

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the Burra Public Hall on Monday 4th October 2021 at 7pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. R. Black
Mr. B. Adamson
Ms A. Williamson
Mr. N. Fullerton
Mrs. M. Garnier

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. Michael Duncan, SIC
Mrs. Roselyn Fraser, SIC

In Attendance

Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. M. Lyall
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone back to a 'face to face' meeting after having eighteen months of virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

1. Declaration of Interest

None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 7th September 2021 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Narene Fullerton.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) War Memorial, Bridge End

Niall reported that the lettering had now been repainted/replaced on the war memorial and Gary Leask will begin work on the base shortly.

(b) Streetlights – Brough

A reply had been received from Mervyn Smith who advised that they have had to re-tender the works as none of the contractors submitted a return. They have had some pricing back from the last tender and are in the middle of the process required to appoint a contractor. They will then have to discuss a programme of works with the successful contractor, so they are still in the same position as before. He advised that these columns will be replaced during this contract but they are not sure when yet. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a reply asking him to give us a date for the replacements once they have appointed a contractor. It was noted that this was first reported to the SIC back in February 2016 and has been on the minutes since then.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Access road to Playgroup

Nothing further had been heard from Neil Hutcheson who was going back to the Education Service and Capital Projects regarding a business case to form the formalised parking, kerbed footpaths and possible calming measures in this road.

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

Robina Barton will be attending our November meeting to provide further information on this. Audits still need to be done which will take a long time and it was suggested that funding could possibly be sourced from elsewhere. The members noted that it would not take much effort to get a path from Bridge End to the Boyne in particular as there is ample space for this to be done and it is common grazings on the west side of the road. This could possibly be one of the 'Quick wins' mentioned by Robina in her last e-mail. (The blind 'dip' in the middle of Ludi was also mentioned which could be sorted without too much difficulty.) Niall asked that the members get some questions ready for Robina for the next meeting.

(e) W & J Gray Daycare

Cllr. Scott had spoken with the Manager, Jennie Gunn, who is very enthusiastic to get this going but there is still a contract issue to be resolved. It was pointed out that Daycare will not be delivered the same as before. Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Scott will meet with the manager at a later date.

(f) Gravestone – Nurse Pratt

The Clerk had e-mailed Stephen Duncan and he advised that a good quality enamel paint on this gravestone should do but make sure there is no growth in the letters and it is completely dry before starting. This information had been passed on to Nicola Johnson who is still willing to do the painting, but it will probably have to wait for the Spring/Summer of next year due to the weather.

(g) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

Niall had been in touch with BT again and they are still of a mind to repair the phone box despite being told it's beyond repair. It was pointed out that it either needs a full repair, which will be costly to them, or should be taken away. (It was also noted that it is standing on the path leading to the women's public toilet.) Niall will make contact with them again.

ACTION: Niall

(h) Speed limit at Burra bridge/East Voe

A draft letter to SIC Roads is to be drawn up by Niall and the Scalloway Community Council Chairman, John Hunter, regarding the East Voe road where speeding is a problem. This will be sent on behalf of both community councils.

ACTION: Niall

(i) Parking problem at Minn

Niall had spoken with Neil Robertson, SIC Roads, but they are not interested. Niall and Brian agreed to go and speak with James William and Helen Laurenson, who own the adjacent land.

ACTION: Niall & Brian

(j) Rabbits in graveyard

It was noted that mesh has been put on the sides of the gates at the graveyard but rabbits will probably still get through the small gaps at the bottom. It was thought that not much else can be done about this.

(k) Swings at The Glen

The Clerk had ordered a new cradle seat for the swings at the Glen (cost £103.20).

(l) CC Grant Application form

At the ASCC meeting in September it was agreed community councils continue using the new template that was approved by ASCC in March 2021.

(m) Post Box at Bridge End

The Clerk had been unable to contact Bruce Crossan, Lerwick Post Office, to see about moving this post box to another location, as he is away on holiday. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) CC By-Elections

There were no nominations for the vacancy on our community council so we can now proceed to co-opt. Members were asked if they knew of anyone who would be interested and to give this some thought.

(b) ASCC update

Michael Duncan had sent an update from the ASCC meeting on 14th September with relevant attachments for information. This had been circulated to the members for information.

(c) Invite to watch Drug Dogs Training

An invite had been received from Michael Coutts, Dogs Against Drugs to one of their training sessions and also an opportunity to speak with the handlers. The first two sessions are on Sat 23 Oct 2pm and Sun 24 Oct 2pm at Northlink Ferry Terminal. There will be future dates realised.

(d) The following correspondence had also been received and circulated to the members:

- ZetTrans Regional Transport Strategy
- AGS publicity poster
- Local Housing Strategy survey
- VAS Board Director/Charity Trustee Recruitment
- Development of CLD Action Plan – June Porter
- Draft Water Safety Policy
- Police Scotland Survey
- Funding information – Growing Food Together Fund

5. AOCB

None

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 1st November 2021 at 7pm (Burra Public Hall foyer).