

## SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

**01/02/21 PRESENT:** John Hunter – Chair John MacKenzie  
Lindsay Laurenson Kenny Pottinger  
Mark Burgess Liz Walter  
Andrew Blackadder

In attendance: Edna Nicol – Clerk Cllr Davie Sandison  
Cllr Moraig Lyall Cllr Ian Scott

**02/02/21 APOLOGIES:** Michael Duncan - SIC

### **03/02/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minute of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 was proposed by Mark and seconded by John M with the following corrections required:

- Reword 09/01/21 Supporting Communities Fund – remove ‘there is a shortage of IT equipment available’ and insert ‘circumstances may arise where additional equipment is required.
- 09/01/21 Jamieson Trust – insert word ‘mechanism’ after ‘new clock’.

### **04/02/21 MATTERS ARISING**

Telephone Box at Meadowfield Crescent – John M managed to contact Customer Services at BT with regard to the removal of the phone box. BT said that the phone was to be retained. John informed them that the phone was not in working order and they are going to look at this and will also add box to future list for removal.

### **05/02/21 RE-CREATE SCALLOWAY**

Port Arthur Site – Lindsay asked if it would be possible or if there was scope to arrange a meeting with the Planning Department and the landowner to get some clarity on the situation. Andrew said it would be good to get some progress on at least one of the housing projects from Re-Creat Scalloway. Lindsay is to take this forward.

**Action: L Laurenson**

**06/02/21 ASCC** – no update.

**07/02/21 SCBF** – defer this item to the next meeting as CC’s have been advised by the ASCC not to sign the document until some details have been checked out. GDPR may be an issue and members feel that the proposed process is very bureaucratic.

**08/02/21 DIGITAL FORUM** - meeting was to do with the R100 program to get high speed broadband into every premises in the country. As this was progressed it became apparent that some rural areas the service could not reach. Moraig told members that she was at a meeting last week and currently there is a process of drawing up the list of premises that will be included and those that will not. Premises not able to be included ,it is proposed, will get a £5000 voucher to assist in

finding their own solution. Ian felt the information was very vague and that the project is not much further along and that the meeting in general was quite unsatisfactory. Mark suggested that the Scalloway area is not likely to be affected but there are other areas in the central ward that will be and if finding a solution is to be left to householders, they are being put under pressure to provide something the Government said they would provide. Moraig said that there was an additional voucher for £1500 available which could top up qualifying premises. Information can be found at [www.scotlandsuperfast.co/onlinechecker](http://www.scotlandsuperfast.co/onlinechecker)

#### **09/02/21 ROADS**

Grit Bins – there have been reports of a number of grit bins being empty or near empty. Edna has contacted Roads with a list of these. Liz said she had also contacted Roads and the ones she reported have now been filled.

Road Surfaces – these are set to potentially deteriorate following the latest very cold spell. Liz reported that the slabbed pavement outside Giblestone House has many that are lifting and could soon become a trip hazard.

**Action: E Nicol**

**10/02/21 POLICE REPORT** – no update received.

#### **11/02/21 FINANCE**

Grant Applications – none received.

Special Projects Grant – last year's project is still ongoing. Looking to get a local artist to design an emotive scene to add to the interpretive board. Mark has also spoken to a monumental stonemason who suggested getting a slab from Bressay to make the marker for the hill, but this will depend on what funds are left. This project ties in with others in other islands such as Orkney to provide a memorial. Mark also informed members that he had received contact through the SCC Facebook page from an author interested in the story. Lindsay questioned funds being spent on project when money is required by foodbanks. Mark said that this is a project started in 2019 pre-Covid and should the funds not be spent on the project for which they were allocated they would have to be returned to the SIC Community Development Fund and would not be able to be diverted to the Supporting Communities Fund.

**Action: M Burgess**

#### Town Centre Fund

- Enhancement to Town Centre – John M told members that planning permission had been approved for the 3 extra interpretive boards from the last project, so hope to have these in position in the next weeks. The current fund is waiting for the proposals from the Architect and so is a work in progress. The deadline for starting the work is 31 March 2021. The quote for the clock mechanism is £2012 and Mark also spoken to electricians who are willing to check and sign off and work, but no costings have been received for this. Mark asked members if it was ok for him to proceed and all agreed.

**Action: M Burgess**

- Enhancement to Transport Hub/Scalloway Hall – waiting for Architects.

Jamieson Trust – the bank account has been closed and the money transferred to the Scalloway CC account.

Corra Foundation – Scalloway CC awaiting an invoice from the SCDC for the remaining funds held by SCC. Once received this fund will be closed.

**12/02/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

**13/02/21 PLANNING**

Upper Scalloway – two residents have contacted the SCC following a proposed change in the schedule of works by E & H whereby they are proposing to move equipment onto the site prior to starting work on the road as previously agreed. Reason for this is stated as lack of available equipment. Mark proposed that the SCC move to uphold the original decision and object and Andrew seconded this proposal. John M counter proposed to accept the current proposal and Kenny seconded, stating that we have to be careful as we are already in a position where developers are saying that they do not wish to work in Scalloway area due to continual issues. Lindsay said that this should not be opened up to the CC again and that this is a Roads issue and up to them to police this. The proposed change is not a statutory consultation so any communication from the CC would be received as a comment only. A vote was taken, Liz abstained, and majority decision was that this was a Roads issue. John will draft a response to the residents for Edna to send.

**Action: J Hunter/E Nicol**

**14/02/21 AOCB**

Vacant Seat – a member has been contacted by two members of the public interested in the vacant seat on the SCC. Edna contacted the ASCC for advice. Anyone can be co-opted on to the SCC at this point, but they would not have any voting rights. In order to join with voting rights, they must go through the process of the local elections later in the year.

**15/02/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next full meeting of the **Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 15 March 2020 via Zoom on-line.**

Meeting ended at 8.22pm.