

Skerries Community Council

Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on Friday, 19th May 2023

In Skerries Community Hall

Present:

Frances Anderson
Marina Anderson
Janice Hughson
Marina Tait

In attendance:

Violet McQuade, Clerk (notes)

1) Apologies

Douglas Anderson, Bertha Anderson and Roselyn Fraser.

Due to the Filla being in for a refit, and the Fivla breaking down, the ferry is currently operating on a very reduced service; the Chair could not get to Skerries to attend today's meeting, the Vice Chair is also unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, in the absence of a Chair and Vice Chair it was agreed to nominate a Chair for this meeting only. Marina Anderson was nominated by Frances Anderson; this was seconded by Janice Hughson. It was unanimously agreed that Marina Anderson would chair the meeting.

Marina Tait (present) agreed to be an additional member of the committee - as an Associate Member. This was unanimously approved by all members present; Marina Tait will be added to the committee as an Associate Member.

2) Declaration of Interest to any agenda Item

Chairperson asked for declaration of interests – there were no declarations of interest.

3) Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 2023, were approved.
Proposed by Marina Anderson, seconded by Janice Hughson.

4) Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting

4.1 Request hurdles for the play area

The Clerk has been in touch with the relevant council department. The reply to the query was that this had been already discussed some time ago, and that along with some new posts and wire fencing, hurdles were discussed as part of a solution to stop sheep passing through the play area. There's a fair bit of fencing required initially, so no point sending up hurdles until the fencing has been erected.

The will look into this and see if it can be arranged for someone to carry out the fencing works. They would probably clear away any bruck and move the equipment bin at the same time.

4.2 Request chill box be repaired or replaced

In response to an email sent by the Clerk, requesting that the chill box on the Filla either be repaired or replaced – for the safe transport of frozen goods to Skerries, she was informed that a chest freezer would be installed in the passenger lounge of the Filla. All necessary arrangements have been made, and the work will be done during refit, which is currently underway.

4.3 Inform SCBF of the outcome of Application number 180406

This has been done. This item is now closed.

4.4 Inform SCBF that there were no nominees for taking part in Directors meetings

This has been done. This item is now closed.

4.5 Find out if anyone interested in joining the SCC Committee

The Clerk circulated an email to everyone in Skerries, that an email address is held for, asking if anyone would be interested in joining the SCC Committee, as an Associate Member. So far there have been no replies. At the weekend a notice was sent to be displayed in the shops. With the ferry breaking down she was not sure if this ever got through – Janice confirmed that she had got the notice. So far, no one has registered an interest.

4.6 User-friendly bins

This is still ongoing. Douglas has been trying to contact the relevant staff member, so far without success. The Clerk will attempt to get in touch with a staff member in the next few days, and ask them to contact Douglas.

Action: Clerk to try again to engage with council re user-friendly bins

5) SCC Accounts 2022/2023

The Accounts for 2022/2023, which were circulated prior to the meeting, were approved. Proposed by Marina Anderson, seconded by Janice Hughson.

The £1,000, for help with getting broadband in the hall, has now been transferred into the hall bank account. Members of the hall committee have been informed.

An application for Distribution Fund money (£3,000), as well as money to pay for the hire of skips (£1,000), has been submitted. So far, there is no information on whether any of these applications will be granted. Also, the grant money has still not come through. As there is only £273.26 in the bank account, the Clerk informed members that it would not be possible to book any skips at this time.

6) Correspondence Received

All correspondence has been circulated.

6.1 Islands With Small Populations (IWSP) event

An email was circulated to members regarding an IWSP event, this will be an 'in person day', which is to take place in Islesburgh Community Centre, on the 23rd June. The Clerk asked if anyone was interested in attending this. Douglas has said he is willing to attend. As the organisers have provisionally booked three people on the ferry, and one car, it was decided to find out if anyone in the wider community would be willing to attend. The Clerk will circulate the email to all of the residents.

Action: Clerk to inform residents of IWSP In Person event

7) AOCB

7.1 Marker buoy in the South Mouth

The Clerk sent an email asking if there was anything happening with fixing the marker buoy in the South Mouth. The answer was that they are aware of this, and are looking at options to reinstate the buoy just now. It's in a really tricky location, and by no means easy, but it is hoped that it will be replaced during the summer.

7.2 Watch Hut

Marina Tait gave an update on what is happening with the watch hut. This will be discussed at the next Skerries Development Group (SDG) meeting.

7.3 Kirk

There was an update on the situation with the kirk. This will be discussed at a SDG meeting.

8) Proposed date of the next meeting: 30th June 2023

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on the 30th June. The meeting will be held in Skerries Community Hall.

Actions – Clerk:

- Circulate IWSP email
- Contact council staff re user-friendly bins

Proposed dates for 2023 meetings:

			September	22 nd	2023
June	30 th	2023	November	3 rd	2023
August	11 th	2023	December	15 th	2023

Chair Signature

Signed.....