

Skerries Community Council

Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on Friday, 7th April 2023

In Skerries Community Hall

Present:

Douglas Anderson
Bertha Anderson
Marina Anderson
Janice Hughson

In attendance:

Violet McQuade, Clerk (notes)

1) Apologies

Frances Anderson, Roselyn Fraser, Marina Tait, Robert Thomson.

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 24th February 2023, were approved.

Proposed by Marina Anderson, seconded by Janice Hughson.

4) Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting

4.1 Send request to Janice W, for dates of when she will be away from Skerries

The Clerk requested information on the dates that the Health Care Support Worker would be away from Skerries, with the proviso that the information would then be circulated to all Skerries residents. The information was received and circulated. This item is now closed.

4.2 Request to School Estates to move storage box

The Clerk asked the relevant department of the council if the storage box outside the school could be moved to nearer the multi-court. After submitting photos of the box to School Estates, they have agreed that the box can be moved. A member of staff from the relevant department will arrange for the box to be moved to near the multi-court entrance.

It was also decided that a request should be submitted for the hurdles, that were promised a while ago, to be sent to Skerries. This had been discussed a few years ago, and the hurdles were to be sent to Skerries, but have never arrived. They were to be placed around the play area near the school, to keep sheep away.

Action: Clerk to request hurdles for the play area

4.3 Send a further request to Waste Management, asking for more user-friendly bins

After receiving no reply to two emails that were sent to staff at Waste Management, the Clerk contacted a councillor, who has followed this up. It was agreed that the Chair of Skerries Community Council could phone the relevant member of staff to discuss which bins would be most appropriate for Skerries. Douglas has been trying to contact the relevant staff member, so far without success. This is still ongoing.

4.4 Request Ferry Operations to arrange cold food storage unit/box on the ferry

The Clerk sent a message to Ferry Operations requesting freezer facilities for frozen shop goods being transported to Skerries. The response was that there is already a large, good quality freezer in the passenger saloon of the Filla. After discussion it was agreed that although the freezer in the passenger saloon is good, working and adequate for passengers frozen goods, it

is not suitable for shop goods. Shop goods require a larger space for storage. There used to be a large white chill box, but this box has been broken for some time.

It was agreed for the Clerk to request the white cool box to be either repaired or replaced. A chest freezer would be suitable, a polystyrene box could be put into a chest freezer, so the ferry crew would not be required to unpack and repack frozen goods.

Action: Clerk to request chill box be repaired or replaced

4.5 Ask Ferry Operations about reserving two places on Monday afternoon ferry

The Clerk sent a request to Ferry Operations asking about the possibility of two spaces being reserved for Skerries cars on the Monday afternoon ferry from Laxo to Whalsay. It was felt that if the places were not needed for Skerries cars then unbooked vehicles travelling to Whalsay could still use the spaces.

The reply from Ferry Operations was that, for a number of operational and technical reasons, they are unable at this time to reduce the number of bookable spaces on an individual run, but the matter will be referred to Transport Planning colleagues for their consideration. This is still ongoing.

4.6 Send email to Ferry operations/NHS Personnel regarding problems with the transport of medication to Skerries

The Clerk was in contact with the Chief Nurse and Chief Pharmacy Officer regarding the problems there had been with getting medication transported to Skerries. Information came back from both of the NHS staff who were contacted. Part of the solution was to dispense an extra months prescription, this will cut down on the likelihood of patients running out of medication. All relevant information received was circulated to Skerries residents. This item has been completed, but will be looked at again if the need arises.

5) Application from Skerries Community Hall (received 13th March 2023)

After discussion it was agreed to approve the application from Skerries Community Hall for £1,000 from the Distribution Fund, to help get broadband installed in the hall. The need for connectivity in the hall has become even more essential now that there is no phone connection in the hall. Also, it will make it much easier to hold meetings in the Skerries Hall; if attendees cannot get to Skerries in person they would be able to join meetings remotely.

6) AGS Application from The Outpost – Ref No: 180406

After discussion it was decided to reject this request for funding. It is hoped to be able to use the money for the benefit of the Skerries Community. The Clerk will inform staff at Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) of the decision.

Action: Clerk to inform SCBF of the outcome

7) Correspondence Received

All correspondence has been circulated electronically.

8) AOCB

8.1 SCC representation at SCBF

A request came from the SCBF asking if there is anyone that SCC could put forward to represent Skerries on the Board of Directors. Does SCC have a nominee to put forward or an observer who would like to attend our monthly meetings? Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. No representative was nominated. The Clerk will inform SCBF.

Action: Clerk to inform SCBF that there were no nominees

8.2 Summer Timetable

After discussion, it was decided that SCC had no comments on the summer timetable, which was circulated to the committee two days ago.

8.3 New Members for SCC

It was agreed to try and recruit some new members for Skerries Community Council. The Clerk will look into the procedures, and then circulate the information to Skerries residents to find out if anyone would be willing to join the committee.

Action: Clerk to follow up

- 9) **Date of the next meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Skerries Community Hall on Friday, 19th May 2023. A discussion was held on the probability that the meeting may be brought forward. Information on any change of date or venue will be circulated as appropriate.

Actions – Clerk:

- Request hurdles for the play area
- Request chill box be repaired or replaced
- Inform SCBF of the outcome of Application number 180406
- Inform SCBF that there were no nominees for taking part in Directors meet
- Find out if anyone interested in joining the SCC Committee

Proposed dates for 2023 meetings:

May	19 th	2023	September	22 nd	2023
June	30 th	2023	November	3 rd	2023
August	11 th	2023	December	15 th	2023

Chair Signature

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