

# NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### REMOTE MEETING using Zoom

*This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting*

<b>Present:</b>
CCllr D Brown
CCllr R Doull
CCllr D Robertson
CCllr K Williamson
CCllr J A Cromarty
CCllr B Wilcock

<b>1. Apologies Submitted:</b>
Ms. A. Arnott – SIC Community Worker
M Duncan – SIC Community Worker
CCllr E Robertson
CCllr K Scollay
CCllr T Smedley

<b>Ex Officio Present:</b>
E MacDonald
<b>Ex Officio Apologies</b>

<b>In attendance:</b>
Mr I Davidson – Clerk

**The meeting started at: 19:30, CCllr D Brown in the Chair.**

Agenda Item	Narrative
<b>2. Declaration of interest</b>	B Wilcock re. Sale of Hillswick Kirk and Grant Application
<b>3. Approval Of Previous Minute</b>	The minute of the meeting held remotely via Zoom on Monday 8th March 2021 approved: CCllr R Doull, seconded: CCllr D Robertson.
<b>4. Police report</b>	Apology email received 01/04 expressing hope to supply one before meeting but this did not happen.
<b>5. Matters arising</b>	<p><b>Broadband</b> Chair had made contact but individual is awaiting response from BT. Another member reported that Northmavine did not appear to figure in BT's plans at present. The SIC Councillor present agreed to keep pushing for Northmavine to be included in BT R100 plans. <b>Action: Clerk to email all 3 Northmavine Councillors to request their support</b></p> <p><b>Collafirth Hill Road</b> Work is reported to be near completion. <b>Action: Remove from next minute</b></p>

**Eshaness Development**

Chair has spoken with CP and arranged to meet at NCDC office after 26/04 to discuss this as well as other areas of Northmavine regarding opening up for tourism again. Emphasis on car parking facilities at popular locations.

**Swarthoull**

Nothing Further

**NCDC**

The Green Energy project is almost complete, just waiting for charging point to be installed at Bruckland. A member asked if this would be available to the public. It was confirmed that this was to be the case.

**Litter bins in Northmavine**

SIC responded by asking for confirmation of the viewpoint location. This was provided but nothing further received

**Greenfield, Eshaness**

No response received from SIC

**Action: Clerk to contact Neil Hutchison (SIC) again to check if he has been for another look and copy in John Smith**

**Community Conversation**

Nothing Further

**Beatrice Wishart MSP**

Nothing further

**Action: Community Conversation report to be forwarded to BW when received as this covers same topic**

**Hillswick Church**

This is listed as an Agenda item for this meeting

**Traffic Speed at The Clave**

Nothing further

**EE Mast**

Planning Application has been submitted for Heylor. Members felt this needed a push

**Action: Clerk to contact EE for update**

**NPF4**

Nothing further. Remove from next minute

**ASCC Agenda Pack**

To be discussed under Outdoor Access item

**Islands Equivalent Payment - Business Gateway**

Nothing Further. Remove from next minute

	<p><b>NHS Shetland Clinical Strategy – Engagement</b> Nothing Further. Remove from next minute</p> <p><b>Council Committee Meetings</b> Nothing further. Remove from next minute</p> <p><b>Inter-Island Transport</b> Nothing further. Remove from next minute</p> <p><b>Planning Notification</b> Nothing further. Remove from next minute</p> <p><b>Mirror at Hillswick Shop/Hotel crossroads</b> New mirror now installed <b>Action: Clerk to email Colin Gair to thank</b></p> <p><b>Replacement Director for SCBF</b> Request for volunteers was posted to NCC facebook page but not sent to North Notes as they are not being done at present. No responses received. There was substantial discussion of next steps and it was generally agreed that the facebook post should be reposted with more detail of commitment required including average time needed. Members were also urged to submit any ideas of potential candidates to Chair who will then approach. <b>Actions: Repost on facebook. All members to think of potential candidates</b></p> <p><b>Outdoor Access</b> Chair reported that he raised the issue of creating by-law to prevent irresponsible dog-walking at ASCC but SIC lawyer advised against going down this route and suggested instead, utilising Islands Bill to make a change in the law. A member questioned if working dogs would be exempted. Matter has been left with SIC lawyer to pursue and will be discussed again at next ASCC meeting. <b>Action: Remove from next minute</b></p> <p><b>Planning Notification</b> Nothing Further. Remove from next minute</p> <p><b>SGP Manager Offer</b> Official invite put to SGP and positive response received. <b>Action: Remove from next minute but clerk to remind Chair prior to June meeting</b></p> <p><b>Climate Action Fund</b> Nothing Further. Remove from next minute</p> <p><b>Passing Place Sign at Uyea Junction</b> Email request sent to SIC. Awaiting response</p> <p><b>Runnadale concerns</b> Chair has been for a look and attempted to contact those concerned but without success so far. It was reported that SIC gritter had since had difficulty getting through the area due to excess of parked vehicles.</p>
<p><b>6. Sale of Hillswick Kirk</b></p>	<p>Members were informed that a group, Friends of the Hillswick Kirk, had been set up to investigate possibility of community buy-out. They understand that CoS has temporarily suspended the sale to consult</p>

