

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2021 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2021/01/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Ms Rosalind Griffiths
Mr B Moreland
Mr W Whitrow

Ms J Dennison
Mr A Hall
Mr E Smith
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor

2021/01/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A Arnett, SIC Community Planning and Development
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2021/01/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2021/01/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr M Duncan.

2021/01/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2020 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Mr A Hall.

2021/01/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs E Macdonald declared an interest with regards to the 2021/01/09 planning applications.

2021/01/07 MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Appointing a Director for Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) – The Chairman reported that there are two people interested in taking on this role. They will discuss this before the next meeting.

The Clerk received an e-mail from Mr Chris Bunyan, Chairman of SCBF. This was forwarded onto Members. A summary of the main points are –

- The Advance Grant Scheme annual allocation for Delting is going to be £50,000.
- Up to 5% of the allocation can be used for promoting the scheme or organising events.
- Up to a maximum of a third can be for Tier One projects (up to £500 per project).
- A rolling programme of applications, although part of the allocation can be ring-fenced for later in the year, to be used for example on participatory budgeting.
- The scheme will run for four years, or until the Viking windfarm becomes operational.
- Any funds not used by a Community Council will be carried over to the following year.
- Community Councils can request funds are held back for another year, if intended for a particular project.
- Virtual or typed signatures on forms will be acceptable during the current health emergency.

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2021/01/07 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.2 Muckle Roe Road – Improvements** – Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service e-mailed the Clerk in December to confirm that they expect to be in Muckle Roe to install signs in mid January. Ms J Dennison said that there is no change yet. The Chairman said that the roads workers are busy gritting the roads at the moment.
- 7.3 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – there was no further update on this item.
- 7.4 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – The Chairman reported that there are going to be more masts in Shetland for EE and Vodafone. There should be a much better coverage in Shetland by the Spring time. The Shetland Islands Council are looking into not spots, this is areas where there is no mobile or broadband coverage. By the end of March, we should know what is available in Delting.
- The Clerk received an e-mail from MSP Beatrice Wishart. She has organised a Reaching 100% (R100) Roundtable event along with MP Alastair Carmichael. The purpose of this 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 be held online on Friday 5th February from 3pm – 4.30pm. If anyone wants to attend, they are to contact Richard.wood@parliament.uk alongside any questions they would like to ask. The Clerk is to forward this onto Members. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.5 Mossbank Play Park – Toddler Swing** – The Chairman said it will be Summer time before this is looked at.
- 7.6 Delting Boating Club – Bin for Dog Waste** – Following the last meeting, the Clerk purchased a dog litter bin from Wybone Ltd for a total cost of £493.13 and it is to be delivered to Mr Jim Milne.
- 7.7 Community Development Fund (CDF) – Muckle Roe Car Park Improvements** – Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service e-mailed the Clerk to say that he had discussed the car park with SIC Planning Department and they are happy that the works can be done under the road authority's permitted development rights, so no planning permission is required.
- 7.8 Community Wellbeing Fund – Corra Foundation** – Ms Jessica Johnson from the Brae Foodbank confirmed that they have made a total of forty payments of £50.00 to help people with their electricity costs. This means they have spent the total grant of £2,000.00.
- 7.9 Brae Graveyard Road and Car Park** – The Clerk contacted Mr Carl Symons, SIC Environment and Estate Operations to ask if they could cut the grass around the outside of the graveyard and she forwarded on photos from Mr B Moreland.
- 7.10 Slow Sign in Lower Voe** – Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service has responded to the Clerk. He is unable to introduce temporary speed restrictions like other places in Shetland as the other areas have no footways/footpaths/streetlighting. Both Voe and Brae have streetlights and footways. Also the roads they are currently looking at have no speed limits below 60mph. Voe has 50mph and Brae has 40mph. He will pass on the request for the smiley face signs for Voe and is sure they can be placed there around the Spring time this year. It has been a number of years since they monitored traffic flows and speeds along the A970 through Voe and he has added this to the list of areas to be surveyed when resources are available.

