

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. N. Fullerton
Mrs. M. Garnier
Mr. R. Black

Apologies

Miss A. Williamson
Mr. G. Laurenson
Nr. B. Adamson
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 12th July 2021 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Robin Black.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) War Memorial, Bridge End

Niall had spoken with Gary Leask who advised that the specialist who does the lead lettering is up from South at the moment and he thought we should get this done first otherwise chemicals might get onto the new base. This was agreed by the members.

(b) Streetlights – Brough

Mervyn Smith, SIC, advised previously that they are behind schedule due to the pandemic and there was no timescale. Two streetlights at Brough were taken down years ago and have still not been replaced. The lights on the 30mph signs at the south end of this section are also out and we were advised some time ago that these will not be connected until the two streetlights have been sorted. The Clerk was asked to contact Mervyn Smith again for an update as residents in the area are anxious to get these replaced as it is years since these were taken down.

ACTION: Clerk

(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. A reply had been received from Neil Hutcheson who had visited the school and seen the situation for himself. He agreed that there has been little if any change following the removal of the cattle grid on the school's access. He had counted 18 vehicles that came in the West gaet who were collecting bairns from the school and playgroup. He thought that parking for 12 cars

would be a reasonable level of provision and should solve the problem. He will now go back to the Education Service and Capital Projects regarding a business case to form the formalised parking, kerbed footpaths and possible calming measures. The members were delighted to hear that progress is being made on this.

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

Niall had contacted Robina Barton about attending our meeting tonight but she had another commitment. She is also on annual leave in October so had sent an e-mail with an update as follows:

“We received confirmation of Sustrans funding to support delivery of the Active Travel Strategy in July and are in the process of contracting Systra to undertake the settlement audit work, which will commence this month. (Systra is the consultancy that developed the Active Travel Strategy with us so there will be continuity). The first 8 audits will focus on the 8 ‘areas of best fit’ as “sustainable locations for residential or residentially compatible development” identified in the current Local Development Plan. The audits will give consideration to the ways in which they are connected to outlying areas (for example, the way Scalloway connects with Trondra/Burra). It is intended that audit work will be carried out in the next couple of months, with the output of the audit presented to relevant community councils, elected members and Local Development groups to discuss initial ideas, gather additional ideas, gauge support and enthusiasms. I anticipate that this engagement will take place in November. The final audit report will be completed by the end of December. It will outline the overall approach and summarise for each settlement: key issues, discussions with stakeholders, recommended actions and rationale, with outline costs and prioritisation.

Currently Sustrans Places for Everyone will fund construction work at an intervention rate of 70% and they are very broad in terms of what they will class as match funding (you can use any active travel spend in your Local Authority as match). Places for Everyone is currently closed for applications but it is expected to re-open in Summer 2022. However, I recently spoke with our main Sustrans contact, and he indicated that there may be less funding available for construction coming from Sustrans in the future, so we will need to identify our highest priorities. This is because Sustrans has spent more than anticipated in the past 18 months as a result of the pandemic. We are currently working with Sustrans to identify some ‘quick wins’ from the 57 routes that have been proposed by Community Councils, and funding is in place to undertake some design work this financial year. However, with CCs across Shetland being very keen to see work progress it is important that choices are made using a rationale that is robust and fair. I note that design work has already been undertaken for East Voe (route from Sundibanks into Scalloway).

I will keep you updated as to the progress of the audits.”

(e) Closure of W & J Gray Daycare

Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Scott had not yet had a meeting with the Manager, Jennie Gunn, but Cllr. Sandison had spoken today with the Manager, Jennie Gunn. They still have restrictions in place due to the pandemic. He felt that a meeting would still be worthwhile and will e-mail the Clerk with the outcome.

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) does not know what type of stone it is and was advised to find that out otherwise the paint might run. The Clerk is still to send a photograph of the stone to Stephen Duncan and will also speak with Nicola to see if she is still willing to paint the lettering.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

Niall had contacted BT again but they will not agree to the removal of the phone box. The members agreed that it would either need to be taken away or repaired. The latter would prove costly as it is in a terrible state. Niall will try to get in touch with them again.

ACTION: Niall

(h) 40mph speed limit on Burra Bridge

SIC Roads had sent through the final version of the proposed Order and its notice of proposal for information. This will extend the 40mph limit to the east side of the Burra bridge.

Niall had also spoken with the Scalloway Chairman, John Hunter and Mark Burgess regarding the East Voe road where speeding is a problem. Niall and John will look into writing a letter to SIC Roads on behalf of both Community Councils.

ACTION: Niall

(j) Parking problem at Minn

Niall had spoken with Kevin Serginson, SIC, but this was not in his remit. He was advised to speak with Neil Robertson, SIC Roads. A rough plan of the new parking area has been done. Niall is hoping to arrange a face to face meeting with Neil Robertson to get advice and see what they can come up with.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(j) Rabbits in graveyard

The burial ground service advised on 9th June that they would prioritise adding mesh to the bottom of the gates to deter rabbits easily accessing the yard. This will be checked before the next meeting as no one had noticed if this had been done.

ACTION: Clerk

(k) Meal beach – access at West side

Kevin Serginson had replied to our e-mail asking that he look at access to the west side of the beach. He had been down for a look but with the landscape and tide did not feel it was something they could improve with the various heights of tide, beach, states of sea and the high drop from the field to the dunes along the fence line. He pointed out that there is the opportunity to direct people coming from the west to follow the alternative route north through the field and down to the beach from there. He has had a sign made which he will put up in the near future. He hopes the new sign will show an alternative route for those who find the existing access too difficult.

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

Niall reported that this is still in the planning stage. They propose to start laying the cables next April (Orkney – Fair Isle – Shetland) and complete the work by 2026. Niall will keep in touch with them.

(m) SCBF – Grant applications

It was noted that Community Councils do not have to award the full grant requested by groups - eg when groups are applying to all Community Councils. (There is an option on the form to 'part fund'.)

(n) Swings at The Glen

The Clerk had contact Magnus Malcolmson, SIC, to see if they had any spare cradle seats but they had none in stock. He had passed on details of their supplier and the Clerk has sent an e-mail and will get one ordered.

ACTION: Clerk

(o) Bin at Minn

Niall reported at the last meeting that dog waste is being put in the bin at Minn. The Clerk will look at getting a sign put on the bin.

ACTION: Clerk

(p) Laptop for Community Council

The Clerk is still looking at sourcing a laptop for the Community Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Consultations:

(i) Planning Ref: 2021/232/PPF – Change of use of land from vacant use to domestic garden ground and for the retention of the chalet as a store Applicant: Chloe Mackie & Tommy Hughes

(ii) Planning Ref: 2021/265/PPF – Change of use of land and erect detached domestic garage building Applicant: Mr Michael Pottinger Address: Doonaboos, Pupil, Burra

There were no objections to either of the above applications.

(b) SCBF – AGS updated FAQ's

Eleanor Gear, Admin Officer, had sent an e-mail with updates to FAQ's which are now available to view on the SCBF website (www.scbf.org.uk). The updates are:

Q – *What happens to any unallocated AGS funds?*

A – *If a community council has unallocated funds when the AGS formally ends, they can be carried over to a new core funding community council scheme. Details of which are still to be decided by SCBF but may well be similar to the AGS.*

Q – *When can a successful applicant reapply?*

A – *The AGS Guidelines for Applicants states 'Only one successful application is allowed every 12 months.' The 12 months is from the date of the grant offer letter. This means a successful applicant in receipt of a grant offer letter dated 1st June 2021 can reapply from 1st June 2022.*

(c) New CC Grant Application form

An e-mail had been received from Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council who felt that the new grant form was too complicated and may discourage some groups from applying for funding. They attached a copy of their revised draft for us to discuss. This had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting but they did not think the form needed to be altered. This will be discussed at the ASCC meeting on 14th September which Niall will be attending.

(d) CC By-Elections

Anne Cogle, Depute Returning Officer, had sent out the Notice of By-Election, which had been put up in the local shop, along with nomination forms. We have one vacancy to fill. The closing date for nominations is 4pm on Thursday 9th September. Michael Duncan had also sent out a poster which was displayed and put on facebook.

(e) Community Council meetings

An e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan giving an update on the situation regarding meetings. At the end of September, the Council expects real changes to take place in terms of COVID legislation and how that is applied to conducting meetings. Therefore in the short term, the recommended course of action for community councils is to continue with remote meetings. However, if Community Councils do wish to resume face to face meetings, then that is their choice. However if meeting indoors, face to face, we must ensure all appropriate safety measures are in place (a list was provided in the e-mail). He will advise us if further information is available after 30th September.

(f) Police Report – June/July 2021

A copy of the above police report had been circulated to the members. An e-mail had also been received from our new police representative who is Diana Predut, PC N0309. She will be invited to attend our October meeting.

(g) Letter of thanks

The Burra & Trondra Minibus Association had written to thank the Community Council for their donation of £650 to go towards the cost of extending the minibus garage.

(h) ASCC meetings

The next ASCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. Niall will be attending the meeting.

5. AOCB

(a) Post Box at Bridge End

A request was made to have the post box near the War Memorial moved to another location. This post box is situated very near the junction at the War Memorial and cars need to stop on the road to post a letter which is a safety issue. It was suggested that it either be moved down near the Bridge End Outdoor Centre or somewhere near the Methodist Chapel. The members were in agreement with this and the Clerk will contact Bruce Crossan at the Post Office.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that we should have our next meeting in the Burra Public Hall on Monday 4th October 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 8pm.