

**NESTING AND LUNNASTING COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL**

The Community Council met on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 by WebEx at 7.30pm due to COVID 19 guidance.

**1.0 PRESENT-** Mr Willie Simpson (Chair) Ms Elizabeth Colley

Mrs Chris Leask

Mr Alistair Laurenson

Mr Iain Malcolmson

Ex officio: Cllr A Cooper

In Attendance Mrs E Ganson Clerk

**2.0 APOLOGIES** received from Mr M Duncan, Mr D Stevenson, and Cllr E MacDonald.

**3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Simpson and Mr Laurenson declared an interest at Item 9 Planning.

**4.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING- Thursday 3rd December 2020**

Agreed as correct on a motion by Mrs Leask and seconded by Mr Malcolmson.

**5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTE of meeting Thursday 24 September 2020**

None to note.

**6.0 BEATRICE WISHART MSP**

Beatrice Wishart joined the meeting and was introduced to those who had joined the meeting.

The reason for the letter she sent out in October was to get to know how communities were coping and also

how Community Councils were coping with issues due to COVID. Mr Simpson said that the Community Council had not been involved with any of the funding which had been available, as the Community Development Company in Nesting and the Lunnasting Hall had handled applications and both got money for the communities.

Beatrice advised that she has been working on cases with high electricity bills, difficulties with suppliers, and tariffs.

There are also problems with inability to change supplier. People have been home more and are paying more attention to bills.

Broadband issues were discussed as there are difficulties with people working from home and children having to do home schooling. Iain Malcolmson said that his area in North Nesting is poor.

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Elizabeth Colley said mobile phone coverage is poor in some places in South Nesting, particularly the school and hall.

Everyone agreed that connectivity is a very important issue for everybody.

Cllr Cooper advised there is an announcement out today which states there are more masts going up in Shetland, he will get the content out to us as soon as he has it. He advised that plans are in place to get broadband to the more remote islands.

Chris Leask mentioned the need for awareness of scammers, and asked if Beatrice could help with that.

Willie Simpson thanked Beatrice Wishart for attending the meeting, in turn Beatrice asked that we get in touch if there are issues which she can give assistance with.

## **7.0 POLICE REPORT**

No report to note.

## **8.0 FINANCES**

Nothing received.

## **9.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**2020/201/PPF**-Creation of 100m x 80m compacted stone platform and siting of batching plant and associated facilities at Hill of Flamister by J Watt.

Mr Malcolmson highlighted the fact that the plant was being moved from the original location. This was discussed and it was agreed to object to this application as this is moving the batching plant which differs from the original plan.

## **10.0 SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND (SCBF) Update**

Mr Laurenson advised that papers are due out to Community Councils and have to be signed and returned.

Applications for grants are underway, these are being handled wholly by SCBF administration.

## **11.0 BT PAYPHONE at Benston Nesting**

Eva had had an email from the Development Company Nesting asking what the Community Councils position was regarding the phone box. Eva replied that the Community Council supported the local group who had expressed an interest in purchasing the box.

## **12.0 ASCC Meeting - 9 March 2021**

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No agenda items for this.

### **13.0 AOCB**

#### **Roads Service**

Elizabeth Colley asked that Roads Service be asked about crash barriers being erected at Newing when you are coming from North Nesting. This will be passed to Roads Service.

#### **Community Council Membership**

Eva has received an enquiry from a resident in North Nesting about joining the Community Council, there is also another person interested. There are 2 vacancies. This will be put on the agenda for the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### **13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 using WebEx.**

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm.**