Mr B Moreland said that there is no footpath going from the Tagon junction to the Lower Voe junction. The speed limit is too fast and there are no footpaths or streetlights on this piece of road. The Clerk is to notify this with Mr C Gair. **Clerk to progress.**

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7.11 Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank – The Chairman has been at this car park a few times since the last meeting and he was glad to see the turning place was clear. Mr E Smith said that it has been a bit better recently but it is still an issue. The Chairman said there are four houses and a number of vehicles for each house. There is no way of creating parking spaces as that would mean losing the turning place. Mr E Smith is going to look at possible solutions and share his ideas.

7.12 Viking Wind Farm – Community Liaison Group – The Chairman attended their last meeting and the draft minute has gone out and we should see it before the next DCC meeting.

The Clerk received an e-mail from Mr John Robertson, Viking Community Liaison Officer. He sent through a copy of the first joint newsletter from SSE Renewables and SSEN Transmission. The Clerk forwarded this onto Members before the meeting.

7.13 Scatsta Airport – The Chairman said that there is interest in the hangars.

7.14 Digital Inclusion – SIC Resilience Planning – Ms Tracy Langley, Operational Lead Remote Teaching for Shetland confirmed that she delivered 10 laptops to Mossbank Primary School and 20 laptops to Brae High School as they were successful in their digital inclusion bid. Mr E Smith said that every child at Mossbank has a device, which is great.

7.15 Lack of white lines – The Chairman said that the white lines are needed between Brae and Graven and this will hopefully get done in the Summer time. The Chairman will speak to Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service at the end of February about this.

7.16 Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport – The Chairman said that the traffic light signage was disconnected by the SIC on 31st December 2020. He thinks some of the signage has been taken down.

2021/01/08 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk received a Police Report for November 2020.

There were sixteen incidents recorded for Delting.

Two separate reports of damage to vehicles.
Two separate road traffic collisions. No injuries.
Report of assault to a person.

The Clerk is to forward on the December 2020 and January 2021 Police Reports when she receives them. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/01/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

BT Payphone Removal Consultation – outside the Voe Public Hall. Following the last meeting, the Clerk sent an objection to the removal of this BT payphone to the SIC Planning Department. There is a short stretch of road from the junction just before the Voe public toilets to the Tagon junction (less than a mile) and in the case of a serious accident, the road would be blocked. It is the only piece of road in the north of Shetland where there is no alternative to getting past if there is a serious accident. If the road was blocked, this would prevent people getting to the north mainland and the north isles. The payphone is at the north junction which would be available to people. It is the only area in the north mainland of Shetland which is totally dependent on the payphone because there is limited mobile phone coverage. There is no Vodafone coverage. The Clerk also highlighted this to the North Isles and Northmavine Community Councils. Ms A Arnett said that someone might take this on.

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2020/265/PPF – To install an electric vehicle rapid charger to serve two parking spaces in the car park at Voe Public Hall. The rapid charger will have a dedicated electricity supply connection via the local Distribution Network Operator (DNO), Voe Public Hall, Voe, Shetland, ZE2 9PT by Ms Amanda Reid. This was received on 30th November 2020. Members had no objections to this. The Clerk passed this onto the SIC Planning Department.

2020/031/MAR – To temporarily store 10 x 120m circumference cages, not to be used for production, within the current deployed grid mooring system at an existing salmon farm (retrospective) at Collafirth, 3 Setterness, Shetland by Ms Kelsey Padgett. This was received on 17th December 2020. Members had no objections to this. The Clerk passed this onto the SIC Planning Department.

2021/001/MAR – To develop a new mussel farm comprising of 5 x 300m twin-headline longlines, Roe Sound, Muckle Roe, Shetland by Mr Addie Doull – There were no objections to this application. The Clerk is to pass this onto the SIC Planning Department. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/017/PPF – To erect new dwellinghouse with air source heat pump, Plot 17, Culsetter Park, Busta, Brae, Shetland by Vega Technical Services (Shetland) Ltd – There were no objections to this application. The Clerk is to pass this onto the SIC Planning Department. **Clerk to progress.**

E-mail received from Mr Iain McDiarmid, Executive Manager, SIC Planning on 8th December 2020. He was giving an update on the backlog of planning applications. At that point the oldest planning application waiting on allocation was made valid on 26th August. There were 63 in the queue and 24 pre-applications. The Chairman highlighted that there are not enough planners and it is difficult to recruit planners throughout Scotland. They are pushing for a solution. Mr I McDiarmid is trying to look at ones from businesses with funding bids and prioritise them, but this has a knock-on effect on the others. They are working hard in the SIC Planning Department.

