

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 04 March 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
Dee Henderson
Stephen Leask
Malcolm Bell
Michael Duncan

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:

Kevin Main
Pat Christie
Bill Jones
Amanda McCarthy

Extended apologies from Bryan Law

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 28 January 2021, previously circulated to members. The minutes were approved, proposed by Sally and seconded by Dee.

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

AP1: CAB Information and survey on Facebook page, agreed time period had lapsed on this and to be removed. Skip photos to Michael Duncan and on Facebook page. This is to be actions by clerk.

1. Action: Clerk

AP2: Ownership of Woodland site

No progress to date - to be kept open.

2. Action Kevin/Pat/Sally

AP3: Quotes for Quarry Cleanings:

Chairman explained that so far he had been unable to access the CC laptop to find the application forms and unable to locate the archive of previous distributions. To be continued now that laptop has been accessed.

3. Action: Chairman

AP4: Adoption of Kiosk at Roadside:

The adoption of the phone box at Ham and shop, no further progress; to be continued.

4. Action: Clerk

AP5: Forms to Clydesdale bank:

In hand, Clerk to go to bank with these

5. Action: Clerk

AP6: Contact SIC to change billing address

Action completed

AP7: Laptop to GTS to be reset

Action completed

5. Member and visitors report:

Councilor Stephen Leask reported a quiet period and only update he had was regarding the tankers loitering off the east side of Shetland. Council talks with industry representatives and Sullom Voe Port Management was looking into and practice and for the practice to be stopped. Stephen said that at the next ZetTrans meeting he would bring up again concerns about the cost and the desire to reduce the cost of transport for Bressay nursery children.

Councilor Malcolm Bell had nothing to add other than SIC had no power to stop the tankers on the East side but have asked Sullom Voe and owners to look into this matter.

He said on matter of Cruise liners visiting Shetland later this year it was likely short UK cruises would start again and may bring traffic into Shetland but nothing was confirmed

Michael Duncan said a time table was now in place for local by-election and Bressay currently had 2 vacancies. He stated that in the short term the BCC could co-op members.

Chairman pointed out that the shortage of members was extenuated by the addition of one CC member long term sick, one on maternity leave and another who had no internet provision – leaving a core of only 3 members able to form a quorum and vote on issues.

Michael informed that as it is probable that Community councils will need to continue to meet remotely/electronically going forward updated constitutions were needed. This and other changes were being drafted and were likely to be presented to the ASCC meeting..

6. Infrastructure Update:

Ferry Service

Regarding the white lines/disabled parking at ferry terminal Chairman reported that he was still waiting on feedback from the Port Services engineer on the car park layout and progress on starting date

Roads.

A brief email update from Kevin Main was read out (entered into the minute as Appendix A) Confirmation that repairs will be made to the Gunnista and Setter to Cullingsbrough gate roads in the financial year starting in April.

Dee asked if the Community Council would contact SIC roads department and request the disabled space allocated at Glebe Park could be removed as that resident was no longer on the Island and parking spaces were limited in the area

6. Action: Clerk

Bulky Waste Collection:

Chairman reported that it is anticipated the next Skip will be weekend of 20/21 March, the sports club will be asked to participate by manning the skip. Chairman agreed to contact club and arrange this.

7. Action: Chairman

7. Bressay War Memorial:

No further progress on research as archives in Lerwick closed due to Covid restrictions. Members noted that it appeared that the church had now been sold to a local resident. As a result the CC would now terminate dialogue with the Church of Scotland.

8. Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF)

Documents had been circulated from SCBF to all Community Councils to sign and return. Michael informed that some CC had raised questions with Community Development who had in turn sought advice from Council Legal Services and had cautioned CC against signing until further clarity had been obtained. Michael added that Legal Services could not give advice to third parties.

Chairman informed members that he, as Chairman, and the Clerk had attended an on line meeting with SCBF, along with Chairs and Clerks from 5 other CC to get a first-hand briefing with the SCBF Chairman and Administration Officer. As a result of the process and the questions raised by other CC the SCBF was in the process of revising the documents which would be reissued shortly. He added that these documents needed to be signed off and returned as soon as possible in order for the BCC to have direct involvement in the distribution of the £10,000 allocated to BCC.

9. Correspondence:

9.1 Three grant applications received:

- Bressay Boating club request for £1,500 to prepare and fit drains to marina carpark in advance of tarring operations. Chairman declared an interest as a member of the club. Following discussion the grant application, proposed by Shirley and seconded by Sally, was approved.
- Bressay Running Club request for £1,000 to meet additional costs; for PPE, signage and marshaling in advance of Bressay Park run restarting when Covid 19 lockdown will allow. Following discussion the grant application, proposed by Sally and seconded by Shirley, was approved.
- Bressay Public Hall provisional request for £500 to open the hall toilets to the public over the summer on a trial basis when Covid 19 lockdown is lifted. However, Clerk informed that an email had been received late in day from hall committee saying they would no longer wished to apply for a grant.

Chairman noted that the grant application forms used required applicants to provide proof of their financial status by showing their audited accounts. Members agreed that the grants were made subject to this provision, Clerk was instructed to communicate with both applicants and when satisfied transfer the agreed amounts.

8. Action: Clerk

9.2 For Consideration:

The Chairman reported that he had received an email raising concerns about book shelves and 'library' that had appeared in ferry waiting room. As the author had requested confidentiality he had redacted the name before circulating to the rest of the CC.

No members of the CC was aware of the arrival of the shelves and none had been party to any discussion regarding its placement. The universal feeling was that regardless of whether it was

a worthy gesture it was ill timed and inappropriate under present circumstances and needed to be removed. Members agreed that it should not be the task of the BCC to perform the task but it should be the operator of the service.

Chairman agreed to bring to the attention of the ferry service and to append the letter to the minute as Appendix B.

9. Action: Chairman

9.3 For Noting:

All relevant correspondence previously circulated to members as received.

10. Financial Report:

Clerk reported that the paperwork to add signatures and change of address is still an ongoing issue but the forms had now been received and she intended to take them to the bank in the coming weeks. However, bank statements had now been forwarded, received 04/03/21. This would now make it possible to update the accounts.

Members agreed that it was necessary that an additional meeting of the BCC be held to deal with end of year financial matters and any additional outstanding items such as SCBS. A date of Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 19.15 was agreed.

11. Any Other Business:

Sally requested a baby card to be sent to Amanda and a get well card to Bryan Law from the Community Council

10: Action: Clerk

Michael Duncan asked if any progress had been made on survey to ascertain the Islands need with Broadband. The Chairman replied this was all on hold due to Covid restrictions. Michael said going forward Pat Christie would be willing to help with a survey as Covid had highlighted the need to get broadband issues sorted out.

12. Location and date of next meeting:

The next scheduled, **on line**, meeting of BCC will be held on Thursday 15th April 2021 at 7.15 pm.

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

Chairman:

Date