

# **Sandness & Walls Community Council**

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Minutes of a virtual meeting of Sandness & Walls Community Council held via Zoom on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 at 7.00pm

**Present:**

I Walterson (Chair)  
I Sandison (Vice Chair)  
M Forrest  
L Moncrieff  
J Haswell  
J Puckey  
G Jamieson  
Cllr S Coutts  
Cllr T Smith

In Attendance: R Fraser (Stand In Clerk)

**1. Chairman's Welcome**

I Walterson (Chair) welcomed all those present.

**2. Apologies**

M Duncan, J Laing, Cllr C Hughson

**3. Declarations of Interest**

T Smith declared an interest in item 7 - Housing (He is a current member of the Hjaltland Housing Association board)

I Walterson declared an interest in item 9 – Shetland Community Benefit Fund (Application from Dogs Against Drugs as he has family connections to the group)

#### **4. Police Report**

No report was available for this meeting.

#### **5. Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 was proposed by L Moncrieff and seconded by I Walterson.

#### **6. Matters Arising**

##### ***Re: 20.2 of 4/21 Grass Cutting***

M Forrest reported that the grass at the War Memorial had been cut recently.

#### **7. Housing**

##### **7.1 Forratwatt Development**

TS updated the meeting that in the most recent Hjaltland Housing Association Development Programme it was noted that the proposed housing development in the Forratwatt area of Walls was still going through the decrofting process. Members were very disappointed that the whole process was taking so long.

Jane Puckey joined the meeting

#### **8. Roads**

##### **Re: 8.1 of 4/21 Road from the Murrister Quarry to Walls**

It was noted that Cllr Hughson has not yet reported back on the status of the plans for improvements to the road from the Murrister Quarry to Walls.

**Action: The Clerk to seek an update from Cllr Hughson.**

##### **Re: 8.1 of 6/21 Large stones on the Sandness Road**

L Moncrieff reported that this problem had been dealt with by the SIC Roads Department.

(Draft minutes of August 2021 S&WCC meeting, subject to approval at next meeting.)

## **Re: 8.2 of 10/19 Broken Verge at Norby Junction, Sandness**

It was reported at this meeting that the repairs have still not been carried out.

**Action: The Clerk was asked to request an update from Mr Scobie.**

### **8.1 Springfield Bridge**

I Sandison had noted a new crack in the Springfield Bridge and had contacted the roads department to report it. Dave Coupe updated that an engineer had been out to look at the crack and reported that it was not a structural issue but that they would monitor it going forward.

## **9. Shetland Community Benefit Fund**

### **Re: 9.2 6/21 Community Council Application for a Grant for a Picnic Table for the Walls Picnic Site.**

**Action: The Clerk to complete the grant application form when he is back at work.**

#### **9.1 Grant Application by Dogs Against Drugs**

I Walterson declared an interest in this item.

Eligible members approved the grant request unanimously.

#### **9.2 Grant Application by Classic Motor Show**

Members approved the grant requested unanimously.

**Action: R Fraser to notify Eleanor Gear of the decisions.**

#### **9.3 Other Potential Applicants**

I Walterson raised the possibility of encouraging the groups that were unsuccessful in accessing funding from the Invest in the West project to apply to the SCBF. Groups to be encouraged to apply.

## **10. Walls Health Centre Practice Nurse (Location on Fridays)**

Thanks to the efforts of I Walterson and C Hughson there has been some progress with communications with Edna Mary Watson

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(EMW). She is back from leave tomorrow and the community council are hopeful of a positive response regarding a nurse being available at Walls on a Friday. J Haswell noted that the extended length of time this issue has been going on was not good enough.

EMW had stated in her email that cover for the Bixter surgery on a Friday would be required, I Sandison raised concerns that if this was not found would that mean there would be no provision at Walls at all on a Friday?

G Jamieson joined the meeting.

I Walterson stated that he hoped to be informed of a positive outcome from EMW later this week.

## **11. Financial Update + Revised Grant Application Forms**

### **11.1 Financial Update**

The only transaction since the last meeting had been the payment of skip hire.

### **11.2 Revised Grant Application Forms**

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council are drafting a proposed revised Grant Application Form and this will be considered at the next ASCC meeting in September.

## **12. Correspondence (including Emails)**

**12.1** Shetland Community Spirit Awards are looking for nominations, closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone has any suggestions please email the other members.

**12.2** The Citizens Advice Bureau annual report was received from Manager Karen Eunson.

**12.3** The ASCC are seeking another community council representative to sit on the board of the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation (SSMO) as I Walterson is standing down at the AGM on Thursday following 22 years of service.

**12.4** An invitation was received for someone to attend the unveiling of the Deep Sea Fishermens Memorial at 1pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. I Walterson will try to attend.

### **13. AOCB**

#### **13.1 Monday Ferry Service for Papa Stour**

J Puckey discussed an email she had received from M Craigie regarding the reinstatement of the Monday Ferry Service for Papa Stour following the removal of the Tuesday flight. It was agreed that J Puckey would forward the correspondence and all necessary information to the three elected members who would then take the matter forward on behalf of the Papa Stour community.

#### **Re: 13.2 6/21 G Jamieson's continued attendance at meetings**

G Jamieson still keen to attend and participate in the Community Council if possible.

**Action: I Walterson to discuss this with M Duncan and report back.**

### **14. Date of Next Meeting.**

This was set for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September via Zoom to get back into the normal meeting schedule. It was unanimously decided to continue meeting via Zoom for the time being.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and stated how blyde he and everyone present at the meeting was to see Doug home and on the mend after his recent stay in hospital. He also thanked R Fraser for standing as interim clerk at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm