

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 2021 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2021/03/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Ms R Griffiths
Mr B Moreland

Ms J Dennison
Mr A Hall
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor

2021/03/02 IN ATTENDANCE

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

2021/03/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2021/03/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne, Mr W Whitrow and Mr M Duncan.

2021/03/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2021 were approved by Mr A Hall and seconded by Ms R Griffiths.

2021/03/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs E Macdonald declared an interest with regards to the Planning applications 2021/03/09.
The Clerk declared an interest with regards to item 2021/03/11.6.

2021/03/07 MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Appointing a Director for Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) – The Clerk has been in contact with Mr Chris Bunyan to let him know that Mr Ellis Nicolson is going to take on this role. Mr Chris Bunyan said that Mr Ellis Nicolson was elected unanimously at their meeting on 17th March and will be receiving e-mails and invited to attend the SCBF meetings.

The Chairman signed the revised SCBF AGS Memorandum of Understanding and Data Sharing Agreement forms and the Clerk sent these to the SCBF.

7.2 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times – ongoing.

7.3 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout – The Chairman said that there should be clarity by the summer time if R100 is not delivering but it is not an issue for Delting.

7.4 Mossbank Play Park – Toddler Swing – The Chairman said it will be the Summer time before this is looked at.

7.5 Delting Boating Club – Bin for Dog Waste – The Clerk contacted Mr Michael Godden, SIC Waste Collections and Street Supervisor to let him know that the dog litter bin is in place and needs regular emptying.

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- 7.6 **Community Development Fund (CDF) – Muckle Roe Car Park Improvements** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.7 **Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.8 **Lack of white lines** – The Chairman has spoken to Mr John Duncan, SIC Roads Service and they got a small machine to Shetland to paint the white lines but it was not what they wanted and it was returned. They are relying on getting white lines done once per year where chipping has been done, the white lines will get done. The area around Sullom Voe will be done in the first year and around Scatsta in the second year. There are a lot of cats eyes to be installed this year in Shetland and this is a big project.
- 7.9 **Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – The Chairman said the traffic light signage is still there but it has been disconnected.
- 7.10 **ASCC Meeting** – Mr M Duncan sent through an update from the ASCC meeting on 9th March.
- The Community Council by-election will be taking place later this year, with the notice of by-election being on 13th August and the closing date for nominations as 9th September. In the meantime, the Community Council can co-opt new Members.
 - The ASCC agreed proposed changes to the Community Council template constitution. Ms Anne Cogle will write to the Community Councils to seek formal agreement of the changes and this needs to be an Agenda item for the April meeting. **Clerk to progress.**
 - The ASCC are inviting the SIC Roads Service to attend and present at the meeting on 8th June. All Community Councils are invited to submit questions that can be addressed in their presentation by 10th May.
 - The ASCC have approved a revised Community Council grant form which the Clerk forwarded onto all Members before the meeting. This new form is to be used from 1st April 2021.

Members discussed this generic grant application form for Community Councils and think it contains unnecessary questions such as the piece about the Shetland Partnership Plan. They feel it would be intimidating for groups who would feel ill equipped to answer the questions. They are wondering why it needs to be made more complicated when the current form we use works fine. This new form would discourage groups from applying for a grant. Therefore, Members do not want to use this new form. The Clerk is to pass this onto Mr M Duncan. **Clerk to progress.**

- 7.11 **Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – The Chairman will try to make progress with this item and hopes to speak to the Northern Lighthouse Board before the next meeting.
- 7.12 **Issues with people walking dogs off leads** – The Chairman has been trying to speak to Police Inspector Martin Brill to highlight the concerns that issues are being reported to the Police, but no action is being taken. The Clerk is to write to Constable Mark Bryant about this issue. **Clerk to progress.**

Mr Kevin Serginson, SIC Outdoor Access Officer has sent an e-mail. Along with lambing underway, the bird nesting season is rapidly approaching. He is encouraging everyone to share the following video links to encourage responsible access.

<https://youtu.be/9MF9IYM-Mds>

<https://twitter.com/ShetIslandsCll/status/1370342356642365440>

He also has signs available to warn access users of sensitive nesting areas if needed.

