

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 28th January 2021 by remote video conference

This minute is unapproved until adopted at the next meeting of BCC

Present:

Alistair Christie-Henry
Shirley Gifford
Sally Christie-Henry
Stephen Leask
Dee Henderson

In Attendance:

Amanda Sinclair (Clerk)

Introduction:

Chairman opened the Video Conference and made sure that attendees on Zoom were able to hear and were able to see other.

Agenda Items

1. Apologies:

Michael Duncan
Pat Christie
Bill Jones
Amanda McCarthy

2. Declaration of Interest:

Chairman asked for declaration of interests - none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 10 December 2020, previously circulated to members. The minutes were approved, proposed by Shirley and seconded by Sally.

4. Matters arising (actions not elsewhere on agenda):

AP1: & AP2: CAB Information and survey on Facebook page and Skip photos to Michael Duncan and on Facebook page. This is now been tasked to Clerk Amanda Sinclair

1. Action: Clerk

AP3: Ownership of Woodland site

This is to be kept open.

2. Action Kevin/Pat/Sally

AP5: Quotes for Quarry Cleanings:

Chairman explained that so far he had been unable to access the CC laptop and access the files and forms for the roads maintenance programs.

3. Action: Chairman

AP7: Adoption of Kiosk at Roadside:

The adoption of the phone box at Ham to continue, additionally Clerk was asked to include an enquiry about the kiosk at the shop.

4. Action: Clerk

5. Member and visitors report:

Councillor Stephen Leask reported that at the full council meeting on 20 January he had brought up the subject again of better Health care and nurse facilities for the Island and for assurance that any cuts within the NHS would not affect the Bressay Community.

It was suggested that when restrictions are eased a meeting with the community council and NHS should be arranged to enquire how far advanced is the Caring for Bressay project and to look at possible venues for a drop in health care center on the Island in the meanwhile.

6. Infrastructure Update:

White lines/disabled parking at ferry terminal.

The Chairman reported that he had just had a meeting with the Ports and Harbours civil engineer to discuss the requirements and was waiting on her report with layout drawings to verify requirements.

Members noted that work has not begun yet on the Gunnista road and the clearing of the cattle grids. Chairman reiterated that this work was scheduled to commence once the contractor had finished a roads project on the Mainland.

Sally said she was concerned that the restricted ferry timetable that had been in place during January had been done so with no consultation to ascertain the communities needs, and that the first ferry had been 7.30 instead of 7am. The chairman stated the timetable had been dictated by the ferry crew and ferry operations and had yet again been imposed on the community without any consultation on the actual needs.

Steven Leask said he was disappointed no consultations had taken place

Members noted that the normal timetable is coming back into effect on 1 Feb 2021.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 No Grant applications received

7.2 For Consideration:

Michael Duncan sent contact details for Robbie McGregor to be passed to Bill Jones about the war memorial.

Bill passed on message that due to Covid restrictions the archives were closed so his research was on hold for present and he would resume with the project when he could.

Three letters reporting concerns regarding the imposed ferry restrictions had been received from members of the public concerning the ferry service restrictions. Chairman informed that he had made several calls appealing the restrictions all to no avail. Letters to be appended to the minute as Appendix A, B & C

Correspondence from SIC Planning re planning permission for house at Goose Park, no objections raised. The Chairman said he was happy to see someone build and bring a family to the Island

8. Financial Report:

No transactions on the account. Paperwork to add signatures and change of address is still an ongoing issue. Bank forms for change of signature, address final obtained these will be passed from the Chairman to Amanda to get complete and forward to the bank.

5. Action: Amanda

The bill for skips is been requested from the SIC but still waiting for this to arrive, Amanda to contact SIC and change address for billings **6. Action: Amanda**

There is an unspent sum of £3,000 grant money, this money needs to be allocated and spent before 31 March 2021, or it will have to be repaid

9. Any Other Business:

Community council laptop – former Clerk did not give password with the laptop and when he was finally traced and contacted he could not remember it. The laptop will therefore have to go to GTS to get reset **7: Action: Amanda**

10. Location and date of next meeting:

The next, **on line**, meeting of BCC will be held on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.15 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date