

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 08 July 2021 in Bressay Hall and by remote video conference

This minute is unapproved until adopted at the next meeting of BCC

Present:

Alistair Christie-Henry
 Shirley Gifford
 Sally Christie-Henry
 Malcolm Bell
 Stephen Leask (by Zoom)
 John Fraser (joined by Zoom at 8.15pm)

In Attendance:

Amanda Sinclair (Clerk)

Introduction:

Chairman opened the meeting and made sure that attendees on Zoom were able to hear and were able to see other and welcomed members to the Hall and ensured seating was in adherence with social distancing rules.

Agenda Items

1. Apologies:

Bryan Law
 Amanda McCartney
 Dee Henderson-Haefner
 Bill Jones
 Michael Duncan
 Kevin Main

2. Declaration of Interest:

Chairman asked for declaration of interests - none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 15th April 2021, previously circulated to members. The minutes were approved, proposed by Shirley and seconded by Sally.

4. Matters arising (actions not elsewhere on agenda):

AP1: Maintenance of Woodland site.

Email to Executive Manager Sport & Leisure, reply received that Sport & Leisure is not responsible for the woodland. Email to be sent to Asset Management to establish ownership and responsibility.

1. Action Clerk

AP2: Adoption of Kiosk at Roadside:

Awaiting further communication from BT

AP5: Request additional bottle bank and relocate existing

Chairman responded that he had communicated with previous managers regarding bottle bank, waste bins and dog litter bins, all to no avail. Their now appears to be yet another new manager in post and he will now try to re communicate the requests. Clerk noted that there was an email from a member of the public requesting additional bins that would be discussed later.

2. Action Chairman

AP6: Request to remove or relocated the disabled parking bay at Glebe

Ongoing

5. Members and Visitors Report

Malcolm and Stephen had no reports. Malcolm said he was pleased to see face to face meetings starting again and congratulated Bressay for being the first community council to start with them. John Fraser joined the meeting at 8.15pm and had no report.

6. Infrastructure Update:

Roads and ferry service – Chairman had received an update from Kevin Main prior to the meeting to find out when road works at Gunnista and the white lines at the car park will start. Despite requests for information on start date of works at the ferry car park, no communication is been received. Chair also asked Kevin Main is to share with Sellaness the BCC displeasure of the failure once more of Ferry services to put up notices warning commuters of the periods when the Leirna was scheduled to be at dry-dock.

Ferry Fare Increase – Chairman reported that he had been advised that this years fare increase, as in previous years, is because there is a standing Council policy to increase the fares annually by the rate of inflation. It seems that to break this link the policy needs to be reversed by a council decision. While BCC members accepted this reason, this year, they appealed to the ex-officio Members to seek to revisit the policy for future years. The underlying principal to BCC is that to the off Mainland island residents ferries are our bus service and if the bus fares can be frozen it is unfair to increase ferry fares.

War Memorial – Chairman had discussed progress with Bill prior to the meeting. No further progress on this as all due to virus restrictions. Bill and Chairman will seek a meeting with the new owner when safe to do so. Meanwhile Bill has been asked to verify what external funding would be available and to gather this information in advance of a meeting.

7. Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF)

Members noted that there is only one application to date.

Members recognised that this fund needs to be re advertised to the Bressay public and we should offer to advise and assist islanders how to apply for funding. Members agreed that an advert should be done and promoted via the facebook page.

3. Action Clerk/Sally

Chairman engendered a debate into seeking funds from the SCBF scheme to conduct a feasibility study into the need to have fuel pumps Bressay. Members agreed that there was a need and that any study should look to establish Where, What, How and Who. Members agreed that a first step would be to write a project brief and have the cost estimated in order to apply to SCBF for funds. The Chairman formal proposal was seconded by Shirley. Chairman volunteered to write up a brief for the project and asked Sally to assist in the process.

4. Action Chairman/Sally

8. Correspondence

8.1 For Consideration:

8.1.1. An emailed received from member of the public stating lack of bins on the Island and the need for a notice board at ferry with local information. After much discussion of the historical requests for bins it was suggested by Malcolm Bell a line should be drawn under this and a new letter sent to SIC stating Bressay's needs about bins and re-cycling bins. **5. Action Clerk**

Following further discussion it was also agreed that the Community Council commission notice boards for the waiting rooms at Lerwick and Bressay sides to display local information. Regarding funding the notice boards Chairman suggested that once the cost was estimated an application could be made to the SCBF. **6. Action Chairman**

8.1.2 Community Conversations – Sally to attend on Wednesday 21st July on behalf of Bressay Community Council

8.1.3 Caring for Bressay (attachment 1) – Members agreed the update to the proposed NHS Surgery at the Bressay School, provided by Edna Mary Watson and BCC Chairman.

8.1.4 SIC Community Ferry runs (attachment 2)

Letter from Transport Planning - four community runs are available for the year ending 31 March 2022. Following discussion regarding the local rules used to allocate the runs it was agreed that an organization or individual should not be allocated more that 1 run from each years allocation, the excerption being in the last month if allocations remained unused. All requests would be subject to members approval. Notice to be put on facebook page, shop notice board and Ferry. **7. Action Clerk**

8.1.5 Community Council Constitution.

The draft revised constitution had previously been discussed and final version had been circulated to members. Chairman sought formal approval and adoption of the new constitution. This was approved by Shirley and seconded by Sally. The Chairman formally signed the constitution which will be returned to Anne Cogle.

9. Financial Report

The Clerk informed members:

- The accounts for 2020/21 were still with auditors.
- No grant applications have been received.
- Core funding went into bank on 26 June 2021
- Distribution grant of £3000 and Project and grant of £1000 has been approved. Chairman signed the conditional letters which will be returned to grants department 09 July 2021

Regarding the Project grant, Chairman passed around proposed future bulky waste collection dates (attachment 3). In addition he will contact the organisations that assisted last year and seek to secure their involvement this year. This was approved by Shirley and seconded by Sally

8. Action Chairman

10. Any Other Business

Shirley raised the matter of the facebook page and saying postings were not consistent and not always relevant to the Community Council. Following discussion it was decided that the page should only be administrated by the Clerk. An email is to be send to the current administrator requesting the settings be changed to make the Clerk the Facebook Administrator.

9. Action Clerk

Shirley brought up the matter of the overgrown cattle grids. Despite reports and promises they still have not been cleared and are now a danger to animals. Stephen Leask said he would chase up this matter and try and get a start date.

10. Action Stephen Leask.

Shirley stated the verges were very overgrown and asked when they will be cut. She was told it was council policy to do a safety cut and a blanket cut. Stephen said he had spoken about this before with Roads Maintenance and stated policy needs to be changed to do cuts earlier in the year

Sally is keen to get new members on the community council and with 2 vacancies and an election coming up in September feels this is now the time to start advertising.

11. Action Sally/Clerk

9. Location and date of next meeting:

The next scheduled, meeting of BCC will be held on Thursday 19 August at 7.15 pm in the Hall with the option to connect via ZOOM if desired.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date