	<p>with the group. A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April and a director of NCDC will attend as an observer. NCDC will support the group with advice and assistance but is not interested in purchasing the building themselves. NCC members generally agreed that they should adopt a similar stance. It was agreed that the outcome of Wednesday's meeting should be looked at before deciding if NCC should write a letter of support for the group to CoS.</p>
<p>7.</p> <p><b>Community Council Constitution Amendments</b></p>	<p>Members discussed the proposed amendments and agreed that they had no objections.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to respond to SIC with outcome</b></p>
<p><b>8 Correspondence</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Consultation</b> Already discussed in Matters Arising – EE Mast <b>Action: Inform Council that members have no objections</b></p> <p><b>Hjaltland Housing Association survey</b> HHA propose changing allocation policy and welcome CC input via <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/HHAAllocPolicy">www.surveymonkey.co.uk/HHAAllocPolicy</a> to be done by 9<sup>th</sup> April <b>Action: Forward link to members</b></p> <p><b>Digital Funding</b> Applications for funding from <b>Digital Participation Fund</b> and <b>Device Refurbishment Support Fund</b> can be submitted until 22/04/2021. The first is designed to combat inequalities (e.g. social isolation) in developing digital skills. The second supports voluntary and community sectors to refurbish and redistribute digital devices to those in need. Members discussed and agreed that this should be forwarded to NCDC. <b>Action: Forward email to NCDC</b></p> <p><b>Co-option Forms</b> Forms have been received for use if NCC need to co-opt new members in coming months. Members agreed that these were not required at present.</p> <p><b>Nesting Season approaching</b> Email received with a link to a video and advice from Outdoor Access Officer regarding Nesting Birds. Members agreed to share link on Facebook page. <b>Action: Clerk to post to Facebook page</b></p> <p><b>Easing of COVID_19 restrictions on islands</b> Email inviting consultation distributed to members 22/03 but closing date was 25/03 so now out of date. <b>Action: Remove from next minute</b></p> <p><b>CC Constitution – proposed changes requiring agreement</b> This has been included as an Agenda item</p> <p><b>CC Core Funding</b> Have received notification that budget has been set and requires application in writing to receive. Members had to first agree on how it</p>

will be split. As amount was same as last year (£12,667) then members agreed to split in same way.

**Action: Clerk to submit application in writing**

#### **Community Development Fund**

Have received notification that this year's bidding rounds have been set as follows. Round 1. 30/04/21; Round 2. 28/05/21 and Round 3. 25/06/21. Members were keen that an application from NCC should be submitted.

**Action: Clerk to submit application**

#### **Update from Development Management**

Notification received of extension to suspension of services until 26/04. For info only

#### **Opening up for Tourism**

Visit Scotland has requested views of Community Councils

**Action: Clerk to forward email to members for consideration**

#### **Bardister Tarring**

Following a request from a member, clerk wrote to SIC Roads Dept. regarding community concerns that only a part of the Bardister road was currently being resurfaced. It was felt that they should do at least to the Nissetter junction but preferably, the full length of the road to junction with Gluss road, which is in poor condition. Also enquired if bumps at Eela Water junction were to be looked at while working in area. A quick response was received which stated that the remaining length of Bardister road, between the brig and junction, will be patched later this summer. Depending on condition, all or parts of it will be resurfaced in next 1 – 2 years. They pointed out that they try not to resurface steep braes in winter months due to the smooth surface causing problems in icy conditions. They cannot surface-dress newly resurfaced roads for 5 years. The bumps at Eela Water will be surfaced out when Bardister brae is resurfaced.

Members discussed and it was pointed out that SIC had previously informed NCC that Eela Water road would be sorted when they were next working in the area. Members agreed that they should contact SIC to request a timescale for the works.

**Action: Clerk to write to roads dept. expressing members' concerns**

#### **Da Voar Redd Up**

Info was received from Amenity Trust on revised format for Redd Up this year, i.e. Household groups only could register for beach clean ups. Registration not necessary for roadside clean ups. A further email was received from CC liaison officer to clarify that Community Councils would not need to fund groups this year. The email contained a link for further details. Members requested to see email

**Action: Clerk to forward email to members**

#### **ASCC – June Meeting**

A request was received for suggested Agenda items for above. No new suggestions were put forward but Chair agreed to attend and follow up on dog control issue raised at last meeting

**Action: Clerk to respond to email**

	<p><b>SCBF – Application for AGS received</b>  SCBF had notified NCC that an application had been received from a local group for £200. Members discussed and were unanimous in agreeing to support the application.  <b>Action: Clerk to complete and return necessary paperwork to SCBF</b></p>
<b>9. AOCB</b>	
<b>10. Date of next meeting</b>	Amended to 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 19:30, via Zoom

**The meeting ended at 20:27**