This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting.

Skerries Community Council (SCC)

Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on (October 9th, 2026)

In Skerries Community Hall

Present:

Paul James (Chair) (PJ)

Marina Tait (MT)

Robert Thompson (RT) (T)

Violet McQuade (VM) (T)

Dianne Hughson (DH) (T)

Frances Anderson (FA) (T)

Kia James (KJ) Clerk

1) Apologies

Marina Anderson, Lynsey Hall, Michael Duncan, Janice Hughson, Bertha Anderson

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 (21st August 2026), were approved.

Proposed by (MT), seconded by (FA).

4) Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting

4.1 Risk log- sent.

4.2 Visit to Scottish Sea Farms arranged for 27th October.

6) Funding

KJ shared the following updated funding available:

£7,022 (SCBF)

£6,759 (SCBF)

£ 209 (SCBF CPI additional increase adjustment for 26/27)

Total:

£13,988 (SCBF)

Skerries Core Funding:

£3,000 total.

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6) Risks

Separate session to be held. Open invitation to discuss risks and issues.

Two hours maximum.

7) Issues

None.

8) Correspondence Received

All circulated electronically. Draft minutes and next meeting agenda will also be printed out and put in the waiting room.

9) AOCB

a) Re: **SSF**: DH sought clarification regarding the voting protocol for accepting the SSF industry in Skerries.

PJ mentioned that Theresa Garzan is the new contact for communications at SSF.

PJ to find out what the voting protocol is and report back to community.

RT stated that the island can put in a formal objection to SSF and move the issue to the Planning Committee for further discussion. If the CC agrees, RT mentioned that we could put in a formal objection.

b) DH added jobs to the **Maintenance Man** post for Carl Symons:

Cutting verges, dog waste collection, cattle grids, painting benches and setting them out, rubbish collection.

c) Fishing Store: Void topic. Electricity work has been completed, and PJ has let the SDG know.
MT thanked PJ for liaising with the appropriate folk to get the lifeboat removed. She asked about removal and safety of the trailer which is currently a potential health and safety issue for tourists and residents.

d) Meeting Dates CC 2027 were approved. KJ to circulate.

e) PJ discussed the main objectives of his attending the giving of evidence (online) for Scottish Parliament. He gave evidence on the topic of Transport Links and was there on behalf of and to represent the entirety of the Northern Isles. PJ noted that there were not very many service users giving feedback at this event and that he was asked at very short notice to take part. There was a disproportionate ratio of industry CEOs to folk that use the travel options; in this case Loganair/NorthLink. PJ has complied a report for the ASCC of his notes and experience of this meeting.

f) ASCC: PJ reported that Shane Mc Cloud has stepped down as Chair of ASCC. PJ has been asked to do the role and step up. He asked members for consent. Consent was granted.

g) CC MEETINGS: PJ and members are looking at moving the CC meetings to the Heritage Centre. This is pending applying for equipment to include: TV, laptop, conferencing equipment and star link internet for resilience.

h) MT mentioned about the WHP community funding in lieu of the 4G mast. This is approximately £13,000. An exact figure yet to be disclosed as a discussion is needed with a Man.

Meeting closed at 14.47

Actions:

Paul:

1) Circulate SP transport evidence to community.
2) Organise a separate meeting for discussing risk register.
3) Contact Carl Symons with updated job description.
4) PJ to speak to Theresa Garzan re: voting protocol for the community and SSF.

Date and time of the next meeting to be Friday January 08, 2027, at 2pm in the Community Hall of Out Skerries.