

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a WebEx meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held on Monday 13 September 2021 at 7.30pm. 0800 051 3810 128 655 5024

Present:	J Priest	Mrs S Deyell	E Johnston
	M Bennett	J D Garrick	Ms D Nicolson
	G Morrison	Mrs J Fraser	
Ex officio:	Cllr C Hughson	Cllr S Coutts	
In attendance:	Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker		
	Police Sgt A Patrick		
	Mrs L Fraser, Clerk		

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & HEADLINES: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr M Bennett, seconded by Mrs S Deyell.

BUSINESS ARISING: Police: Police Sgt Alan Patrick had forwarded the most recent Police Report but it had not been received in time for the meeting.

Coronavirus: The vaccine roll out has been very well received in Shetland but there has been a number of coronavirus cases in the islands recently.

Broadband: The Chairman had contacted Ms Beatrice Wishart MSP to enquire about the R100 programme. She had replied that the Scottish Government recently announced that the build plans for the R100 programme have now been finalised and the premise level details, that was previously missing, can now be viewed using Digital Scotland's online checker. At the moment we are still unable to see at a glance which areas of Shetland will be reached by the R100 programme and when and which areas will be reliant on the Broadband Voucher Scheme to provide alternative solutions. The only way to view this information is by using the postcode checker, one property at a time. The Chairman had used the checker and had found that the Reawick area will not be included until 2024. He advised everyone to check their own area. He had replied to Ms Wishart saying that he is disappointed and had hoped that the areas without green cabinets would be given consideration first. Mrs S Deyell agreed to add this information to the Community Council's Facebook page.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: Cllr C Hughson had enquired of Mr Karl Bolt at the Roads Dept as to why the road is being done in 2 phases. He had replied saying that unfortunately the

design work hasn't been completed for phase 2 so they have been unable to purchase the land required, otherwise the entire project would be being tendered now. As soon as the design work is complete and land purchase underway, they will be moving onto tendering the works. She had asked to be kept in the loop. She realised that it is a long running project and is disappointed that she has not been able to do more about it.

The Chairman said he feels that, in some of the correspondence we have received regarding this project, details have not been accurate. With the work being done in 2 phases, it will mean twice the amount of administration for purchasing the land, tendering, etc. Tenders for Phase 1 is to be lodged by 17 September.

Mrs J Fraser agreed that it is very frustrating and is concerned that the state of the road is getting no better.

Roads Reports: It appears that none of the road works on the westside are included in this list.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: Mr M Bennett reported that he had been approached by a Tresta residents asking why the 50mph signs have not yet been provided. It appears to the residents that speed limit signs can pop up at various other places and the signs that was agreed for Tresta has now been linked with Active Travel.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: A Joint Liaison Group was held on 20 July and the Minutes had been received and circulated to the members. The Chairman and Mr J D Garrick will attend a site meeting at the Wind Farm on Tuesday 14 September.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF): A letter of thanks for the finance through our SCBF Advance Grant Scheme was received from the Chairperson of Dogs Against Drugs.

Update on grants: **Investing in Communities Fund:** All the successful groups had returned their Funding Acceptance Forms and the grants had been distributed. The unsuccessful applicants were contacted and asked to contact Mrs R Fraser, our Community Involvement & Development Worker who will assist them in finding other funding.

A meeting of the Working Group had been held on 10 August where it had been decided that Monitoring Forms will be sent out in early November with a return date by the end of November. The next meeting will then be held to check how the projects are progressing.

Community Development Fund – Distribution 21/22: Will be discussed again at our next meeting.

New Grant Application form: Our refreshed form will be discussed again at the Association meeting on Tuesday 14 September.

Funding: Various funding information received from Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

Association: The agenda for the Association meeting on 14 September was received. The Chairman had hoped to attend but, due to having to attend another meeting, he will now be unable to do so. Ms D Nicolson volunteered to represent this Council.

Clousta and Culswick phone boxes: No further information about any of the phone boxes.

Orion Project: On going.

Temporary Change in Planning: Most recent update informed the members that the temporary suspension of the free Planning Duty Officer and Pre-Application enquiry services which began 22 February is now extended to 27 September.

