

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. R. Black
Mr. B. Adamson

Apologies

Miss A. Williamson
Miss N. Fullerton
Mrs. M. Garnier
Mr. G. Laurenson
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 the items 3(m), 4(a) and 4(b).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 1st February 2021 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Robin Black.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) War Memorial, Bridge End

Niall had been in touch with Leask Memorials and also Stephen Duncan, Shetland Memorials to get quotes for work needing done to the war memorial. Gary Leask is to check the lettering to see if it is lead lettering or not. The work will probably be split in two – base repaired first and then lettering.

(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

It was reported at the last meeting that Neil Hutcheson, SIC, had replied advising that the grid and the gate on the east access into the school is to be removed during the Easter holidays. 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 they are still using the Playgroup road. The Clerk had passed on these comments to Neil Hutcheson.

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

Cllr. Lyall said there had been a meeting on 18th February but she had not been at the meeting so there was no further update.

(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.

(f) Gravestone – Nurse MacDonald

The Clerk had e-mailed Stephen Duncan at Shetland Memorials to see if the work on the grave had been done yet. He had replied saying they were behind schedule due to Covid-19 but hoped to get this done shortly. He had sent on his invoice as quoted previously, but it was agreed that this would be paid once the work is complete.

(g) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

BT have no plans to remove this phone box as the phone is still in working order, but would repair and clean the phone box. The door is missing and it is in a terrible state inside. The Clerk had tried to get back to BT but had been unsuccessful. She will try to speak with an Open Reach engineer on their next visit to the telephone exchange.

ACTION: Clerk

(h) Scottish Government's Supporting Communities Funding

At the last meeting it was suggested that we could purchase more sanitizing units with remaining funding and these could be installed in local bus shelters. The Clerk had contacted Michael Craigie, SIC Transport, and was waiting for a reply. There is still £465.16 left from this funding.

(i) Community Council Advance Grant Scheme (SCBF)

Niall and the Clerk had attended a Zoom meeting on 10th February chaired by Chris Bunyan, Chair of SCBF, and attended by other Community Council Chairs and Clerks. A lady from SSE was also in attendance and she had been very informative and everything was clearly explained about how the AGS will work. An e-mail had also been received from Chris Bunyan clarifying issues raised by community councils about the grant scheme.

(j) Post Office – Burra Hall

The Clerk will contact Helen Robinson, who runs the Post Office in the hall, for an update.

ACTION: Clerk

(k) Speed limit on Burra Bridge

The Clerk had sent a response to Dave Coupe, SIC Roads, (referring to our reply from Neil Hutcheson) advising that this is a safety issue and in this respect requested that a safety assessment be done on the bridge and the speed of the traffic be monitored.

The Clerk had also contacted Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, to see if the surfacing of the bridge is to be done this year as this was scheduled for last year but didn't happen. He replied advising that he did not think it would be done this year either with what is going on. Application of the waterproof membrane is a specialist operation, and with the restrictions likely to continue, it is unlikely that contractors will be able to adhere to social distancing in the limited weather window. He will get the potholes on the bridge repaired as soon as possible. The Clerk had also mentioned the pothole developing at Speed's corner and he will get this sorted too.

(l) Scalloway School – outdoor seating

The Clerk had ordered the bench from Marmax for Scalloway Primary School and this will be sent directly to the school.

(m) 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

After our last meeting on 1st February we had advised SIC Planning on our decision not to object to the above application due to having heard nothing further from nearby residents to the proposed mast in connection with this. On 16th February a letter was then received from Mr. & Mrs. Emslie with further comments and concerns. There had been some issues with their e-mails and they had not been aware of the new plans available online. The Clerk had then contacted Planning and asked that the Community Council's decision be put on hold until our next meeting so that it could be discussed further and a decision made. This was agreed by SIC Planning. As only three members were present, and Mr. O'Rourke could not comment due to declaration of interest, a decision could not be made on this. The members present noted that the mast was required for the safety of workers on boats and barges, but were also aware that other site options were a possibility. It was agreed that the Clerk send all members Mr. & Mrs. Emslie's letter and ask for their comments. A response will then be submitted to SIC Planning.

ACTION: Clerk

(n) Save the Date: R100 Roundtable

Niall had attended this event on 5th February where they spoke about the next stages of R100. There had been a number of speakers discussing the Scottish government's R100 rollout in Shetland now that the R100 North Lot has been signed. (Central and South End of Shetland by 2023 and North of Shetland by 2024.)

(o) ASCC – 9th March 2021

Niall will be attending the meeting.

(p) Road materials

Three applications had been received for road materials and these were approved.

(q) Funding applications

Only one application for funding had been received from the Burra Church of Scotland Community Garden Development. This group are looking to develop the Bridge End church garden for continued use by the community. They have £302 in their fund at present which was received in donations from their 'Winter Wonderland' garden at Christmas time. The members decided to donate the sum of £550 towards this project and would also be interested to hear of progress made. It was agreed that if late applications for funding are received another short meeting will be arranged before the end of March.

ACTION: Clerk

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Marine Planning Consultation 2021/007/MAR

To temporarily store 10 x 120m cages within current deployed grid mooring system at existing salmon farm – east of Papa Applicant: Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd

(b) Marine Planning consultation 2021/006/MAR

To temporarily store 10 x 120m cages within current deployed grid mooring system at existing salmon farm – Spoose Holm Applicant: Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd

Both above applications will be e-mailed to members for a decision due to only two members present being able to comment (Niall O'Rourke declared an interest).

ACTION: Clerk

5. AOCB

None

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 5th April 2021 at 7pm.