- 7.13 **Waste Bin at Mavis Grind - Overflowing** – The Clerk contacted Mr Michael Godden, SIC Waste Collections and Street Supervisor regarding the waste bin at Mavis Grind and he is going to replace this with a bigger double bin and monitor levels to see how the capacity is managing. Mr B Moreland reported that the small bin is still there.

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- 7.14 **Bench seat at Mavis Grind** – The Chairman is trying to find out about benches made of recycled plastics.
- 7.15 **Signs at Hams of Roe – Damaged** – The Clerk contacted Mr Kevin Serginson, SIC Outdoor Access Officer to report two signs being snapped on the way to the Hams of Roe. Mr Kevin Serginson has replaced the signs and he said that he can post signs out to landowners.

2021/03/08 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report received this month.

The Clerk received an e-mail from Ms G Smith in March regarding damage being caused in the Brae wood again. She passed this information onto Constable Mark Bryant and Mr Billy Mycock, SIC Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator.

Constable Mark Bryant responded that he has been doing patrols in the Brae woods and spoken with both children and adults that use the wood. They could not see anything that could be described as deliberate damage or excess littering. He has done patrols day and night and not come up with any gatherings of youths. His colleague is liaising with the Brae Woodland Group and he will continue to patrol the area.

Ms A Arnett will contact SIC Youth Services regarding this. Most of the Youth Clubs are closed but staff are available to engage with young people. The Chairman said if Youth Services can help that would be good as young people's energy needs to be directed.

2021/03/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

BT Payphone Removal Consultation – outside the Voe Public Hall. The Community Council objected to this at the meeting in November 2020. There has been no update on this as yet.

2021/003/MAR – To site a 22m x 18m barge used for storage of equipment in connection with mussel farming operations (retrospective) at Hevden Ness, Busta Voe, Shetland by Mr Michael Laurensen – Members objected to this application in February. Mr John Rosie, SIC Marine Planning Officer has been in contact regarding this and asking if Delting Community Council would be content with the barge being given a temporary grant of permission for 12 months.

Members still feel this barge needs to be removed in its present form as it poses a danger where it is anchored. Members would like to see a revised marine planning application for a specific temporary period of months and would then be more inclined to agree with it. Members would prefer for it to be less than 12 months and are asking if Mr J Rosie could liaise with the applicant to see how many months they want to have it there. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/038/PPF – To erect weather station, N; 1161650, E; 435419, Gonfirth, Shetland by SSQC Ltd – Members had no objections to this planning application. **Clerk to progress.**

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2021/03/10 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms A Arnett attended the meeting. There are a lot of groups planning to open up.

Voluntary Action Shetland has been successful in getting money for halls. There is risk assessment and cleaning training online. There is also a small amount of money for PPE and screens. Any halls interested in this could contact Voluntary Action Shetland. There is an Islands Equivalent Payment for halls to access that funds. As Shetland are currently in Tier 3 Covid restrictions, they can apply for up to £2,000 per month while they have to be closed.

Voxter House are in receipt of the Islands Equivalent Payment which is good. They are considering applying for the Shetland Community Benefit Fund Advance Grant Scheme and have a current crowdfunding appeal.

The Chairman asked if there has been much interest in the SCBF AGS and Ms A Arnett said she is pointing all groups in that direction. The Chairman said it will be interesting to see what groups apply.

2021/03/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 SIC Community Council Core Funding 2021/22 – The Clerk received an e-mail from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The Council has approved a standstill budget for the Community Council core funding. Delting Community Council has been allocated £11,317.00. The Clerk is to contact Mr M Duncan to let him know that they would like the core funding split as follows –

Administration	£5,800.00
Environmental Services	£350.00
Grants to Local/District Groups	£3,017.00
Roads	£2,150.00

11.2 Community Development Fund 2021/22 – The Clerk received an e-mail from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The new bidding rounds have been set and the first-round closes on 30th April. The Clerk is to complete the Distribution Fund applying for £3,000 to help the local halls and other groups start up again in the post covid era. **Clerk to progress.**

11.3 Anti-Virus Software – The Clerk purchased Bitdefender Total Security protection for one year for a total cost of £19.99. Payment approved.

