

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2021/09/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman	Ms J Dennison
Mr J Milne	Mr B Moreland
Mr E Smith	Mr W Whitrow
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor	

2021/09/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2021/09/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2021/09/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms R Griffiths, Mr A Hall, Ms G Smith, Ms A Arnett and Mr M Duncan.

2021/09/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th August 2021 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2021/09/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs E Macdonald declared an interest with regards to item 2021/09/09 Planning Applications.

2021/09/07 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission – Shetland Renewable Connections Project** – Members said the presentation at the last meeting was very informative.
- 7.2 TotalEnergies E&P UK Ltd – Attending a DCC Meeting** – Mr Andy Cripps was due to attend the June meeting, but, unfortunately did not turn up. Since the last DCC meeting, the Clerk has tried to contact Ms Della Armstrong, Administration Co-ordinator at Shetland Gas Plant, she has sent her an e-mail, left a telephone message on her answer phone and sent a message on their main TotalEnergies E&P UK Ltd website but has not received a response from her. The Chairman said to leave this item as TotalEnergies UK Ltd wanted to speak to Delting Community Council and if they still do, they can contact us.
- 7.3 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – ongoing issue.
- 7.4 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – Ms Beatrice Wishart, MSP sent an e-mail. The Scottish Government's R100 programme has been finalised. The detail for individual properties can be viewed through the online checker at <https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/> In Shetland, the first properties will go live in early 2022, with further build through to 2024. The Chairman said the Delting area is not too badly served with the R100 programme. He has maps of the Delting area and will forward this onto Members.

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- 7.5 Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – ongoing issue.
- 7.6 Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – The Chairman said that nothing has been removed and the wind sock is an eyesore.
- 7.7 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – The Chairman said that the Northern Lighthouse Board have been to the site and he will speak to Mr Brydon Nicolson, landowner about this.
- 7.8 Bench seat at Mavis Grind** – The Clerk sent an e-mail to Members. The quote from Marmax for the bench seat was £250.80 (including VAT) for the seat plus the delivery charge of £150 plus VAT. Members agreed to move this item to the Carried Forward Items and look into it again in the early Spring. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.9 Bin at Mavis Grind - Overflowing** – Mr Michael Godden, SIC Waste Collections and Street Cleansing Supervisor replied to the Clerk to say that the bin at Mavis Grind is down for a weekly collection. With the increase in tourists this summer, the litter bins at tourist 'hotspots' have required extra emptying. He will look into an extra collection or increase in bin size. The Chairman said this is a problem throughout Shetland.
- 7.10 Community Development Fund 2021/22** – The Clerk alongside Ms A Arnett, Community Worker, sent a new advert for groups to apply for the remaining £2,200. This is to be used to help local groups and voluntary organisations start up again after closures due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The closing date for applications is 25th October.
- 7.11 Security around the old Moorfield Hotel – State of Disrepair** – The Chairman is unsure who to contact regarding this as the Director sadly passed away suddenly.
- 7.12 SCBF AGS Grant Award to Dogs Against Drugs** - Mr Michael Coutts, Dogs Against Drugs sent an e-mail inviting Members to one of their training sessions to watch the Drugs dogs and also give the opportunity to speak to the handlers. Saturday 23rd October at 1400 hours at Northlink Ferry Terminal or Sunday 24th October at 1400 hours at Northlink Ferry Terminal. There will be future dates if neither of these dates suit Members. The Chairman and Mr W Whitrow have been at one of these training sessions and feel it is worthwhile going to see for anyone who has not seen it. Members are to let the Clerk know if they would like to attend this.
- 7.13 Community Council – By Elections** – Ms Anne Cogle, Depute Returning Officer, SIC Corporate Services e-mailed the Clerk with the notice of uncontested elections notice. Delting Community Council has one new Member, Katherine Maggs. She will officially start on the 21st October and was unable to attend the meeting tonight. The Clerk is to add her to the e-mail and postal address list. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.14 Grass cutting at Brae Graveyard – Overgrown grass outside the Graveyard** – The Chairman will try to speak to Mr Kenneth McKenzie, SIC Burial Services before the next meeting.
- 7.15 Muckle Roe Graveyard – Issue with weeds and lack of markers or headstones for graves** – The Chairman will try to speak to Mr Kenneth McKenzie, SIC Burial Services before the next meeting.
- 7.16 Access to the Beach at Firth – Active Travel Strategy** - The Clerk contacted Ms Robina Barton, Transport Policy and Projects Officer, SIC/ZetTrans to ask what is happening with funding to get a footpath to access the beach at Firth. She will be issuing an update to all Community Councils in the near future. They have some funding confirmed from Sustrans and are collaborating with them to review all the 58 routes proposed by Community Councils. In the New Year they will have a better idea of which routes they will take forward initially and they will be able to use some of the Sustrans funding this financial year to begin design work.

