

# Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a WebEx meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held on Monday 19 July 2021 at 7.30pm. 0800 051 3810 128 731 4453

Present: J Priest Mrs S Deyell  
M Bennett  
Ex officio: Cllr C Hughson Cllr T Smith  
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and did a roll call.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were intimated on behalf of Mr G Morrison, Mrs J Fraser, Ms D Nicolson, Cllr S Coutts, Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer, Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker and PC Anna Darnowska.

**MINUTES & HEADLINES:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2021, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr M Bennett, seconded by Mrs S Deyell.

**BUSINESS ARISING: Police:** PC Anna Darnowska was unable to attend the meeting but sent details of the information for this area from the June Police Report. She asked anyone who has questions or issues they want to raise to let them know.

**Coronavirus:** The vaccine roll out is still progressing.

**Broadband:** Cllr C Hughson had asked Mr Neil Grant for a contact but had not yet received a reply.

**Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse:** Following an enquiry about the barriers from a member of the public a message was sent to Mr N Hutcheson asking for the latest information regarding them. A reply was received giving details of an inspection. He says that the capital budget for barrier replacements is fully committed this year but it will be added to next year's programme. The members were disappointed at this reply due to the state that the barriers are in.

Cllr C Hughson now has a contact for this project who had informed her that the tender is ready to go out next week and it is hoped that the contractor will be on site by the end of the summer.

**Roads Reports:** Roads Reports have been received and circulated to the members.

**Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction:** In her role as Petitioner, Ms D Nicolson had contacted Mr N Hutcheson at Roads for an update on the speed limit provision at Tresta. He had informed her that cameras have been installed but they are waiting for the

connection. He added that they will put the signs up after a month of monitoring pedestrian/cycle use and the speed limit will then be monitored for 18 months.

**Surface Dressing, Re-Surfacing and Reconstruction Programme 2021 & Micro-Surfacing Programme 2022:** Details of these items were received from Mr N Hutcheson at Roads.

The Chairman reported that a number of roads in this area have been done. It was noted that the 20mph speed limit on newly surface dressed roads is now mandatory.

**Viking Energy Wind Farm:** Planning application to be discussed later in the meeting.

The next meeting of the Joint Liaison Group will be held tomorrow (20 July) and the Chairman will attend.

**Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF):** Two applications to the Advanced Grant Scheme were received and had been circulated to the members for comment. No one had suggested a refusal and those present agreed to recommend that they be paid. They are Dogs Against Drugs for £5,000 and Classic Motor Show for £400.

**Update on grants: Investing in Communities Fund:** A very successful on line event had been held and more than 400 people had voted. Unfortunately Mrs R Fraser, who has been leading the Working Group, has been off sick and the result of the Event has been delayed. However, the successful groups have now been contacted and sent a Funding Acceptance Form for signature. The unsuccessful groups have also received messages and further information will be sent to them giving details of what funding may be available.

A meeting of the Working Group will be held soon.

An email was received from Ms Gail Gorman saying that they would normally have been planning towards the launch of a second round of Investing in Communities Fund in 2021 but that this would not be the right time to open a full new round of funding. Instead they will continue to support those existing ICF projects that can demonstrate a clear need for up to a further year of funding during the financial year 2022/23 ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. They anticipate that a second full round of ICF will open for applications in 2022 to cover the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026. Further information regarding ICF Round 2 will follow in due course.

**Community Development Fund – Distribution 21/22:** Will be discussed again at our next meeting.

**New Grant Application form:** Our present application form was refreshed and circulated to the members who agreed it was more 'user friendly' than the one received from Mr M Duncan. It was also sent to Mr M Duncan with a request that it be considered at the next Association meeting. It will be circulated to all the Community Councils in Shetland for their consideration prior to the Association meeting.

**Funding:** Various funding information received from Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

**Association:** The next Association meeting will be held on 14 September.

A message was received from Mr M Duncan giving details of the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation and asking whether any of our members are interested in joining the SSMO Board. No one had shown an interest.

**Clousta and Culswick phone boxes:** No further details about any of the phone boxes.

**Orion Project:** On going.

**Temporary Change in Planning:** No update.

**Children at Play signs:** None of the Aith members were present to inform us whether the signs have been erected.

**Scambuster Session:** Will take place when face to face meetings are possible.

**Request for Comprehensive Toilet Information:** Ms Osla Jamwal-Fraser had telephoned the Clerk and has now received the information she requires.

**Meetings in Future:** Due to the number of cases of Coronavirus circulating in Shetland, it was agreed that we will continue with WebEx meetings at present.

**Gravestones:** The memorial re-fixing will be carried out once the grass cutting season finishes.

**CC Training and Support:** None of the members have expressed any interest in this training.

**Unadopted Roads:** A number of Unadopted Road applications were considered. With the limited amount of finance available, the grants offered had to be cut back. Each applicant will receive a letter giving them details of their allocations.

**Community Conversations – Round 2:** Further details not yet received.

**Community Council Constitution:** A copy of this Community Council's Constitution, with agreed amendments, was received from Ms Anne Cogle. As she had requested, the Chairman had signed the front page of the Constitution document and returned it to her.

**PLANNING APPLICATION:** 2021/221/VCON Application to vary condition No 9 of planning permission 2018/335/CUCON (approved working hours) Central Mainland, Shetland by Jamie Watt, SSE – This application was considered by those present. A number of members had tendered their apologies and only a quorum was in attendance. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr M Bennett proposed that this Community Council object to it. With having so few members present, it was agreed that Mike will put together his submission and send it to the Clerk. She will then copy it to all the members and ask for a seconder and whether or not each member wishes to vote for or against the proposal. The Clerk will also contact the Development Dept and request an extension to the time limit for comments.

**ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS:** A message was received from Mr A Grant at Scottish Boundary Commissions Secretariat saying the Commission has now submitted it's Final Proposals to Scottish Ministers. The report and further information regarding the review is available on their website: <https://boundaries.scot/2019-reviews-electoral-arrangements>. He also informed us that their name changed from Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland to Boundaries Scotland on 14 May 2021, to reflect their added responsibilities for reviews of Scottish Parliament boundaries.

**NEXT MEETING:** We normally have a month's recess in the summer and, if all the members agree, we will skip the August meeting date. The next WebEx meeting will be held on Monday 13 September 2021 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their time.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm