

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A virtual meeting of the above Community Council was held on Zoom on Monday 1st February 2021 at 7pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. R. Black
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mrs. M. Garnier
Miss N. Fullerton

Apologies

Miss A. Williamson
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. Michael Duncan, SIC

In Attendance

Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I Scott
Cllr. M. Lyall
Mrs. Roselyn Fraser, SIC

Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest

Niall O'Rourke declared an interest in connection with item 4(b) - Planning Application Ref: 2020/140/PPF.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 30th November 2020 were approved by Mhairi Garnier and Niall O'Rourke.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) War Memorial, Bridge End

Niall had spoken with Gary Laurenson as he had received quotes for the work to the memorial when this was looked into a few years ago. One of them had now retired and Ross Leask was the one who provided the other quote. A pre-application had been submitted some time ago to the War Memorial Trust and the reply had come back advising that we now needed to submit a full application along with three quotes. As this will all take time and hinder the work again (and will only be part funded), it was agreed to push on and try to look at sorting the base of the memorial this year and do the lettering another year. Niall will look into get quotes and then try to source funding elsewhere.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(b) Streetlights – Brough

Mervyn Smith, SIC, advised previously that they are behind schedule due to the pandemic and there is no timescale. Both streetlights at Brough will be replaced and they also have ones to replace at North Toogs and Sunnybanks. These will all be done at the same time. (This item will be kept on the minutes until the work is completed.)

(c) Access road to Playgroup

Neil Hutcheson, SIC, had replied to advise the outcome of the meeting with Shona Thompson and Robert Sinclair. The grid and the gate on the east access into the school are to be removed during the Easter holidays. He said that the school will then try again to encourage

parents to use the existing parking at the Hall and the Church. The success or otherwise of this will be assessed at the end of the summer term (provided Covid-19 restrictions are lifted). He pointed out that should this trial prove to be unsuccessful then a business case will be prepared for formalised parking, kerbed footpaths and possibly calming measures, if considered necessary, at the west gaet. He said this would not be a lengthy process as the funding required only needed a minimum of business cases. The members did not see how removing the grid and the gate would make any difference to the situation as this is not a health and safety issue, and the school has already asked parents to pick up/drop off children at that side of the school and this has made no difference. It was also suggested that the Playgroup should monitor how many cars are still using the road, who do not have children attending the Playgroup, after the grid and gate have been removed to see if there is any change. The Clerk was asked to pass on these comments to Neil Hutcheson and thank him for the reply.

ACTION: Clerk

(d) Paths for cyclists/pedestrians – Active Travel Strategy

It was reported that the consultation went ahead in December. There will be an audit of areas in Shetland and what areas qualify. The Strategy is in final draft and will go to Zetrans for approval. Cllr Lyall advised that there is a Zetrans meeting on 18th February.

(e) Closure of W & J Gray Daycare

It was reported that nothing is happening with this at the moment because of Covid-19. They were to come back to it. Emma MacDonald, Chair of Care, said that consultation would need to be done in community.

(f) Gravestone – Nurse MacDonald

Stephen Duncan at Shetland Memorials was asked to proceed with the work as quoted. There was no further update on this.

(g) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

BT have no plans to remove this phone box as the phone is still in working order, but they will repair and clean the phone box. The door is missing and it is in a terrible state inside. The Clerk is to report this to BT.

ACTION: Clerk

(h) Gate at Papal cattle grid

This has now been fixed.

(i) Scottish Government's Supporting Communities Funding

The Clerk advised that we still have £465.16 left from this funding. This needs to be spent by 31st March 2021. A suggestion was put forward to purchase sanitizing units for local bus shelters. The Clerk was asked to contact SIC Transport to see their views on this and if they would be willing to install them.

ACTION: Clerk

(j) Community Council Advance Grant Scheme (SCBF)

Further information had just been received on the above. The SCBF have now agreed the final arrangements for running the Advance Grant Scheme and it will be open for applications from Sunday 14th February 2021. They have had to delay the start and make additional changes on how the scheme will run mainly because of the legal requirements to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

- The main change is that all applications for funding – Tier One and Tier Two – will now be sent directly to SCBF and, after checking to ensure they meet the stated criteria for support, details will be sent to community councils for a decision on whether to support.
- Each community council has to sign both a Data Sharing Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which sets out how the scheme will operate and the responsibilities of SCBF and the community council. The forms have to be signed and returned before SCBF can consider any application.

- A community council can now also apply for a grant – with SCBF considering the application.

Documentation and forms will be published on www.scbf.org.uk/ags from 10th February 2021. The application process will open from Sunday 14th February and any application details sent to a community council once they have received the signed Data Sharing and MoU. Michael Duncan had also e-mailed to say that the SIC Legal Department is looking over the forms at the moment and community councils are not to sign these until they get back to us.