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7.17 Active Shetland Project – At the last meeting, there was an e-mail from a member of the public stating that the ideas for the Active Shetland project to get more people out and about is great but a real consideration needs to be given that there are people avoiding walking or very apprehensive to do so caused by people not keeping dogs under proper control. She is no longer asking to be anonymous and it was from Ms Jane Johnson. She was wanting her concerns to be put forward to the ASCC but unfortunately missed the deadline. She also said that she feels that DCC have always taken on board and acted on any complaints or issues.

The Chairman has information from COSLA regarding the law on keeping dogs under control and will forward this onto Members.

7.18 Road between Burravoe and Camp Junction, Brae – Mr John Duncan, SIC Team Leader, Infrastructure Services e-mailed the Clerk to say that there is no budget for improving this walkway. However, the path is on a list for consideration for Sustrans funding in the future. In the meantime, he has plans to scrape and grade the verge. Mr J Milne shared a recent picture of the path and a resident who lives in the Brae area is very happy that they can go along a path into Brae now.

2021/09/08 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report received for this month.

The Chairman raised the issue with the crash barrier in Voe which has not been fixed since a recent accident. It is a bad place if someone slipped with the ice. The Clerk is to ask Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service if there is any timescale for a replacement as a gap at the end is less than effective. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/09/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2021/015/MAR – To site a marine data buoy, South East of Burki Bank, Swarbaks Minn, Shetland by Greig Seafood Shetland Ltd – Members objected to this application at the last meeting as they wanted to know its purpose and what the need is at this location when there is nothing in this area. Ms Vivienne Gaffney, Environmental Assistant, Grieg Seafood Shetland Ltd responded.

The installation of an environmental monitoring buoy at Burki Tang is part of a project entitled “Developing an early-warning system for harmful algae blooms (HABs) to improve productivity in salmon farms”. The project is fully funded by Innovate UK. The partners in the project are Grieg Seafood, RS Aqua and Innovasea.

HABs are events where algae/plankton cells occur in water bodies at increased numbers to the point where they have the potential to cause harm to the surrounding flora and fauna. HABs are increasing in frequency and severity across the world; climate change, intensive farming, changing water courses and increasing global populations are some of the reasons for their increasing prevalence. This project aims to establish the capability of an offshore buoy to provide advanced warning of HABs using a range of environmental monitoring sensors (dissolved oxygen, temperature, chlorophyll, blue green algae and turbidity). The St Magnus Bay area leading to the waters around Gonfirth, Brae and Olna are of particular interest due to their high prevalence of HABs. In comparison with other areas around Shetland, these waterways experience the longest and most significant blooms each year.

They hope the environmental data collected by the sensors on the buoy and the farm will help the project partners develop a system capable of assessing HAB risk at the location before a HAB actually occur.

