

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held on Zoom on Monday 5th April 2021 at 7pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Miss A. Williamson
Mr. G. Laurenson

In Attendance

Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest

None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

The Minutes of 1st March 2021 and the Minutes of the Special meeting held on 26th March 2021 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

3. MATTERS ARISING from 1st March 2021

(a) War Memorial, Bridge End

Niall had received a quote of £2,100 from Gary Leask, Leask Memorials. (This did not include the lettering as he confirmed it is lead lettering and is a specialist job.) It was felt that the base of the memorial is more important to get done first due to it's poor condition. Funding will be sourced for this once the second quote has been received from Stephen Duncan, Shetland Memorials. The lettering will be done as the second phase.

(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 had replied stating that the Parent Council had already requested the removal of the grid and gate. The assumption was that this would remove any difficulties that pupils have in negotiating them on their way to school. That in turn would make this route more useable for the pupils. They will ask the school to try again with encouraging the use of the east access once the grid has been removed. He also said that should this still prove to be unsuccessful then there would be further justification to support the provision of safety measures at the West entrance. This would help with the business case that is required for these improvements. The business case would be assessed by the Council's Asset Investment

Group and must be approved by Councillors before any capital funding can be allocated. The members noted these comments and this will be monitored and looked at again if necessary.

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

An update on this had been received from Robina Barton and was circulated to the members. The Shetland Active Travel Strategy was approved by ZetTrans on 4th March. Route proposals from Community Councils were a key driver for the strategy development. The list of routes is under consideration by SIC Roads to identify what might be considered 'quick wins' – interventions that immediately fit with the strategy and easily realised. Settlement audits are to be carried out to help identify appropriate development in areas where things are less straightforward and identify quick wins. Audits would focus on individual settlement areas to provide idea of scale. It was noted that it did not look like this was going to be done any time soon if audits were to be carried out etc. Cllr. Lyall put forward a suggestion that community councils could possibly assist with the settlement audits if the SIC sent out questionnaires which might help speed up the process. Cllr. Sandison said he would look into this. **ACTION: Cllr. Sandison**

(e) Closure of W & J Gray Daycare

Nothing is happening with this at the moment due to Covid-19. Cllr. Sandison had spoken some time ago with Emma MacDonald but nothing had become of it. Cllr. Lyall said she would speak with Jane Best for an update. **ACTION: Cllr. Lyall**

(f) Gravestone – Nurse MacDonald

Stephen Duncan at Shetland Memorials is still to get this work done. The Clerk will contact him again. **ACTION: Clerk**

(g) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

Niall had spoken with Barrie Scobie Jr., BT Openreach engineer, who advised that they are now selling off phone boxes. It was suggested that the community purchase the phone box and make use of it. One suggestion was to put in a defibrillator but it was not known if there is power to the phone box or if power is needed for a defibrillator. This will be looked into before the next meeting.

(h) Scottish Government's Supporting Communities Funding

SIC Transport had replied to say they were not keen on our suggestion to put sanitizing units in the local bus shelters. The Clerk had therefore contacted local halls, churches, centres etc. and had purchased more sanitizer, masks, wipes etc. and given to those who needed more. All of the funding has now been spent and the Clerk will submit a report to HIE.

(i) Community Council Advance Grant Scheme (SCBF)

The revised Memorandum of Understanding and the Data Sharing documents had been signed by our Chairman and returned to SCBF.

(j) Post Office – Burra Hall

The Clerk had contacted Helen Robinson, who advised that they will be re-opening the Hamnavoe Post Office in the Burra Hall but due to restrictions at the moment could not open in the small room which she uses. It will still open for two days a week but was unsure at this time which two days it would be.

(k) Speed limit on Burra Bridge

A reply had been received from Dave Coupe, SIC Roads, advising that whilst the road may not meet the National Speed Assessment framework for a reduced speed limit, as stated by Neil Hutcheson in his previous e-mail, he had asked for the traffic counters to be set up at the bridge, and the road from the bridge to Hamnavoe, to confirm both the current situation and if there is any change from previous figures. He will get back to us in a few weeks with the

analysis of this study when completed. It was noted that these counters are actually already in place.

It was also noted that Barrie Scobie has had the potholes on the bridge repaired and also the one at Speed's corner.

(l) Scalloway School – outdoor seating

The bench has now been delivered to the school and the Clerk has sent payment to Marmax.

(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

As there were only three members present at the last meeting, and Mr. O'Rourke expressed an interest, a decision could not be made on this application. The Clerk had been asked to e-mail all members for their views, with a copy of Mr. & Mrs. Emslie's letter for information, and had thereafter submitted a response with no objections to this application.