2021/01/10 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms A Arnett attended the meeting from Community Work.

She is working with funding applications and helping support voluntary groups meet virtually.

There are a few community asset transfers being worked on which is a big complicated piece of work. It is interesting and worthwhile if communities can take over assets and make use of them.

The Chairman asked if Voxter had been in touch with Community Work. Ms A Arnett was in touch with Voxter in the Autumn and asked them to get their accounts together and see what impact closing due to Covid-19 has had on them. This is to prove to potential funders that they are in desperate need. She sent them Crown Estate funding information. They are struggling to get people to go on the committee.

The Chairman asked if she had heard of any other voluntary groups requiring financial assistance as we will be receiving money through SCBF. Ms A Arnett has not heard of any new projects, Brae Youth Centre is needing some maintenance and repairs and Voxter has a lot of work needed. She also said that if DCC had a big project they want to fund, there is the possibility of rolling the funds over to the following year and having a bigger pot of money to spend on a project.

The Chairman asked Members to think about how to spend the £50,000 from the SCBF. Members of the community should be encouraged to apply for funding as soon as it is made available.

Mr A Hall asked if a group that had to postpone an AGM due to Covid-19, can hold two AGMs together. Ms A Arnett said that according to OSCAR, a group can delay an AGM, so, they could hold a meeting in February and delay the following AGM to keep it clear and simple.

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2021/01/11 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 ASCC Meeting** – Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development sent through the Agenda for the next meeting which is to be held online on Tuesday 9th March at 6pm. Members need to let him know before 26th February if they would like to attend. The Clerk is to send a reminder to Members week beginning 15th February. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.2 Postage Stamps – Burravoe Post Office** – The Clerk purchased 250 second class postage stamps for a total cost of £162.50. Payment approved. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.3 Steps between 7 and 9 Leaside, Mossbank** – The Clerk received a complaint regarding these concrete steps. There is often water on these steps and it is a slip hazard. The Chairman has spoken to SIC Housing Service and they are going to look into this.
- 11.4 Firth Lighthouse** – The Clerk received an e-mail from Mr Davy Cooper. He stated that the NLB have suggested the possibility of scrapping the existing structure and replacing it with a SPLAT tower. Examples of these can be seen at the Ness of Sound in Yell or at the Rova Head, Southernness and Symbister Ness in Whalsay. The existing lighthouse has been there for a long time and it is a local landmark. He feels it would be a shame if it was knocked down and a part of Shetland's heritage gone. He wants to know if the Community Council has an opinion on this.
- Members discussed this and agreed it would be a shame to lose the lighthouse. The Chairman said there are significant issues with the foundations being undermined by the weather as it is not on hard rock, it is on conglomerate instead. There is a hole under the foundation. It needs to be stabilised but there is uncertainty with regards to how to resolve this issue. He has been in contact with the Lighthouse Board about this and he will discuss this with local residents. He has been trying to resolve this for years. The lighthouse has been there from the early 1900s but it is not a listed source.
- 11.5 Brae Youth Centre – AGM** – E-mail received stating that they are holding an online AGM on 1st February 2021 at 6.30pm through Zoom. If anyone from the Community Council would like to attend this, they are to get in touch.
- 11.6 Ice on Path towards Mossbank Shop** – A member highlighted that this path is slippery and some elderly people have fallen on the ice recently. The Chairman wrote to Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service to ask if he could place a couple of grit bins in the area to allow users to grit the path themselves. Mr N Hutcheson got back in touch to say that he will ask the Foreman to get a grit bin provided at the top end of the path so it can be re-filled from the road. The Chairman reported that he is unsure if there has been any grit on the pavements in Mossbank and he will speak to Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service about this. There have been a lot of problems staffing the service with a number of people isolating due to Covid-19.
- 11.7 Rotary Club of Shetland – Christmas Donations** – E-mail received from Mr R Sandison, Secretary of the Club in December 2020 stating that due to limited funds it is unable to provide the Shetland Community Councils with a donation towards senior citizen Christmas functions again this year. With Covid-19 and other issues finding funds to help has been very difficult this year. They hope that 2021 will prove more promising for everyone. He asked for this to be passed onto Community Councils and to pass on their apologies.
- 11.8 NHS Shetland – Clinical Strategy for Shetland** – E-mail received from Ms June Porter, Team Leader in Community Development. NHS Shetland are refreshing this strategy and are keen to find out about the community's experience of using their health and wellbeing services, identify areas for improvement and to help keep the vision a people centred one. The form for completion is attached to the e-mail. The Clerk is to complete this. **Clerk to progress.**