Members no longer have any objections now the situation has been clarified, they understand the purpose of the marine data buoy and support the application. **Clerk to progress.**

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2021/263/PPF – Change of use of land adjacent to Scatsta Airport to be used for LGV and MOD1 testing (vocational tests and motorcycle module 1 tests) and the siting of a shipping container for general storage of the testing site, Scatsta Airport, Scatsta, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9QP by Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency – Members said in the interests of the industry, they do not object to this application. It would be very expensive for individuals if they had to travel outwith Shetland for their lessons. **Clerk to progress.**

SIC (Lingapund, Brae) (Parking Place for Disabled Person’s Vehicle) Order 2021 – Members have no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/09/10 COMMUNITY WORK

ASCC update received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Council Liaison Officer.

ASCC currently participates in external meetings including Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation, Shetland Outdoor Access Panel and Shetland External Transport Forum.

The Community Council template grant application form that was approved by the ASCC in March 2021 is to continue to be used by all Community Councils.

Clerks training is taking place on 9th October with further sessions open to Community Councils and Clerks during November.

There has been an increase in abandoned vehicles reported by Yell Community Council and agreed by other Community Councils. ASCC will speak to the Shetland Amenity Trust about this.

There has been an increase in the number of visitors reported by Yell and Unst Community Councils and on the Shetland mainland. This has resulted in more traffic, issues with campervans and caravans parking and overflowing litterbins. The ASCC are going to explore what preparations can be made for 2022 with the SIC.

The ongoing delays with processing Planning applications was highlighted. The ASCC are going to invite the SIC Planning Service to attend a future ASCC meeting.

2021/09/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 SCBF – Application Summary for 2020/2021 – Ms Eleanor Gear, Administration Officer, SCBF sent through a breakdown of the five applications DCC supported in 2020/2021 which totalled £47,417.86. This gives a remaining balance of £2,582.14 which will be added to the 2021/2022 allocation.

Applicant	Description of Project	Amount Awarded
Mossbank Public Hall	Dishwasher and glass washer	£4,608.00
Voxter Centre Trust	Replacement of fire alarm system	£7,409.86
Dogs Against Drugs	Funding to cover core costs and delivery of education awareness raising programmes to children	£5,000.00
Classic Motor Show	Funding towards the cost of staging the 2022 Shetland Classic Motor Show	£400.00
Voe Public Hall	Funding to improve kitchen facilities	£30,000.00

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- 11.2 SCBF – Update** – E-mail received from Ms Eleanor Gear, Administration Officer, SCBF. The 2020/2021 funding year saw a total of £200,937.35 of grant funding approved. The SCBF website contains details of all the projects supported by the fund so far. They can be viewed at www.scbf.org.uk They have also launched a Facebook page. This is updated with press releases and other posts which will hopefully encourage applicants to apply to the scheme.

Members discussed the funding. They want a co-ordinated approach, creating capacity for groups to complete strong application forms. They want groups to come together to discuss what the community wants and needs to help create a sustainable future. The Clerk is to speak to Ms Ana Arnett, Community Worker about this and put this on the Agenda for the next meeting.
Clerk to progress.

- 11.3 Brae Youth Centre – AGM** – This was held on 23rd September and Mrs E Macdonald attended. They got a chairperson for their committee. However, they are still struggling to get a cleaner. This is an issue and having an impact as they cannot take bookings until they get a cleaner.

- 11.4 ZetTrans – Regional Transport Strategy** – E-mail received from ZetTrans. The new Regional Transport Partnership will set the strategic framework for the development of transport both within Shetland and to/from the Scottish Mainland over the next 20-year period with the aim of delivering a transport system that reduces inequalities, takes climate action, helps deliver inclusive economic growth and improves the health and wellbeing of Shetland. The deadline for all responses is 29th October.

The response from Delting Community Council is –

There are ongoing issues with the public bus service not fitting in with the school start and finish times at the Mossbank Primary School. This means that children and parents are struggling to walk to and from school in all types of weather without a proper path to walk on in places.

In the Delting area, the bulk of social and business activities are within Brae. There are poor transport links from Voe, Mossbank and Muckle Roe to Brae. There needs to be better transport links to Brae. The Brae area has the High School, Health Centre, Brae Building Centre, Leisure Centre etc. This means some people struggle to get to medical appointments and people are excluded from opportunities if they cannot get to Brae.