(n) ASCC meeting – 9 March

Niall had attended the ASCC meeting on 9th March. He went over the main points:

- SIC Roads – they will be attending the next meeting in June and Community Councils can send in a few questions to Michael Duncan prior to the meeting.
- Community Council by-election will take place in August.
- Community Council grant application - updated.
- Community Council Constitution - updated.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Advance Grant Scheme Application – The Outpost

A grant application from The Outpost had been received from Eleanor Gear, SCBF, for consideration. Dave Kok is applying for £500 to construct a bird aviary with access for people with mobility issues and for the wider community. The members were happy for them to receive the funding as long as the aviary/structure and paths met access requirements as per Scottish Building Standards and Regulations i.e. entrance width, gradient etc. etc. A drawing/sketch was also requested. Robin Black agreed to complete the feedback form and submit to SCBF with these comments.

ACTION: Robin Black

(b) ITV Shetland

An e-mail had been received from Tim Maskell, ITV, requesting the closure of the B9074 between the first junction on the East side of Trondra bridge and junction with Old School Road on the West side of Trondra bridge. This will take place on Wednesday 21st April between 0900-1400 (ideal closure time of 1100-1300). Outwith full closure they would implement stop and go with intermittent release of traffic, no longer than 10 minute holds, on this stretch of road. They propose to notify residents by way of advanced signage, broadcasting on the radio and an extensive mail drop for Burra & Trondra residents. The members were happy for this to go ahead as long as the publicity is done as detailed and emergency vehicles are allowed through if necessary.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Community Council Constitution

A copy of the amended Constitution agreed by the ASCC had been received from Anne Cogle and this had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. All agreed with the proposed amendments.

ACTION: Clerk

(d) Planning Application – 2021/110/PPF – Applicant: Mr. James Christie
New dwellinghouse West of Annsbrae, East Burra, Shetland
Planning Application – 2020/102/PPF – Applicant: Mr. Robert Laurenson
Change the use of agricultural shed to an engineering workshop, Papil, Burra
There were no objections to the above planning applications.

(e) Community Development Fund (CDF) 2021/22

Michael Duncan had sent information on the new year CDF bidding rounds which have been set as follows:

Round 1 – 30 April 2021

Round 2 – 28 May 2021

Round 3 – 25 June 2021

Niall will submit an application in Round 1 for a £3,000 Distribution Fund Grant (this can only be used to award grants to community groups for local projects and activities).

(f) Community Council Core Funding

Michael Duncan had e-mailed the Core funding allocation for 2021/22. Our Core grant allocation for this year is £5,998.

(g) Da Voar Redd Up

An e-mail had been received from Shetland Amenity Trust advising that because of the Covid 19 pandemic Da Voar Redd Up did not take place in 2020, and as we are still living with Covid-19 restrictions they have decided to work in collaboration with the Marine Conservation Society. The focus will be on household groups cleaning beaches and coastline areas. Roadside redd ups are still part of this event but don't require registration by households and individuals. The event has been extended and will run from 24-30 April 2021. A further e-mail was received from Michael Duncan clarifying that Community Councils cannot make payments/donations to individuals or households, even if participating in the Redd Up. As there was no mention of bags, the Clerk will find out if these are still available this year. **ACTION: Clerk**

(h) Hjaltland Housing Association

An e-mail was received from the above who are seeking the views of the community on a number of proposed amendments to their Allocation Policy and are also looking for input from Community Council members. (A link to a survey was included which is open until Friday 9th April.) This had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. It was noted that this is quite an important survey and worthwhile doing.

(i) Voxter House

An e-mail had been received from a member of the Voxter Outdoor Centre committee, Theresa Moreland. She pointed out that they are a charitable trust run by a small group of volunteers and are in the process of trying to renovate and refurbish Voxter House. She pointed out that the SIC own the building, but, as landlord do not pay anything towards it's upkeep. The members were all aware of how much Voxter House is used by groups and families from Shetland and beyond and would like to help, but realise with limited funding any donation would just be a drop in the ocean, unless Community Councils were to get together on this. They agreed that the following suggestions be put forward to them:

- Organise a Zoom meeting with all Community Councils and do a pitch.
- Contact Michael Duncan, SIC Development Department (assist with funding sources).
- Apply to Shetland Community Benefit Fund – Advance Grant Scheme
(info@ www.scbf.org.uk)

The Clerk will e-mail a response with the above comments.

ACTION: Clerk.

5. AOCB

(a) Proposed Co-op at East Voe, Scalloway

Concern was raised at the proposed Co-op for East Voe, Scalloway, and the effect this would have on local shops both in Scalloway and Burra. Also mentioned was the critical effect this would have on local wholesalers and whether they would be able to continue. Cllr. Sandison also stated that there had been no mention of this in the 'Recreate Scalloway' and this did not fit in with the current plan. It was also mentioned that Tingwall would be a more suitable site as there is no shop in this area.

(b) Road at East side

It was reported that the road is beginning to break up on the East Isle between the Smuggins and the Bridge End hall. This will be reported to SIC Roads.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 3rd May 2021 at 7pm.