An e-mail had also been received from Eleanor Gear (Administration Officer, SCBF), inviting chairs and clerks to a Zoom meeting on either Tuesday 9th February or Wednesday 10th February to discuss any queries we may have relating to the Advance Grant Scheme. Niall and the Clerk agreed to attend the meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th February.

(k) Post Office – Burra Hall

The Hall had contacted Helen Robinson who runs the Post Office in the Hall some time ago but had still not heard back. The Clerk will contact her for an update. **ACTION: Clerk**

(7.45pm - Gary Laurenson left the meeting)

(l) Speed limit on Burra Bridge

Neil Hutcheson had replied to our request for the 40mph speed limit to be extended across the Burra bridge. The previous request was refused because the Burra Bridge does not meet the criteria for the provision of a 40 or 50mph limit. These criteria are contained in the national guidance for setting of reducing speed limits. The Council generally follow this guidance to ensure that the setting of speed limits is consistent in Shetland and throughout the country. The Environment & Transport Committee recently approved reduced speed limits at Tresta and on the A970 between Gulberwick and the Sound Brae. These are temporary limits, for an 18 month period, as a trial to determine whether there are any benefits in encouraging active travel such as walking and cycling. Depending on the outcome of this trial reduced speed limits may be considered on other roads throughout Shetland. However until the conclusion of the trial the national guidance and its criteria will continue to be used when assessing requests for reduced speed limits. After discussion the members agreed to respond stating that this is a safety issue and in this respect request that a safety assessment be done on the bridge and the speed of the traffic be monitored. The Clerk was asked to send these comments to Dave Coupe, SIC Roads. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr. Sandison also reported that the painting of the bridge is out to tender.

It was also noted that the potholes are re-appearing on the Burra Bridge. This bridge was also meant to be re-surfaced last year and this work was never done. The Clerk was asked to contact Barrie Scobie to see when this is to be done. **ACTION: Clerk**

(m) Scalloway School – outdoor seating

The Clerk had contacted Marmax for a quote for the bench for Scalloway Primary School. The members were happy for the order to go ahead. **ACTION: Clerk**

(n) Road alongside Chapel, Bridge End

Neil Hutcheson had replied to our e-mail asking if they are responsible for this road. He stated that this is a public road so its maintenance is the Council's responsibility. He pointed out that it has deteriorated to the point where resurfacing would be the best option for its repair. The resurfacing programme for next year has been finalised and includes the East Isle road, from the Baptist Church to the Scottish Sea Farms access, and the road at Meal Sands between Meal junction and Brough. It will be financial year 2022-23 before this road at Bridge End is programmed for a more permanent repair. In the meantime the worst of the potholes and other defects will be patched when the weather and Covid-19 restrictions permits.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Ref: 2021/014/PPF

Proposal: Erect dwellinghouse Plot 2, Norbister, Burra

Applicant: Ms Arlene Robertson

The above application had been circulated to the members. There were no objections.

(b) Planning Ref: 2020/140/PPF (Reconsultation)

Proposal: Installation of a 10m high galvanised steel lattice radio mast, with associated hut enclosure at the base, all on a reinforced concrete base

Address: Meal, Hamnavoe, Burra

Applicant: Mr. Alan Munro

This application was up for discussion again. The members had objected to the previous application for this proposed mast due to the fact that a letter of objection had been received from nearby residents with concerns. As nothing further had been heard from them with regard to this new application, the members agreed to respond with no objections. **ACTION: Clerk**

(c) Save the Date: R100 Roundtable

An invitation had been received from Beatrice Wishart MSP to attend their Reaching 100% (R100) Roundtable event organised by Shetland representatives Beatrice Wishart MSP and Alistair Carmichael MP. The purpose of the roundtable is to facilitate a discussion on the Scottish Government's R100 rollout in Shetland now that the R100 North Lot has been signed. The event will consist of presentations from the panel and the opportunity to ask questions about the rollout and wider broadband deployment. The event will take place on Friday 5th February 2021 at 3pm – 4.30pm. Niall agreed to attend the event.

(d) ASCC – 9th March 2021

The Agenda pack for the above meeting had been received and circulated. Niall will be attending the meeting.

(e) Community Recovery Fund

An e-mail had been received from Roselyn Fraser to remind us that the Community Recovery Fund is still open for applications and that there haven't been many applications from Shetland organisations. The closing date of 12th February had been announced. Any funding secured will need to be spent by 31st May 2021. This was discussed by the members who did not see a need for further funding at this time.

(Cllr Lyall left the meeting)

5. AOCB

(a) Vacancy

Roselyn Fraser reported that the Bi-elections have been held up due to Covid-19 so our vacancy cannot be filled at the moment.

(b) Funding/Road adverts

The Clerk will get the funding/road materials adverts in the paper this week and put notices in the Hamnavoe shop. Funding applications will be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 1st March 2021 at 7pm.