Children at Play signs: The signs have been erected on the road in Aith. A message was received from Mr Ian Anderson with a photo of one of the signs attached.

Scambuster Session: Will take place when face to face meetings are possible.

Meetings in Future: An email was received from Mr M Duncan saying he has been in touch with colleagues at Corporate Services and can now provide some guidance. 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. In the short term, the recommended course of action for Community Councils is to continue with remote meetings. He gave further guidance for those Community Councils who wish to resume face to face meetings.

The Chairman asked for a roll call of whether we should hold face to face or remote meetings. The result was split with some members wishing to get back to face to face meetings while others still prefer remote meetings and some are happy with either. Covid is again circulating in the community and it was decided that WebEx will be used again for our October meeting.

Gravestones: The grass cutting season is now almost finished and it is hoped that some work can now be carried out on the stabilising of gravestones.

Unadopted Roads: All applicants have been sent letters giving them details of their allocations.

Community Conversations – Round 2: The West Community Conversation Round 2 was held on 2 September and was attended by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Community Council Constitution: A copy of the signed Constitution has not yet been received from Ms Anne Cogle.

Planning Application: 2021/221/VCON Application to vary condition No 9 of planning permission 2018/335/CUCON (approved working hours) Central Mainland, Shetland by Jamie Watt, SSE. Following 2 extensions to the time allowed to comment on this planning application, the Clerk had contacted the members who had not replied and received their comments. The vote was split – 4 for and 4 against - and this comment was forwarded to the Planning Dept.

Electoral Arrangements: A short survey on behalf of the Local Government and Communities Committee at the Scottish Parliament was received. The committee is due to scrutinise Boundaries regulations and is keen to make sure that a range of views get heard. The deadline for comments was 13 September.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The following planning applications were considered and welcomed.
2021/235/PPF To erect dwellinghouse with garage and air source heat pump at Plot. Vementry Road, Aith ZE2 9ND by Saul Swanson
2021/238/PPF Erect 1.5 storey dwellinghouse with air source heat pump and solar panels at Plot, Marthastoon, Aith by Norman and Evelyn Leask.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS: The annual financial accounts, duly audited, were presented to the members. Approval was proposed by Mr M Bennett and seconded by Mrs S Deyell. They will now be forwarded to Mr M Duncan.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION: An email was received from Mr Colin Smith, Planning Engineer saying that the consultation on the national and local flood risk management plans had started on 30 July.

SECTORAL MARINE PLAN FOR OFFSHORE WIND: A message was received from the Association of Shetland Community Councils with information about the Scottish Government consultation exercise on a new offshore wind planning round. Responses are required by 20 October.

BUILDING STANDARDS CONSULTATIONS: Two consultations have been launched by the Building Standards Division:- The Building Standards (Fire Safety) consultation and info can be found on <https://consult.gov.scot/building-standards/building-regulations-fire-ews-review/>.
The Building Standards (Energy Standards) consultation with info on <https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/building-regulations-energy-standards-review/>.

SHETLAND CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU REPORT: The 2020/21 Annual Report was received from Shetland Citizens Advice Bureau. The members agreed that this is a very helpful service.

BY-ELECTION: A Community Council by-election has recently been held but this area has a full complement of members.

TURNING AREA AT INNER END OF SANDSOUND ROAD: Mr M Bennett explained that there is an issue in Sandsound where the turning area at the inner end of the road is being used as a parking area. At times it causes congestion, especially for larger vehicles and agricultural vehicles towing trailers and can force people with trailers to reverse back along the road. Following discussion, signage will be requested from the Roads Dept to inform people that this is a turning head and that they are not allowed to park there.

DOGS AGAINST DRUGS DEMONSTRATION: The Chairperson of Dogs Against Drugs invited members of the Community Council to attend a demonstration of the dogs being trained. Those interested so far are Mr M Bennett, Ms D Nicolson, Mrs S Deyell and Mrs J Fraser.

WAST OWRE NEWS: Ms D Nicolson has recently taken over the Wast Owre column in the Shetland Times and everyone wished her well.

NEXT MEETING: The next WebEx meeting will be held on Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their time.
The meeting closed at 8.35pm