Better external opportunities are needed with the boat from Lerwick to Aberdeen/Orkney. This is particularly apparent during the summer and when one boat goes to get annual maintenance. There is poor connectivity that time of year. The Shetland residents depends on the boat for hospital appointments in Aberdeen.

When Sumburgh Airport closes due to weather etc, people get put on the boat without a cabin which is not suitable for families or elderly people. More beds are needed on the boat for the lifeline service.

Members would like to see links to Europe direct from Shetland. They would like to see Smyrilline back in Shetland. They feel the Scottish Government should consider better sea route connections through Europe. **Clerk to progress.**

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2021/09/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.5 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs – E-mail received from residents in Voe expressing their concerns about this stretch of road which is currently 60mph. There are nine children living in Fograbrek and the school bus has to stop on the 60mph road to allow the children on/off the bus. This is a major concern with the amount of traffic going past at speed, often over 60mph. During the lockdown, they were able to go walking and cycling as there was less traffic which is very difficult now with the volume and speed of traffic. They have to walk along the verge which is rough and overgrown with weeds and an overgrown rose bush which means they sometimes have to walk on the road, which is dangerous. This area goes from 60mph to 30mph with a number of junctions and house turn offs all very close together in the 60mph zone. They feel something needs to be done for their safety.

Members agreed it is a fast piece of road with a lot of traffic. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service to find out if they can cut down the overgrown weeds on this verge. She is to also contact Mr Colin Gair regarding the speeding issues. **Clerk to progress.**

11.6 Delting Football Club – Newsletter Autumn 2021 – E-mail received from Mr Peter Peterson, Club Secretary with an update of what has been happening lately in the Club. The Chairman said he was quite impressed, a lot of effort is put in to this sport and it is commendable.

11.7 Police Scotland Survey – E-mail received from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Council Liaison Officer. Police Scotland want to hear from Community Councils, their views if they have attended a protest or event, if they live near to where events take place or if there are any thoughts to share in general. They want to hear what people think about their approach to keeping people safe. They will use the feedback to shape their decisions in the future. The following link is where people can have their say <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/copy-of-event-engagement-survey> The Chairman said events in Delting including Up Helly Aa is well policed. Other activities are also well policed and Members have no issues.

11.8 Voluntary Action Shetland – Board Director/Charity Trustee – E-mail received from Ms Lynn Tulloch, Executive Officer and Company Secretary of VAS. They are currently recruiting a Board Director/Charity Trustee which is a voluntary position. Noted.

11.9 Draft Water Safety Policy – E-mail received from Ms Louise Robertson, Community Safety Officer, SIC Community Planning and Development. If anyone would like to give any feedback they can complete a short survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/S6WXJH/> The closing date for comments is 18th October 2021. The Chairman said this is a good document and encouraged Members to complete the survey. The Clerk is to forward this to Members. **Clerk to progress.**

11.10 Shetland Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan 2021-2024 – E-mail received from Ms June Porter, Team Leader, SIC Community Development. They are developing the CLD accompanying Action Plan, which will set out the actions CLD partners will take together, to make the biggest difference to communities and to those individuals and families who face the greatest disadvantage. The workshops were held in September.

11.11 Local Housing Strategy Survey – E-mail received from Ms Monique Hunter, SIC Housing Service. The survey aims to gather views on what is important locally, what the housing challenges are, and what actions would make a difference. The Chairman asked the Clerk to forward this e-mail onto all Members and this will be discussed further at the next DCC meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

11.12 Shetland Public Protection Committee – E-mail received from Mrs Dawn Smith, SIC Shetland Public Protection Committee. Links to e-learning has been placed on the safershetland homepage at <https://www.safershetland.com/> the front page of Child Protection <https://www.safershetland.com/child-protection> and the front page of Adult Protection <https://www.safershetland.com/adult-protection>

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2021/09/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

12.1 Various funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –

Together for Our Planet offers funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects that meet at least two of the following criteria:

1. Supports the development of longer-term climate action within communities
2. Encourages communities to plan for the climate emergency - to consider what climate action could mean to them and why it matters.
3. Celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages more people to get involved.
4. Builds resilience in communities that are hardest hit by climate change.
5. Provides jobs, skills or training opportunities for communities which support climate action.

