

DRAFT MINUTE- to be approved at next Community Council Meeting

## **NESTING AND LUNNASTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Community Council met on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 by WebEx at 7.30pm due to COVID guidance.

**1.0 PRESENT-** Mr Willie Simpson (Chair) Ms Elizabeth Colley

Mr Alistair Laurenson  
Stevenson

Mr Dougie

Mr Iain Malcolmson  
Mr Gary Leask

Mrs Terri Leask  
Mrs Chris Leask

Ex officio: Cllr E McDonald  
In Attendance Mrs E Ganson Clerk

**2.0 APOLOGIES** received from Cllr A Cooper.

### **3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Emma McDonald declared an Interest at Item 8 Planning Applications and Item 9 Borrow Pit at Newing South Nesting, as a member of the SIC Planning Committee.

Mr D Stevenson, Mr W Simpson, Mr G Leask and Mr A Laurenson declared an Interest at Item 9 Borrow Pit at Newing South Nesting as they are all shareholders of the West Nesting Common Grazings where the Borrow Pit is situated.

Mr I Malcolmson also declared an Interest at Item 9 Borrow Pit at Newing South Nesting as he is a resident at Newing.

Mr G Leask declared an Interest at Item 9 Finances as a member of the Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society.

### **4.0 MINTES OF LAST MEETING - Wednesday 29 September 2021**

Agreed as correct on a motion by Mr Simpson and seconded by M Stevenson.

### **5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTE**

None to note.

### **6.0 POLICE REPORT**

None to hand.

### **7.0 FINANCES**

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING- Shetland Community Benefit Fund**

An application had been received from the Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society for £2000 towards a £16,000 project for securing admin support and developing the Society functions. This was discussed in detail but no

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award will be made as there is not enough information to give a perceived benefit to the communities.

## **8.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None to note.

## **9.0 BORROW PIT AT NEWING SOUTH NESTING**

The Community Council sent a letter to Aaron Priest of SSE regarding the concerns with the Borrow Pit development after the meeting last month. Mr Priest has responded to the Newing residents. The community Council held a Special Public meeting in South Nesting Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October when the Newing residents attended and the Borrow Pit was discussed in full. Mr Simpson asked that a letter come back to the Community Council stating what they need in terms of support and this will be taken forward.

The Viking Energy team are going to meet with the Newing residents, but there is still not date fixed as yet. The Community Council will be invited to that meeting.

Two Community Councillors drafted a letter of support for the Newing residents and sent that out to Community Council members as a draft but not to the Clerk.

SIC Legal Service was also contacted to get advice on the Declaration of Interest position of the Community Council. Advice given was that Mr Stevenson would be the only member unable to sign the letter.

Mr Simpson also contacted Michael Duncan and was advised that in light of the Common Grazings shareholder position the above listed names should declare an interest. Cllr McDonald said that declarations of interest is individual and personal to each person, and not a clear area.

It was agreed that the three remaining Community Councillors can send the letter through the Community Council via the Clerk and that the names of the five Community Councillors declaring an interest will have their names added stating that.

Mr Stevenson and Mr Laurenson said that items of Community Council business should go through the Clerk.

## **10.0 VIKING ENERGY LIAISON GROUP MEETING- 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and questions for that meeting.**

Mr Malcolmson asked that the Borrow Pit at Newing be added to that meeting agenda. Eva will pass this on to John Robertson. Mr Simpson asked for questions for that meeting but there were none noted.

## **11.0 NURSERY PROVISION AT SOUTH NESTING**

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Ms Colley had attended a meeting of the Nesting School Parent Council where nursery provision in the area had been discussed as the pre-school age children go to Tingwall nursery at the Tingwall School and seem to move on to school there, not coming back to Nesting School. As a result the Nesting School may go down to one teacher next year as numbers will drop to a level which only requires that staffing level. There were concerns that transition back to Nesting did not seem to be happening. Tingwall School is bursting at the seams. This is a difficult issue as children make friends at nursery and want to be where their peer groups are.

Mr Stevenson said the Community Development Company Nesting (CDCN) had done a lot of work on childcare provision in the area, making use of the Methodist Chapel. When the new Nesting School was built, nursery provision had been at Little Tykes at Girlsta, but that moved to Tingwall School.

CDCN are willing to look at it again, but the response they received from the SIC Education Service was that there is enough fully funded places for children and so no need to increase numbers in a new setting. There was also the issue of people to run the childcare facility as there was not much interest expressed.

## **12.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

In line with the Constitution, agenda items should be in 2 weeks before a meeting.

### **12.0 AOCB FACEBOOK PAGE**

Mr Malcolmson said that it seemed most Community Councils have a Facebook page, and wondered if one could be started for this one. Facebook is the best way of communicating with people in the areas and it is widely used.

It was agreed to start one but not publish anything until everyone had seen it. Mrs T Leask, Mr Leask and Mr Malcolmson will take on this task and this will be on the agenda for next meeting.

### **SHETLAND BUS**

Mr Simpson had a phone call from a member of the Shetland Bus Association in Scalloway to ask if Nesting and Lunnasting would be interested in joining with them as Lunna was part of the historical Shetland Bus operations. Invitations are to be extended to other Community Councils who also had roles to play in the operation. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **TARRARIT BRAE- VIDLIN**

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Mr Laurenson asked that this be reported to Roads Service as the surface is holed. Eva will pass this on.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mr Stevenson asked when we would be getting back to face to face meetings. Some Community Councils are having these meetings again. Mr Simpson will ask Michael Duncan for advice, but it is hoped by the New Year we will be meeting face to face again.

**14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 format depending on guidelines.**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm.**