

Skerries Community Council

Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on Friday, 26th August 2022

in Skerries Community Hall

Members present:

Douglas Anderson (Chair)
Bertha Anderson
Frances Anderson
Marina Anderson
Janice Hughson
Marina Tait

In attendance:

Violet McQuade, Clerk (notes).
Pat Christie, SIC Community & Development Officer

1) Apologies

Michael Duncan and Robert Thomson.

2) Declaration of Interest to any Agenda Item

Chairman asked for declaration of interests:

Marina A asked if she should declare an interest for item number five on the agenda, as she is the Chair of the Skerries Development Group (SDG). After discussion it was agreed that it was not necessary for her to declare an interest – Skerries having such a small population means that several members of the community are on both committees, therefore situations like this cannot be avoided. No other query arose regarding declaration of interest, so none were recorded.

3) Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 1st July 2022, were approved.
Proposed by Marina Anderson, seconded by Janice Hughson.

4) Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting

- Clerk write a reply to letter/Contact member of IWSP to ask for clarity
No reply has been forthcoming. The next IWSP meeting is scheduled for Monday, 29th August. Clerk to bring this up at that meeting again.
- Douglas to further investigate solar panel/generator power
Douglas gave an overview of the information he has gathered so far on the proposed scheme. As this will be a SDG matter it will be discussed at a future SDG meeting.
- Clerk to contact WHP Telecoms re mast
Nothing further to add at this point.

Other matters arising to be dealt with on the agenda.

5) Ferry

5.1 From information received it appears that the new proposed timetable, which was submitted on behalf of the Skerries community, is going to be implemented when the winter timetable commences on the 3rd October 2022. The Clerk has already asked for confirmation that this is the case, so far there has been no reply; as no information to the contrary has been received it is hopeful that the timetable that the community asked for will therefore be applied.

6) Kirkyard

6.1 The contract for fixing the leaning gravestones is currently out to tender. It is hoped that the contract will be awarded to a successful bidder sometime during September.

6.2 Douglas has been in contact with a contractor who would be willing to come to Skerries to erect a gravestone, and who would also be willing to repaint lettering on gravestones.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting.

A notice will be displayed asking for anyone who wishes to get any gravestone lettering repainted to get in touch with Marina Anderson, who will collate the information and pass it on to the contactor.

7) Road – Funding

7.1 The Clerk asked if the Community Council would be interested in finding out about applying for funding to get a section of the path fixed at the west end of the park. It was agreed that the Clerk would make inquiries about this.

Action: Clerk enquire about funding for path

8) Application from Skerries Development Group

8.1 An application for £2,000 from the Distribution Fund has been submitted by the SDG. The money is to be used to apply for planning permission for the six interpretative boards that are to be erected in Skerries. Making and installing the boards is being funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

After discussion a vote was held. The application for funding was voted through by all members of the Committee with voting rights.

9) IWSP

9.1 The Clerk asked if there was anyone who would accompany her to the meeting, which is due to be held on Monday, 29th August 2022 – 3.00 to 4.30 pm. There were no volunteers; Pat Christie will be attending the meeting to support the Clerk.

10) Correspondence Received

All correspondence has been circulated electronically.

11) AOCB

No further business was discussed.

12) Date of the next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 6th October 2022.

Proposed date for further meeting during 2022 - 17th November.

Chair Signature

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