

Skerries Community Council
Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on Friday, 20th January 2023
Meeting was held remotely, through Webex

Present:

Bertha Anderson (Chair)
Marina Anderson
Janice Hughson

In attendance:

Violet McQuade, Clerk (notes)
Roselyn Fraser, SIC Community & Development Officer.

1) Apologies

Douglas Anderson, Frances Anderson, Michael Duncan, 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, which was held on the 9th December 2022, were approved.
Proposed by Marina Anderson, seconded by Bertha Anderson.

4) Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting

There were no outstanding matters arising.

7) Correspondence Received

All correspondence has been circulated electronically.

8) AOCB

8.1 Kirkyard drainage

The kirkyard has been in a particularly bad state recently, with graves getting saturated with water. It was felt that this issue should be addressed as soon as possible. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would submit a request for the yard to be drained as soon as possible.

8.2 Possibility of recommencing GP visits to Skerries

A discussion was held on the possibility of getting regular visits from the Whalsay/Skerries doctor. This would give patients the opportunity to attend their GP without having to arrange travel on four ferry trips – to Laxo and on to Whalsay, and back. This would be especially beneficial for older members of the population. It was suggested that a visit every six to eight weeks would be good, if possible. In the past the doctor came to Skerries to see patients, but this has not happened in a long time. The last time the doctor was in Skerries he only stayed until 12.30 pm, so he did not have time to see all the patients who needed to see him. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit a request for visits from the Whalsay/Skerries GP.

8.3 Disposal of old cars

It was proposed that a ferry community run could be arranged for the disposal of old cars. First, a message should be sent around to gauge interest, and find out how many cars would need to be disposed of. It was agreed that the Clerk would send out an email to determine if there are enough cars waiting for disposal to confirm that a community run is needed to get rid of them.

8.4 Connectivity in the Community Hall

There is no confirmation if a broadband signal in the Community Hall is possible. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Hall Committee to ask if this is any further forward.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting.

8.5 Skip hire

After discussion it was agreed that a small skip could be ordered to come to Skerries in February.

- 9) **Date of the next meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Skerries Community Hall on Friday, 24th February 2023.

Actions – Clerk:

- Contact Burial Services re kirkyard drainage
- Contact NHS re GP visits
- Email community re disposal of old cars
- Contact Hall Committee re broadband

Proposed dates for 2023 meetings:

February	24 th	2023
April	7 th	2023
May	19 th	2023
June	30 th	2023

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

Chair Signature

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