

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held on Zoom on Monday 12th July 2021 at 7pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. R. Black

Apologies

Miss A. Williamson
Mr. N. Fullerton
Mrs. M. Garnier
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

None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 7th June 2021 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) War Memorial, Bridge End

The application for funding from SBCF for the repair work to the base of the war memorial had been successful - £2,520 had been granted. Gary Leask will hopefully get this work done in the coming months. Niall also advised that the specialist who does lead lettering is coming up to Shetland in August and as he does not travel here very often thought it would be a good chance to get this done too. This would add approximately £1,100 to the cost but it was agreed that it would be good to get this done while he is here. It was agreed we could use the £500 received from ITV Shetland to help pay for this work and possibly apply to SCBF again.

(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 in June 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. There had been no reply to date but the Clerk had sent a reminder.

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

Niall had spoken with Robina Barton who will attend our meeting in September to give us an update.

(e) Closure of W & J Gray Daycare

Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Scott advised that they are going to arrange a meeting with the manager, Jennie Gunn, to get an update on the situation re consultations etc.

ACTION: Cllr. Sandison & Cllr. Scott

(f) Gravestone – Nurse Pratt

This gravestone was to have the lettering re-painted but Nicola Johnson (who offered to do it) doesn't know what type of stone it is and was advised to find that out first otherwise the paint might run. The Clerk offered to take photographs of the stone and send this to Stephen Duncan to see if he could advise.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

Niall had heard nothing further from BT about removing this phone box which is in a very poor state, has no door the coin compartment is frozen. He will get in touch with them again.

ACTION: Niall

(h) Speed limit on Burra Bridge

A reply had been received from Dave Coupe, SIC Roads, to our request for the 40mph limit to be extended across the Burra bridge. He advised that the figures from the counters suggest that there may be a marginal benefit from moving the limit to the other side of the bridge, particularly when looking at the relationship between the footpath, road and structure. They will therefore undertake to do this and will instruct their contractor to undertake the works as soon as they have completed the necessary procedure. The members were delighted to hear that this had been approved.

Cllr. Scott also mentioned the speed of the traffic at East Voe and that this should also be reduced. He suggested that the two Community Councils, Scalloway and Burra & Trondra, should get together on this. Niall will speak with their Chairman, John Hunter.

Robin also brought up the speed of traffic through Trondra and that this had been mentioned to the police at our meeting before but nothing had been done.

ACTION: Niall

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

The Clerk had contacted Mr. Tim Maskell regarding the donation to the Community Council and the sum of £500 will be in our bank account shortly.

(j) Parking problem at Minn

Niall had tried to contact Kevin Serginson, SIC, but he was on holiday until 26th July. He will get in touch with him when he returns.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(k) Rabbits/Water tap in graveyard

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. The Clerk had also contacted the burial ground service who replied on 9th June advising that they would prioritise adding mesh to the bottom of the gates to deter rabbits easily accessing the yard. So far no mesh has been put on the gates but the water tap has been fixed.

(l) Meal beach – access at West side

The Clerk had emailed Kevin Serginson, SIC, regarding improving access at the West side of the beach but he is on holiday until 26th July so there was no reply.

(m) Community Conversations Round 2 – Thurs 17 June 2021

No one had attended the above online forum. This time they were focusing on community resilience and they wanted 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. Cllr. Lyall had attended the one for Tingwall. Niall asked if there were any issues in our community but no one was aware of anything. It was noted that some folk are still on furlough but everything seems to be getting back to normal. Cllr. Sandison pointed out that there are still foodbags available to those in need. It also appears there is still plenty of work but some places are having difficulty getting staff.

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

Niall had spoken with Stuart McLaren, Environmental Consultant (undersea cables). He is putting the planning application together. There is a meeting happening shortly (23rd July) to see when the connection will be and what is involved. Niall will email the link if anyone wants to attend.

ACTION: Niall

(o) CC Training & Support Needs

An e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan regarding Community Councillor Training and Clerks Training and had been circulated to the members. A questionnaire was attached for members asking them to send training needs to Clerk's in the first instance. So far only Robin Black had sent back a response to the Clerk. The Clerk will circulate the e-mail again to the members. The responses have to be returned to Michael Duncan by 30th July 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.

ACTION: Clerk

(r) Path to Meal beach

Brian had been down and trimmed the bushes alongside the wooden path to the beach.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SCBF – T1 Advance Grant Scheme applications:

(i) Shetland Classic Motor Show

The Shetland Classic Motor show had submitted an application to SCBF. (They had applied to all 18 Community Councils for a grant of £400.) This was discussed by the members who decided not to support this application.

(ii) Dogs Against Drugs

Dogs Against Drugs had also applied to the SCBF. (They had also applied to all 18 Community Councils for a grant between £1,000 and £5,000 from each depending on their AGS allocation.) After discussion the members agreed to a donation of £1,000 due to the important work they are doing and also the fact that they are working in schools to educate the young people.

These are the first two groups who have applied to all community councils for funding. Robin Black said he would speak to the Directors about how this is managed. **ACTION: Robin**

(b) R100 PAC event notifications

An e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan attaching information from Stuart McLaren, Environmental Consultant. This had already been discussed in item 3(n).

(c) Other correspondence circulated to members:

- Draft Sullom Voe Harbour Area Masterplan & SEA – Public Consultation
- Fireworks Consultation Launch and The Fireworks (Scotland) Misc Amendments Regulations 2021
- Constituency Advice Surgeries
- 2019 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

- ASCC agenda item request
- Funding info – Crown Estate Scotland – Boat Based Tourism Challenge Fund
- Funding info – Island Communities Fund
- Connecting Scotland Phase 3 – Fast Track Programme

5. AOCB

(a) Swings at The Glen

It was reported that one of the baby seats at the swings is broken and would need to be replaced. The Clerk will contact Magnus Malcolmson in the first instance to see if they have any spare seats available. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Bin at Minn

Niall reported that dog waste is being put in the bin at Minn. This will be looked at and if necessary the Clerk still has laminated signs which could go up. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Laptop for Community Council

The Clerk mentioned that she has been using her own laptop for the Zoom meetings and asked if one could be purchased for the community council. The members were in agreement. The Clerk will contact Michael Duncan to see if one could be bought through the Council's IT department. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7th September 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.