

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 16/08/21

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21 June 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:
John Hunter – Chair
John MacKenzie
Mark Burgess.
Kenny Pottinger
Andrew Blackadder
Lindsay Laurenson
Louise Davis

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Davie Sandison
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott

2. APOLOGIES:
Michael Duncan - SIC
Roselyn Fraser - SIC
Liz Walter

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minute of the meeting held on 17 May 2021 was proposed by John M and seconded by Mark.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Andrew suggested that the Co-op had reports, analysis and a retailer assessment that they had promised to send, though these documents do not appear to have been sent. One of the representatives from the last meeting should be emailed to remind them to forward these details onto us. Andrew went on to request an update on the petition regarding the Co-op, wondering if it had been collected in and the signatures tallied. John H has talked to Joyce regarding this, she has put it in to planning, and upon not hearing anything back, was informed the petition was not in their system. Joyce has been away for a while, which might explain the issues with locating the signatures.

Action: Joy and John H

5. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Joy Ramsay was appointed as the new clerk

6. RE-CREATE SCALLOWAY

Port Arthur Site – Lindsey was in contact with the council regarding this, and that whilst planning is progressing, that they should be encouraged to speed up the process.

Scalloway Waterfront and Town Centre Feasibility Study and Masterplan – John M. said that there have been several meetings and seven tenderers applying for the contract, which through cost/quality analysis carried out by the group and further questions, has had one selected, should be finalised by either Tuesday or Wednesday. The feasibility study should be completed by December. Davie said that a position for a part time development worker is to be advertised in the Shetland Times over two weeks; the successful applicant will be helping with other projects in addition to the feasibility study.

7. ASCC UPDATE

Mark attended the last meeting, and has reported back.

- Roadworks: The main focus of the meeting was a presentation by the roads department, which explained the process of how significant roadworks are implemented. This followed the roads program that already exists. One part that Mark found interesting was regarding verges at Tingwall ten years ago; the roads department were against improvements to verges due to maintenance and safety issues. This was resolved by the CC by the verges at the Tingwall valley being flattened and white posts were erected. When asked, the roads department confirmed that they would still consider that, which could be useful in regards to the Astra Campsite, and improve the area for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Fuel poverty in Shetland: ASCC is going to do more work on this, with a lot of interest surrounding the possibility of an energy co-operative.
- Fixed Links: Michael Craigie explained that the government's Green Book Process for measuring any business case seemed to be esoteric, but it was still the basis by which all projects were to be measured. Furthermore, the consideration for Fixed Links has been shifted to the Island's Connectivity Program, which has set works back.
- Dog control: The ASCC will discuss at a later date; issues with dogs running off lead, worrying sheep and causing issues for the general public. Mark thought a bylaw that would require dogs to be kept on leads at all times would not work.

8. ROADS ISSUES

- Main Street: Ian said that roadworks that were due to begin will proceed soon, but due to an issue with the tarring machinery, roadworks have been delayed in Scalloway, as they have been in Lerwick. Ian suggested that the CC should get in contact with the roads department for an update.
- Castle Street: Andrew wondered if there had been any response from the school regarding the parking issues brought up last meeting. Davie confirmed that the staff at the school appear to have received the message, but the picking up/dropping off of children still means cars parking around the area.

Action: Joy

9. POLICE

The police had not been contacted prior to the meeting so there was no police report.

10. FINANCE

- Grant Applications: Dogs Against Drugs (DAD) have applied for funding from the Community Benefit Fund, and seem to have approached other CCs for funding. Ian said that a similar application had been discussed at the Tingwall CC. The request is for £1,000, Moraig confirming that they are asking for 10% of the budget. Lindsay wondered if this would be coming out of this year or next year's budget, with concerns that this would be giving an advantage to DAD for having their proposal in early. It has been suggested that the DAD proposal should be deferred to the September meeting.
- Special Projects Grant: Mark said that they have a grant that was delayed for the year 19-20, he applied to the council for an extension, which was granted last week, and will have until March 2022 to complete the project. Mark suggested that for this year's fund could be used towards the Burwick core path project. Davie provided further details, suggesting that they were requesting a picnic bench and bins, with the responsibility of maintenance being taken on by them. Davie wondered if the project would be considered for the special projects grant, or if they would fill out a grants application. SPG would grant £1000 to the project, but the dates for application would need to be looked up. Mark said the closing date for the SPG was the 25th June. John H. said that Joyce had sent him an email regarding road repairs for Burwick through the community association.

Action: John H

- Supporting Communities Fund: Mark has not heard anything back since last meeting with HIE. The four community laptops have been accounted for; two are still in use by families, one is with Mark and one is to be picked up by Mark at the next opportunity.
- Town Centre Fund: John M said that the application for the works around the Scalloway hall, with drawings of plans in circulation, has received an email back confirming that the plans are to be approved, the next step will be to buy the materials. Extra funding to the amount of £10,000 has also been secured for railings, lighting for the youth centre and tables. Materials should arrive in three to four weeks, with work beginning next month. Lindsay wondered if there was any funds left to restore or replace the flag pole outside of the hall, Andrew said that there is to be a follow up fund after the TCF, and that there could be future opportunities to improve the flag pole
- Jamieson Trust – the new mechanism and time controller has arrived and just waiting for someone to install it, as the volunteer who fixed the mechanism is unable to fit it.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

12. PLANNING

- 2021/179/PPP: erection of five houses at Soundibanks, land adjacent to Sea Grind. Five houses on the land already. Concerns with the road, as it is single track. Previously, with the ten houses built there, there were similar thoughts about upgrading the road, but only passing places added. Current road also requires maintenance. A response to the road issues should be made. Planning permission should not be granted or denied, but postponed until the current road is either upgraded or maintained to a good standard by the council. Lindsay said that the damage seems to have been done heavy machinery. The planning of new housing should not be prevented or discouraged, but the current roads have to be able to withstand the extra traffic that shall be using it. Kenny said that there could be benefits to keeping the access road as single track, so as to lessen the amount of traffic going through the area and improving safety. To be looked at again at a later date.

13. AOCB

Andrew asked if anyone had taken part in the community conversation on the 17th of this month

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 16 August 2021 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.12pm.