

## **BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

A meeting of the above Community Council was held on Zoom on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 at 7pm.

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

Miss A. Williamson  
Mr. B. Adamson  
Mr. G. Laurenson  
Cllr. M. Lyall  
Mr. Michael Duncan, SIC

### **In Attendance**

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

### **1. Declaration of Interest**

None.

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS**

The Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Robin Black.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

#### **(a) War Memorial, Bridge End**

Niall noted at the last meeting that he 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 - the base of the memorial will be done first due to it's poor condition.) Niall advised that he had still not received a second quote from Stephen Duncan, Shetland Memorials. It was agreed that we should go ahead and apply for funding from SBCF. Niall will get the application completed and sent in. **ACTION: Niall O'Rourke**

#### **(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 noted that the grid and the gate were removed at the school during the Easter holidays. It was reported that unfortunately there has been no change in the situation since these were removed. It is still as busy with cars and with more children cycling to school and using this road, this is a significant concern. Narene Fullerton, who works at the Playgroup, also pointed out that 20 bairns are collected from the Playgroup by car, and with both the school and the Playgroup closing at the same time, it is still very congested. The members agreed that a parking area here, and the other measures mentioned in Neil Hutcheson's previous e-mail of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, would ease the situation. It was also noted that there is no signage when

entering this road to say there is a Playgroup or danger of children crossing. It was agreed that Neil Hutcheson should be contacted again with these concerns. **ACTION: Clerk**

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

Cllr. Sandison advised that there had been no headway since the last meeting. Settlement audits are to be carried out to help identify appropriate development in areas where things are less straightforward and identify quick wins.

(e) Closure of W & J Gray Daycare

Cllr. Lyall was to speak with Jane Best for an update but she was not present to report back. Niall had spoken with the manager of the W & J Gray Eventide Home who advised that daycare would not be as before. It would be a different service available on some days. They would like community liaison to find out the needs in the community for daycare. Cllr. Sandison said he would speak with her again when restrictions ease. **ACTION: Cllr. Sandison**

(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

At the last meeting it was thought that the phone boxes were up for sale and it had been suggested that this one be bought and put to some use but apparently it is the red phone boxes only they are selling. Due to the poor state of this phone box, and also the fact that it does not appear to be working as the coin compartment is all frozen, it was agreed that we should try to get this removed. This would also make sense as it is actually situated on the path leading to the ladies toilets hindering access. This is to be looked into.

(h) Speed limit on Burra Bridge

It was noted that the traffic counters have now been removed and we await a response with the results from Dave Coupe, SIC Roads.

(i) Advance Grant Scheme Application – The Outpost

The feedback form had been submitted to SCBF and they had received confirmation from Mr. Kok that the aviary/structure and paths met access requirements as per Scottish Building Standards and Regulations. A drawing/sketch had also been received and was circulated to the members for information. This grant had now been approved.

(j) ITV Shetland – filming on Wed 21 April 2021

A reply had been received from Tim Maskell, Location Manager, to the e-mail which the Clerk had sent advising him that no 'extensive mail drop for Burra and Trondra residents' had taken place before the filming. This had been promised in his e-mail of 19<sup>th</sup> March. A reply had been received apologising that the mail drop had not been sufficient. He advised that a local had done the letter drop and as far as he was aware they did everyone in the immediate area who they thought would be directly affected and then spread out from there. It was noted that no one in Burra received the mail drop and Robin Black, who lives in Trondra, had not received one either. The members pointed out that there had been a few complaints and apparently the Hamnavoe School in Burra had not received notification and neither had other local businesses. It was agreed that we should write back to Mr. Maskell asking him who was given this task as he/she had obviously not done the job properly and had probably been paid well for a job not done. **ACTION: Clerk**

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

Niall advised that he had submitted the application for a £3,000 distribution Fund Grant.

(l) Da Voar Redd Up

The Voar Redd Up had taken place from 24-30 April. Bags were made available and a few areas in Burra had been done by individuals and households.

(m) Voxter House

A reply was received from Theresa Moreland thanking us for the information provided. Their progress with this can be followed on their facebook page or website [www.voxteroutdoorcentre.co.uk](http://www.voxteroutdoorcentre.co.uk).

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

A discussion took place regarding the above. It was reported by the Councillors present that the Scalloway Community Council had submitted an objection, together with a petition, but had also given some positive comments as not all the community are against it. It was pointed out that our local shop had served the community well during the pandemic and it would be a great loss to the community if the shop were to close. Cllr. Sandison reported that a planning officer had not been allocated to this as yet so it may take a couple of months. It was also pointed out that there are already a number of comments on the SIC planning portal and these are worth looking at. The members felt that they would need to know what the community's views are on this before making a submission and a questionnaire could possibly be sent out. Niall will look at the wording for the questionnaire for the next meeting. **ACTION: Niall O'Rourke**

(o) 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**

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SCBF – Advanced Grant Scheme

A grant application from the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) had been received from Eleanor Gear, SCBF for consideration. The RVS hold a social club in the Hamnavoe Public Hall and prior to Covid 19 this took place fortnightly. Once restrictions ease they would like to provide a social activity for their clients such as a bus run, provide transport to go out for a meal or visit another social club. This grant would support up to 23 clients. They were looking for a grant of £500. This was discussed by the members who agreed that the sum of £500 should be awarded. The Clerk will pass this information to Eleanor Gear, SCBF. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Public Transport Fare Policy Review Consultation

Robina Barton, Transport Policy & Projects Officer, had sent on this consultation with a link to an organisational response and also a public consultation. This is to be forwarded to all members. **ACTION: Clerk**

(c) Sandwick Baking Co v. Co-op new store

An e-mail had been received from Raymond & Evelyn Jamieson, owners of Sandwick Baking Company. They attached their thoughts on the proposed new supermarket in Sandwick and can see no future for their business if this goes ahead. This had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting who felt that they had raised some interesting and relevant points.

#### 5. AOCB

(a) Parking at Minn

Brian Anderson had been in touch regarding the problems with parking at Minn. This has been an ongoing problem as there are not enough parking spaces. When the car park is full they are blocking the access road to their house. Niall had visited the area with Brian Anderson for a discussion. In order to increase the parking area, the adjacent landowners will need to be contacted in the first instance. **ACTION: Niall O'Rourke**

(b) Rabbits

The Clerk had been contacted about the serious quantity of rabbits that are in Papil at the moment and in particular in the graveyard. She had contacted Ian Isbister at Environmental Health and he replied to say they are aware of the problem. He thinks the main problem is that the gates need proofing as the rabbits can squeeze through the gaps. The burial ground service is also aware of the problem. He also advised that the wider area would just need to be tackled by the landowners. They have been for a look at the Papil graveyard but the rabbits don't seem to be living in the yard itself.

(c) Burra Industrial Estate – request for site

The Clerk had been approached by a member of the public looking for a site on the Burra Industrial Estate at Easterdale to erect a shed for fishing gear. She had contacted SIC Assets who had replied stating that there are no sites available in this area. She had passed on this information.

(d) Meal beach

The Clerk had been approached by a member of the public regarding the access down on to the beach at the West side. This is a rocky area which is not easily accessible to everyone. It was suggested that similar metal railings could possibly be put in place similar to the Ness of Burgi at Sumburgh. The Clerk will contact Kevin Serginson, SIC, to see if he will have a look at it.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 9pm.