

# Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 14 January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest  
G Morrison  
Mrs S Deyell  
A Johnston  
J D Garrick  
Ex officio: Cllr T Smith  
Cllr S Coutts  
In attendance: PC B Mulholland  
Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Bennett, Mrs J Fraser, Ms D Nicolson, Cllr C Hughson and Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr T Smith, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, declared an interest in the Planning applications.

**MINUTES & HEADLINES:** The minutes and headlines of the meeting held on 10 December 2018, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved, subject to the following amendment:-  
“Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: Ms D Nicolson, prior to becoming a Community Council member, had placed a petition in the Bixter shop regarding the speed of traffic through Tresta. A number of people had signed it and she presented it to the Community Council. This will be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Environment & Transportation” should read “Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: Ms D Nicolson, prior to becoming a Community Council member, had placed a petition in the Bixter shop regarding the speed of traffic through Tresta. A number of people had signed it and it may be presented to the Community Council when it will be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Environment & Transportation”.

Moved by Mr J D Garrick, seconded by Mr G Morrison.

**BUSINESS ARISING: Police Report:** PC B Mulholland gave the monthly report and only a few incidents had occurred in this area. He then told of the rollout of the use of tasers across Scotland. He enquired whether the members had any issues and reminded them that, if they do, they do not have to wait until a meeting is held to raise the matter but can contact the Police at any time.

The Clerk had received an email from Sgt D King requesting the dates of the Community Council meetings for this year. The details had been forwarded to him.

**Planning:** Planning lists: Planning lists available on <http://pa.shetland.gov.uk>.

**Broadband:** Nothing to report.

**Mobile phone coverage:** Nothing to report.

**Road Matters:** Road past Garderhouse: Nothing further.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: Concern was again expressed. The Petition has not yet been presented to the Community Council.

Roads Reports: Weekly reports were received from Mr John Johnson at the Roads Dept and had been circulated to the members.

Moving of bus shelter at Tresta: Mr G Morrison and Mr J D Garrick had met with Mr Ian Smith from the Roads Dept to discuss this problem and are hopeful that a solution will be found.

Speed of traffic passing Bixter: Analysis of this data not yet received.

Grids at Skeld: A reply was received from Mr N Hutcheson at the Roads Dept saying the SIC are always keen to reduce the number of grids. There is a statutory process to go through and this Community Council will be contacted in due course.

A further suggestion was received from a member of the community that the unfenced stretch of road could be fenced which would mean that the Westerskeld grid could also be removed. This suggestion will be forwarded to the Roads Dept for consideration.

**Funding:** Details of some funding opportunities were again received from Mr M Duncan.

**Facebook Page:** Mrs S Deyell is keeping the page up to date and adding various items.

**Proposed Joint Community Choices Grant application with S&WCC:** Reply received from Sandness & Walls Community Council Clerk saying that he will pass on to the members that we agree with their suggestion.

**Marine Planning application:** 2018/008/MAR To develop a new Atlantic salmon farm comprising twelve 100m-circumference cages and a 10m-diameter c-cap feed barge (replacement for an existing salmon farm consented by planning permission refs 2004/1012/RF and 2015/037/MAR, and as part of a wider proposal to consolidate three existing salmon farms in Gruting Voe into two larger farms) by Cooke Aquaculture.

Discussed again and, as no comments had been received from anyone in this area, no objections were raised.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRAINING:** Members were reminded that their questionnaires must be completed and returned to Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer, by 1 February.

**RESILIENCE IN SHETLAND TO COPE WITH BAD WEATHER:** Members discussed what resilience measures have been put in place to cope with any bad weather during the winter. Emergency Planning has various schemes in place.

Cllr T Smith left the room.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** The following planning applications were considered and comments made:-

2018/029/MAR To remove existing mussel rafts and replace with 5 x 150m twin-headline longlines for the production of mussels at Suthra Voe, Vementry by John Michael Laurenson. No objections.

2018/241/PPF To demolish existing building and erect new dwelling house at Skeotaing, Clousta, Bixter by Mr Allen Duncan. Considered and welcomed.

2018/367/PPF To construct dwelling house with ASHP at Forceon, Twatt, Bixter by Mr Robert Abernethy. Considered and welcomed.

2018/364/PPF Erect dwellinghouse with access and septic tank, site to north of Old Schoolhouse, Sandsound, Tresta by Mr Brendan Leask. Considered and welcomed.

Cllr T Smith returned.

**DATA PROTECTION**: A reminder to renew the Community Council Data Protection registration was received and the fee of £40 will be settled.

**FINANCE**: Notices requesting applications for financial assistance will be displayed. The closing date will be 6 February and the applications will be considered at our February meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**: The next meeting will be held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 11 February 2018.

Chairman .....John Priest..... Date .....11-02-19.....