11.4 Total E&P UK Ltd – E-mail received from Ms D Armstrong, Shetland Gas Plant stating that Mr Andy Cripps, Terminal Manager at Shetland Gas Plant would like to update Members twice a year regarding the Shetland Gas Plant. He would like to give updates on 24th June and 25th November. Members are happy for Mr A Cripps to attend both these meetings. **Clerk to progress.**

11.5 Active Travel Strategy – E-mail received from Ms Robina Barton, SIC Transport Policy and Projects Officer, ZetTrans. The Active Travel Strategy was approved on 4th March 2021 which provides a framework to support decision making around active travel developments and a basis on which to secure funding. The list of proposed routes is under consideration by SIC Roads and the potential for developing cycling opportunities across Shetland. They are currently in discussion with Sustrans around the potential for some core funding to support this work in the new financial year, and identifying other sources of funding that may be available.

The Clerk is to e-mail Ms R Barton to ask if a safe access footpath from Sandside to Firth could be included in the Active Travel Strategy to allow people to get safely onto the beach. Also, the Sparl Road in Voe is used by people but the Community Council has failed to get funding for it. Could this be upgraded through the Active Travel Strategy so more people are inclined to use it. This is to be copied to Mr K Serginson, Outdoor Access Officer. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 11.6 Hjatland Housing Association Ltd** – E-mail received from Mr Ian Bray, Head of Housing and Customer Services at Hjatland Housing Association Ltd. They are seeking views of the community on a number of proposed amendments to their Allocation Policy and would value the input offered by the Community Council Members. The proposed changes aim to support local communities. They hope the changes to support single applicants and couples will assist local communities in rural areas.

People are welcome to submit their views independently. The consultation closes on 9th April 2021. The Clerk e-mailed this to Members before the meeting.

- 11.5 Scambusters Shetland** – E-mail received from Ms Sarah Johnson, Shetland Public Protection Committee asking if the Community Council would like a Scambusters Session at one of the meetings. The aims of the session would be to raise awareness of scams in Shetland, to recognise when someone is being scammed, to know what to do and to take action and report. Scambusters Shetland is a partnership with Shetland Public Protection Committee, Trading Standards, Police Scotland, Citizens Advice Bureau and the Banks in Shetland. Members are happy for them to attend one of our meetings. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.6 Clerks' Pay** – E-mail received from Mr M Duncan with the Local Government Employees Salary Scales with effect from 1st October 2020. Members discussed this.
- 11.7 Voluntary Action Shetland** – Annual Survey received. The Clerk is to complete this. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/03/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 12.1 Various funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –**

Digital Participation Charter Fund will provide small grants of up to £10,000 to help a range of organisations tackle poverty, social isolation and other forms of inequality in society through embedding digital skills development work in their day-to-day activity with the people they support. The deadlines for applications is 22nd April 2021 and more information can be found at - <https://scvo.scot/funding/digital-participation/charter-fund>

Device Refurbishment Support Fund will provide funds of up to £15,000 to support projects operating within the voluntary and community sectors that have an established programme of collecting, re-furbishing and distributing pre-loved devices. The deadline for applications is 22nd April 2021 and more information can be found at – <https://scvo.scot/funding/digital-participation/device-refurbishment-support-fund>

2021/03/13 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

The Clerk sent the income and expenditure statement to Members before the meeting. This was approved without comment.

2021/03/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 14.1 Viking Windfarm** – A member recently placed an order for items and Northlink could not give them a delivery date as priority is being given to the Viking Windfarm. The Chairman is going to make enquiries regarding this.

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2021/03/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

14.2 Islands Consultation – Easing Covid Restrictions – Mrs E Macdonald received this survey and forwarded it onto the Clerk. Members want to be treated the same way as they were on the lead up to Christmas 2020. They feel access points for Levels 1, 2 and 3 should be decided by the data sets and not an arbitrary system as outlined in the survey. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/03/15 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 29th April 2021 commencing at 7.30pm. The Clerk is to liaise with Mr W Whitrow to check what date he will be available to chair the next meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

Chairman