall (in times of crisis) were also spoken about. LH mentioned there is a fund available for resilience put forward by SSEN. She said that we would maybe be able to apply for a generator. An emergency plan would need to be created to move this forward with applying for funding.

RT mentioned about Yell as an example of island-wide resilience and planning. He spoke about Yell having a VHF radio and back up food in their community hall.

All folk at the meeting agreed that resilience/emergency planning is important to focus on and needs to be implemented. MA mentioned that it is very lonely for folk here when the island is cut off and in crisis.

PJ to address resilience with SDG and Skerries development plano to potentially make a cross-group paper to cover both groups.

10) **Correspondence received**

All circulated.

11) **AOCB**

Next CC Meeting date changed to July 17th.

DH mentioned about the dog fouling on the airstrip. She suggested that signs could be improved.

MT mentioned about dogs in the waiting room. A sign would be beneficial to state that assistance dogs and guide dogs only are welcome.

Wireless Connectivity. PJ waiting to hear about an update as to the previously explored option of having Starlink satellite internet for the waiting room. Also waiting to hear as to obtaining a router for Council Ferry Wi Fi.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 2.00 pm on Friday, 17th July 2026.

The meeting concluded at 1445.

Actions:

Paul:

To contact Matt Mason re: Fire Engine

To look at resilience /emergency planning for other islands with a view to shaping up one for Skerries.

Follow up ferry timetable – possibly reverse for the Heritage Day. Poss also investigating ferry leaving earlier on a Thursday.