

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 04 November in Bressay Hall and by remote video conference

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

Present:

Alistair Christie-Henry
Sally Christie-Henry
Dee Henderson-Haefner
Malcolm Bell
Stephen Leask (via Zoom)

In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)
Pat Christie (via Zoom)

Invited Guest:

Richard Burrell

Agenda Items

1. Introduction and Apologies:

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

Chairman went on to suspend standing orders and ask members if they would approve the invitation of a member of the public to the meeting. He went on to explain that during the pandemic members of the public were not invited to attend and this endorsement is published on the agenda for each meeting. However, he felt it important to extend an invitation to Richard Burrell who had expressed an interest in joining the CC.

Members agreed that Richard could join the meeting and further expressed a desire that any other prospective member should be similarly invited.

Apologies were noted from:

Shirley Gifford
Bryan Law
Bill Jones
John Fraser
Kevin Main
Michael Duncan

2. Declaration of Interest:

Chairman asked for declaration of interests - none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Up Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 23 September 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/Ownership of UHA hut site

Following on from the confirmatory email from the SIC regarding the ownership of the Woodland area and surroundings (minutes 23 September) this has been brought to the notice of members of the Up Helly Aa committee. To date there has been no response from the Up Helly Aa Chairman. The Chairman will continue to follow up.

1. Action Chairman

AP2: Ham Kiosk:

Michael Duncan has discussed the ownership with SIC legal services however they cannot make further comment without sight of any documentation pertaining to this. It was noted there are a number of Community Councils across Scotland who have taken full ownership of their redundant Kiosks. Sally will forward the appropriate paperwork to the clerk who will forward copies.

2. Action Sally/Clerk

AP3: Fuel project feasibility study:

Not yet started, Chairman still to progress.

3. Action Chairman

AP4: Request Relocation of the Bottle Bank/additional bins/Information for Ferry Car Park Works:

An update has at last been received from Infrastructure/Ferry Operations detailing work would not commence on this until April next year. Delays and lack of response to emails is very dissatisfactory and pointed to a stoppage in the system and is noted as a formal complaint. Chairman has discussed this with the Infrastructure liaison delegate and asked him to bring this to the attention of the Director. Members agreed to attach the correspondence to the minutes of the meeting as **Appendix 1**.

4. Action Chairman

AP5: Approach Anti-social team & Sellaness re Lerwick side waiting room:

It was reiterated that the Lerwick waiting room is still being used as a gang hut/meeting place for the younger generation, alarmingly with no masks in evidence. Sally has had a reply from the Antisocial-behaviour team who are aware of the situation. They will have a word with the youngsters regarding wearing masks and liaise with Ferry Services to find a longer term solution.

5. Action Sally

AP6: Letter to Children's Services & Site visit to Play Park:

Community development has now done a further inspection of the Playpark and found no major issues however agreed with the "minor" issues detailed in Sally's photographs. A programme of works across all playparks is to commence "soon" and these will be included. An independent inspection by Active Playground Management is scheduled in the next few weeks who they anticipate will endorse these findings. Sally will obtain details of the next independent visit, with details of the person responsible for the results and a timetable for the repairs.

6. Action Sally

AP7&8 Complete

AP9 Progressing:

Clerk informed that she is awaiting confirmation of Northwards repayment once she can access the bank and receive bank statements.

5. Membership

The Chairman reiterated there is still a vacancy for a co-opted member to the Council and requested members to encourage anyone they know to come along (as Richard has done) to find out more.

6. Members and Visitors Report

Malcolm Bell expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the meeting in person as opposed to continually on technology.

Stephen Leask, responding to correspondence from Ms Sinclair regarding the poor condition of the verges and that the grass had not been cut this year. Members agreed that it was difficult, and in places dangerous, when walkers had to give way to vehicles. Currently on many verges there is inadequate room to stand aside to allow vehicles to pass and with ditches over-grown, a danger of falling into the ditch. One particularly bad stretch is from the Mail Shop to Fullaburn, this is also a well-used route for walking and members could report on observing children ending up in the ditch. This is also pertinent for Park Run and significant at a time when we need to be supporting the **Promoting Active Travel** programme. Stephen reported his communication with the Executive Manager Roads Maintenance who is looking into what can be done although he anticipated this would probably not be addressed until spring-time.

7. Action Stephen

Chairman agreed that when the next BCC Infrastructure Survey is done it will include an inspection of the verges.

7. Infrastructure Update:

Roads and ferry service:

Correspondence from Kevin Main – circulated to members, as above AP4

War Memorial:

A meeting has now taken place with the new owner of the church building. In Bills absence Clerk read out details of the report and meeting with owners. Members agreed to continue engagement with the new owners and extend offers to assist where possible. Members agreed to attach the notes of the meeting as **Appendix 2**.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 For Consideration

Various surveys have been circulated to member who are strongly encouraged to participate to ensure opinions are noted. Surveys were assigned as follows:

- Dee – Main Link housing strategy consultation/survey,
- Sally – Aviation Strategy consultation/survey,
- Alistair – ZetTrans Regional Transport strategy survey & engagement

Letter from Ms Sinclair regarding verges discussed above.

8.2 For Noting

All minor correspondence previously passed on to members for consideration. Chairman gave members the opportunity to discuss anything they had noted anything they wished to discuss or make further inquiries on.

9. Financial Report & Shetland Community Benefit Fund

9.1 Grant Applications

SCBF Grant request from the Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society, for £250, was discussed. Members considered that a lesser amount should be awarded as the Society had applied to all 18 Community Council equally. Bressay being less densely populated than many others the award was reduced to £125. Grant award was moved by Sally and seconded by Dee.

9.2 Financial position:

No changes from the last meeting

10. Any Other Business

On behalf of Shirley Chairman raised that last year during the Covid 19 restrictions the BCC had given a Christmas gift to the over 70's. He suggested that although Covid 19 restrictions were now eased it was still not appropriate for a hall party this year, and that he suggested a similar gift should be given this year. He went on to propose, based on last year's costs, that £1,200 be set aside for funding. Consideration could be given for example to a voucher for the new Sound Butchers Shop. Some discussion ensued as to suitability for vegetarians and shop accessibility. It was pointed out the shop also sold non-meat items and the voucher could be passed on to other family members.

Following further discussion members agreed to set aside £1200 for the purpose and that Alistair and Shirley should progress a list of recipients and explore options of goods, vouchers etc. Members to be kept informed of final options and timescale with a final decision made by email vote in early December (before next scheduled meeting). **8. Action Chairman/Shirley**

Roads maintenance grant 2020. Clerk reported that the BCC was finally in possession of material and delivery costs and were now in a position to organise delivery of the 5 loads agreed earlier. Costs were in the region of £1400 but could be higher or lower depending if the trucks were delayed or ferry times added to delivery costs. Members agreed that if costs allowed an extra load would be delivered and made available on a request basis to islanders who required small amounts.

11. Location and date of next meeting:

The next scheduled, meeting of BCC will be held on Thursday 16 December 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 8.45pm and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date