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2021/01/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.9 Scottish Empty Homes Conference – E-mail received from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. This conference will be held online from 1st to 3rd February 2021 with the theme being on providing homes, helping recovery and focussing on all aspects of tackling Scotland's 47,000 empty homes.

11.10 National Planning Framework 4 – Scottish Government – E-mail received from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The Scottish Government is reviewing national planning policies and developing Scotland's fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4). Any responses are due in by 19th February 2021. More information can be found at <https://blogs.gov.scot/planning-architecture/2020-12-15/national-planning-framework-4-position-statement-getting-involved-and-having-your-say/> The Clerk is to send this to the Chairman and Mrs E Macdonald. The Chairman said this is an important document which sets the scene of what the Scottish Government is going to do going forward. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/01/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

13.1 Various funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development –

The Scottish Children's Lottery has reopened for applications. There are no deadlines and applications are reviewed quarterly. Grants of £5,000 to £25,000 are available.

Chance to Connect seeks to alleviate the disadvantages that many children in Scotland face. Targeting local regeneration, it aims to improve the provision of facilities, promote citizenship, and give young people across Scotland the chance to live in a safe, supportive and stimulating community. For more information, visit - www.chancetoconnect.co.uk

Chance to Succeed aims to reduce the damaging effects of financial hardship, poverty, disability and illness on the next generation. Working with charities and community groups, it supports projects with a focus on employability to help nurture a productive, positive future for young people in Scotland. For more information, visit – www.chancetosucceed.co.uk

Chance to Flourish will invest in projects that aim to alleviate the impact of poverty, providing help to those children who need it most. For more information, visit – www.chancetoflourish.co.uk

Chance to Study has a focus on improving children's education and works with community groups, families and carers to ensure all young people in Scotland have the opportunity to learn, develop and fulfil their potential. For more information, visit – www.chancetostudy.co.uk

2021/01/13 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Clerk sent the income and expenditure statement to all Members via e-mail before the meeting. This was approved without comment.

2021/01/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

14.1 Clerk's E-mail Address – The Clerk is changing her e-mail address as she is changing her internet provider. The old e-mail address should still work until 9th February. The new e-mail address is dcc.alisonfoyle@gmail.com The Clerk is to forward the new e-mail address onto Members and the Distribution List. **Clerk to progress.**

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2021/01/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

14.2 Issues with people walking dogs off leads – Members discussed this issue. Most dog owners are responsible and walk their dogs on leads, however, there are some who let their dogs off leads. This is an issue throughout Delting, people are not paying attention to signs and some dogs have been off leads in parks with sheep. As it is approaching lambing season, this is a particular worry.

Some livestock owners are concerned with gates being left open and some people are taking quads into parks without the authorisation of the landowner.

There are people who are scared of dogs and they are worried about going for walks in case dogs are off their leads.

The Clerk is to write to Mr Kevin Serginson, SIC Outdoor Access Officer to find out what action the Council can take to help resolve this issue. Delting is not alone in having to deal with this nuisance. This is to be copied to Ms A Arnett as she has been discussing this with Ms R Fraser as it is a problem in other areas of Shetland and there could be a joint up campaign involving Mr K Serginson. If they do have a meeting, DCC would like to be involved with this. Clerk to progress.

Members would like this highlighted on Radio Shetland, in the Shetland Times, on the Shetland News website and Facebook after the Clerk has received a response from Mr K Serginson.
Clerk to progress.

2021/01/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council virtual meeting to be held through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 25th February 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman