

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. B. Adamson
Mrs. M Garnier

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Miss A. Williamson
Mr. N. Fullerton
Mr. Michael Duncan, SIC
Mrs. Roselyn Fraser, SIC

In Attendance

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

1. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Sandison, Cllr. Lyall and Niall O'Rourke declared an interest regarding Item 4(f) re Planning Application 2020/140/PPF – Proposed mast at Meal.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

There was one correction to the Minutes of 3rd May 2021. Item 3(e) – It was Cllr. Sandison who spoke with the manager of the W & J Gray Eventide Home not Niall O'Rourke. Minutes of 3rd May 2021 were thereafter approved by Niall O'Rourke and Mhairi Garnier.

3. MATTERS ARISING from 1st March 2021

(a) War Memorial, Bridge End

Niall had submitted the application for funding to SBCF for the repair work to the base of the war memorial. They will advise of their decision in due course

(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

The Clerk had e-mailed Neil Hutcheson advising that there is no change to the situation since they removed the grid and gate at the other side of the school during the Easter holidays. Narene Fullerton had also taken photographs showing the congestion and the Clerk had sent these in to Neil Hutcheson.

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

There was no update on this. It was suggested that we invite Zetrans to a meeting to see how they will do the area audits. Niall will contact Robina Barton to see if she is available to attend a meeting.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(e) Closure of W & J Gray Daycare

Cllr. Sandison had spoken previously with the manager and this service would not be going back to what it was before but they hope to provide some sort of service which may start happening soon. They will look at what need is in the community and the range of activities people would like.

(f) Gravestone – Nurse MacDonald

Stephen Duncan at Shetland Memorials has now completed the work at this grave. He has cleaned the existing cross and lettering and replaced the plaque at the foot of the grave with maintenance free lettering. The invoice for the work totalled £569.40 and the Clerk will send on the cheque in payment.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

Niall had contacted BT about removing this phone box and was waiting to hear back. (It is in a poor state of repair, has no door, and the coin compartment is frozen.)

(h) Speed limit on Burra Bridge

Still waiting to hear the results of the traffic counters from Dave Coupe, SIC Roads. The Clerk will contact him for an update.

ACTION: Clerk

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

A further reply had been received from Tim Maskell, Location Manager, on 11th May thanking the Community Council, and residents of Burra & Trondra, for being so accommodating and patient with their filming which closed the B9074 during their last block of filming. They would like to make a donation of £500 to the Community Council in appreciation. The members were delighted with this gesture and the Clerk will contact Mr. Maskell to get this sorted.

ACTION: Clerk

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

A letter had been received from SIC Community Planning & Development advising that our application for the £3,000 Distribution Fund had been granted. The Grant Acceptance document had been signed and returned.

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

The members discussed again the possibility of sending out a questionnaire to the community to get their views on this. It was agreed to leave this for the timebeing.

(o) Road at East side

The Clerk had e-mailed Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, regarding the road breaking up on the East Isle between the Smuggins and the Bridge End hall. He had quickly responded advising that they will be resurfacing from the Baptist Kirk to Houss this summer but would get some cold tar patching done. It was noted that this had now been done.

(a) Parking at Minn

Niall had spoken with Helen Laurenson, who owns adjacent land, about getting more parking spaces at Minn and they would be willing to work with us. There is an area of land where you could possibly get 10 more parking spaces. Niall will speak with Kevin Serginson, SIC, in the first instance to see if he can assist.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(b) Rabbits

The Clerk had previously contacted Ian Isbister at Environmental Health about the problem with rabbits in the grave yard and he advised that the burial ground service were aware of the problem and that the gates would need to be rabbit proofed. Nothing has been done so far about this so the Clerk will contact Kenneth MacKenzie at the burial ground service to hopefully get this sorted. It was also reported that the water tap is broken. **ACTION: Clerk**

(d) Meal beach

The Clerk had spoken briefly with Kevin Serginson, SIC, regarding the access down on to the beach at the West side and had suggested similar metal railings to the ones at the Ness of Burgi at Sumburgh. The Clerk will e-mail Kevin Serginson to see if he has had a chance to look at it. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme application (SCBF) – Bridge End Hall