The deadline for applications is 18th November 2021. For more information, please see - tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Crown Estate Scotland has launched its £3m Local Partnerships Capital Investment Fund, as part of a wider commitment to promote sustainable development and support for community projects around Scotland.

The process will involve their organisation making capital investments in projects of between £150k and £750k involving partnerships which aim to deliver sustainable development, business diversification or regeneration of communities.

The deadline for applications is 10th December 2021. For more information, please see – <https://www.crownestatescotland.com/news/new-ps3m-fund-for-scottish-communities-green-recovery>

The Naturesave Trust was set up to promote the adoption of sustainable development. It obtains 100% of its funding from the premiums generated by Naturesave Insurance. This window will focus on nature conservation and biodiversity improvements. The principal areas of funding are:

- Environmental and Conservation Projects: Working with communities and organisations to protect wildlife and improve biodiversity
- Social Enterprise Projects: Working with charities and voluntary organisations to support vulnerable and disadvantaged groups
- Community Renewable Energy Grants: Providing start-up 'seed corn' grants for community renewable energy projects
- Environmental Performance Reviews: The Trust also funds independent reviews for commercial customers of Naturesave Insurance. This free advice is designed to help their SME businesses customers to become more sustainable and reduce costs.

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available and the deadline for applications is 31st December 2021. For more information, please see – <https://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust/>

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2021/09/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The Rural Communities “Ideas into Action” Fund is supported by £1.5 million of Scottish Government funding and is delivered in partnership with Inspiring Scotland. Projects funded will contribute positively to local people and local priorities, helping rural communities to thrive through community-led initiatives. Applications must come from communities that are defined as being rural, and can be for capital and revenue expenditure for projects to be delivered by the end of March 2022. There are two strands of funding available:-

- Small Grants: up to £3,000 for grassroots rural groups or organisations to support community projects that fit with local needs and are locally led.
- Large Grants: between £3001 and £50,000 for not-for-profit organisations to invest in community led initiatives that respond to local need.

The deadline for applications is 8th October 2021. For full guidance notes and to apply, please see - <https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/rural-communities-ideas-into-action-fund/>

The Green Action Trust is managing this fund. Community growing projects are a key part of creating an environment which allows Scotland and its people to thrive, and the Trust is particularly interested in applications that help to fit community growing into Scotland’s recovery from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Supported by the Scottish Government, and this time open to applications from across the whole country, projects can apply for part of the £100,000 fund that aims to foster community engagement in growing and learning about food and promote healthy eating and outdoor exercise. The deadline for applications is 14th October 2021. For more information, please see - <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/growing-food-together-fund-08-09-2021>

2021/09/13 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

The Clerk forwarded the income and expenditure statement to Members before the meeting. This was approved without comment. The Clerk is to order a Remembrance Day Wreath from the British Legion. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/09/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

14.1 Community Council Meetings – The Chairman informed Members that public face-to-face meetings can take place as of 1st October. Mrs E Macdonald said there needs to be an option to dial in remotely but this will be a cost to DCC. The Chairman said that before Covid-19 the meetings were held at the Voe Public Hall, Mossbank Primary School and Brae High School. Due to the cleaning required after we leave a meeting, the schools will be unavailable for the foreseeable future. Members discussed the options available. Voe Public Hall, Mossbank Public Hall, Brae Public Hall, Muckle Roe Hall and Delting Boating Club are all options.

There may be issues with allowing people to come into the meetings online. The October meeting could possibly be held in the Voe Public Hall. The Clerk is to get advice from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Liaison Officer regarding this. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/09/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council virtual meeting to be held through Microsoft Teams (or face to face depending on the Covid-19 situation at the time) on Thursday 28th October 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman