

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 23 September in Bressay Hall and by remote video conference

This minute is unapproved until adopted at the next meeting of BCC

Present:

Alistair Christie-Henry
Shirley Gifford
Sally Christie-Henry
Dee Henderson-Haefner

In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)
Michael Duncan (via Zoom)

Introduction:

Chairman opened the meeting and made sure that attendees on Zoom were able to hear and were able to see other and welcomed members to the Hall and ensured seating was in adherence with social distancing rules.

Agenda Items

1. Apologies:

Kevin Main
Pat Christie
Malcolm Bell
Stephen Leask
John Fraser
Bill Jones
Bryan Law

2. Declaration of Interest:

Chairman asked for declaration of interests - none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 13 August 2021, previously circulated to members. The minutes were approved, proposed by Sally and seconded by Dee

4. Matters arising (actions not elsewhere on agenda):

AP1: Maintenance of Woodland site.

Email and map received from SIC Asset Management which confirmed SIC ownership of the site and surrounding area, this also highlighted the SIC owned the site of the Galley Hut, of which the Up Helly Aa committee may not be aware. It was felt this needed to be brought to the attention of the current UHA committee and the assistance of the Community Council offered to help them sort out ownership should they desire and if it was feasible. The Community Council cannot take ownership on their behalf as it is not a legal entity, the same could apply to the Up Helly Aa committee depending on their constitution.

1. Action Sally/Chairman

A similar situation applies to the Ham Kiosk which now belongs to Community Council. This does not include the land or the electricity supply, should a defibrillator be added this would require a request for electricity from BT.

On the question of the legality of ownership Michael agreed to discuss with legal services and feed back to the CC.

2. Action Michael Duncan

AP2: Fuel project feasibility study

Not yet started, work in progress

3. Action Chairman

AP3/AP7: Request Relocation of the Bottle Bank/additional bins/Information for Ferry Car Park Works

No action on the re-location of bottle bank. Moving this will be part of the repainting of the white lines and the onus will be on Ferry Operations to take ownership of the relocation. Currently waiting on Operations and Roads departments to provide details of car park works, the Chairman chases on a regular basis however it was noted there would be considerable disruption while work took place.

An email was sent requesting additional roadside bins, reply received that a supervisor would visit the Island to access this, no visit to date as annual leave has prevented this.

4. Action Chairman

AP4: Approach Anti-social team & Sellaness re waiting room

Sellaness has given permission to display boards in the waiting rooms at Lerwick and Bressay, the boards have arrived and funding from SCBF received.

It was reiterated that the Lerwick waiting room is still being used as a gang hut/meeting place for the younger generation, although some of these may be Bressay teenagers and are non-malicious but there are concerns that Island residents feel reluctant to use the waiting room at these times. Chairman has already brought to the attention of Ferry Operations. It was agreed to approach the Anti-Social team and to continue dialogue with Ferry Operations to resolve.

5. Action Sally/Chairman

AP8: Letter to Children's Services & Site visit to Play Park

The Community Council was informed by Executive Manager Leisure and that the SIC do four inspections of the playpark per annum and there are also two independent inspections, one independent inspection is due soon. The concerns regarding the condition of the equipment has been highlighted for a number of years and are a poor example of the Island to visitors and off putting to potential residents. One SIC Team Leader reported that he had visited the playpark and "It wasn't that bad"! Sally to obtain details of the next independent visit, e-mail photographs and contact details. Clerk to request copies of the last inspection report.

6. Action Sally/Clerk

5. Membership

As there had been no candidate(s) for the by-election permission had been given to co-opt a full member. Since then there had been another resignation which would not lead to another co-opted member as the vacancy occurred after the start of the by-election process. Advice from Legal Services is that this position must now remain vacant for the remainder of the BCC term. However, Legal Services could also formally advise that Dee now has full co-opted member voting and quorum rights..

6. Members and Visitors Report

Report from Kevin Main – circulated to members.

ASCC - report circulated, major items were on fuel poverty, Activate Shetland, Community Council training, visitor numbers putting pressure on infrastructure – particularly the difficulty in getting bins emptied. It was pointed out this was not a problem in Bressay as there was a lack of bins in the first instance.

7. Infrastructure Update:

Roads and ferry service –The Chairman requested that thanks should be passed on to the Road Service Team for the excellent work on the Gunnista and Setter roads. There are a number of other Council led/funded works in the pipeline.

War Memorial – a meeting has now been set up with the new owner of the church building to ascertain the current and future situation regarding the memorials. In particular it would be good to know their long term plans for the siting of the memorials, either remaining in situ or possible relocation. Other councils have had the cost for remedial work supported from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund. Any request for assistance would have to be from the owner or possibly an interested group such as the Bressay History Group, which would be their choice. Members agreed they would support as facilitator rather than owning the project.

8. Correspondence

8.1 For Consideration:

8.1.1. The History Group had sent a letter requesting a donation to their efforts during the spring Redd Up. In previous years this was done through the Amenity Trust who verified groups who participated in the effort. In previous years up to £200 had been allocated with usually the first 4 groups applying sharing the allocation. However this year the BCC was not advised that a Redd Up was going to take place, it would appear that the History Group chose to do their own clean up. It was pointed out that the BCC couldn't apply retrospectively; funds had not been allocated for this. The clerk will reply to explain the situation. **7. Action Clerk**

8.1.2. Letter received from Mrs. Garden regarding the state of the surface of the road at the ferry. This has now been resurfaced therefore the matter resolved. Clerk to send a letter to Mrs. Garden. **8. Action Clerk**

8.2 For Noting

8.2.1. Letters of thanks received from Dogs Against Drugs for their grant and an invitation to attend one of their training sessions to see the dogs in action.

9. Financial Report & Shetland Community Benefit Fund

9.1 Grant Applications – none received.

9.2 Financial position:

- **Core Fund, Project Grant and Distribution Grant Funds** - this will be reviewed at future meeting due to the newness of the Clerk. Meanwhile there has been an anomaly found in this year's core fund where a Northwards invoice was paid in good faith which should have been directed to BDL. Northwards has agreed to refund this and the Clerk will liaise with Northwards. **9. Action Clerk**
- **SCBF grant fund** – Chairman and SCBF Director circulated a breakdown of the fund distribution for the year ending 31 August 2021. BCC had been allocated £10,000 of which £7,965.91 remained and will roll over to the year starting 01 September 2021. In addition a further £10,000 has been allocated this year meaning there are funds totaling £17,965.91 available.

Chairman went on to point out that up to one third of this amount can be allocated to Tier 1 applications (£50 - £500 grants). However the BCC can allocate a lesser amount if desired. And can also agree to hold back any or all funds to a future year or can draw down funds from future years 2022/23 or 2023/24. Chairman reminded members that last year £3,300 had been allocated to Tier 1 but had been underspent by £2,265. He went on to propose £3,000 should be allocated to Tier 1 projects, this year. This was seconded by Dee. It was noted the £3,000 Grant Distribution Fund also requires to be allocated and if underspent this does not get carried over.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Location and date of next meeting:

The next scheduled, meeting of BCC will be held on Thursday 04 November at 7.15 pm in the Hall with the option to connect via ZOOM if desired.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date

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