An application from the Bridge End Hall had been received from Eleanor Gear, SCBF. The Committee is looking to refurbish the disabled toilet at a cost of £4,462. This was discussed by the members who approved the application. The Clerk will feed this back to Eleanor Gear, SCBF. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Planning Ref: 2020/021/PPF Applicant – Lerwick & Walls Methodist Circuit
Proposal – Retrospective application for change of use from place of worship to
studio/workshop

This was discussed by the members who had no objections. **ACTION: Clerk**

(c) Community Conversations Round 2

An e-mail was received from June Porter, Team Leader, Community Work, with details of their second round of Community Conversations which are scheduled to take place at the end of June and end of August. This time they are focusing on community resilience. As Shetland moves through the Government Covid tiers, and as communities start to think about opening up buildings and activities, they want to provide a forum to communities to share any worries, learn from each other, and enable communities to explore what they can do themselves and what they want help with from the public sector. These are to be held online and bookings to be e-mailed to roselyn.fraser@shetland.gov.uk. The Central Mainland session (Scalloway, Burra & Trondra) is on Thursday 17th June 7-8.30pm on Zoom.

(d) BT Scotland – R100 Scottish Isles Fibre Optic Cable Project – Consultation

Michael Duncan had sent through an e-mail attaching information received on the 'Reaching 100%' (R100) programme contracted to BT Plc. Global Marine have been contracted by BT to install sixteen submarine cables to extend broadband coverage across Shetland, Orkney & Inner Hebrides. They attached a consultation letter to introduce the project and invite comments on the proposed marine environmental appraisal approach. Once all appropriate licences, permits and consents have been obtained, the cables are planned to be installed from April 2022.

(e) Local Place Plan Regulations – consultation with Island Communities

Michael Duncan had sent on an e-mail from the Scottish Government passed to him by Simon Pallant, SIC Marine Planning. This had a survey attached and had been circulated to the members.

(f) Re: Planning Application 2020/140/PPF Mast at Meal

A letter had been received from Mrs. Catherine Emslie, on behalf of herself and her husband Calthorpe Emslie, which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The information in the letter was discussed by the members present who decided not to make

further comment to the Planning Department on this application. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the members who were not present to clarify the vote. **ACTION: Clerk**

(g) CC Training & Support Needs

An e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan regarding Community Councillor Training and Clerks Training. A questionnaire was attached for members asking them to send training needs to Clerk's in the first instance. These responses are to be returned to Michael Duncan who will then put together a range of courses and these will be shared with us later in the year for CC members to book spaces on. This is likely to be after the By-elections (Nov/Dec) which will allow any new Community Councillors an opportunity to also take part. This information is requested by 30th July. Clerk's training is intended for late September and a questionnaire was also attached for the deadline of 30th July.

5. AOCB

(a) Bridge at Bridge End

Narene Fullerton had sent photographs to the Clerk of the side walls of the bridge at Bridge End where cracks are appearing on opposite sides of the bridge. As this was deemed quite urgent the Clerk had sent these in to Neil Hutcheson prior to the meeting. He had replied saying that the bridge has been inspected, as part of their bridge inspection regime, on three occasions since 2014. An additional inspection following our e-mail has revealed that the crack on the inside of the wall looks identical to the photographs of the crack taken previously. However, it is more prominent on the outside of the wall where it appears that a previous repair is spalling. There is little evidence of rust staining, indicating that any steel reinforcement in the bridge is not yet deteriorating. They intend to repair the cracks to prevent further ingress of water in order to prevent any deterioration of the reinforcement. They will also increase the frequency of inspections at this bridge, so that they are done annually, to ensure that the bridge's overall condition is not worsening.

(b) Path to Meal beach

It was noted that the bushes alongside the wooden path to the beach are overgrown and encroaching on the path. Brian offered to take a look and cut this back. **ACTION: Brian**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7th June 2021 at 7pm. (Later changed to Monday 12th June 2021.)

The meeting ended at 8pm.