

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Draft Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 26TH October 2021 at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx.

This minute is draft until approved at next meeting.

PRESENT:

Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
Cllr Pete Gaines (PG)	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT) via WEBEX
Cllr Anne Huntley (AH)	John Smith – Director Infrastructure Services, SIC (JS)
Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH)	Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI) Greg Maitland - Harbour Master SIC(GM)

APOLOGIES:

Cllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer
	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)
	Police Scotland - no replacement

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL welcomed all to meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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JL asked if all were happy with minutes. JL approved, AH seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

No update was given as clerk was not prepared.

VISIT FROM GREG MAITLAND J. SMITH & A. INKSTER:

Greg Maitland, John Smith & Andrew Inkster were in attendance in response to concerns raised around the toilets and ferry waiting room at the pier and the deteriorating condition of the Old Dock and to give updates. It was agreed to discuss this topic first.

- **Accessible Toilet Facilities**

Marine and Air Operations or SIC attended and brought along proposal for disabled porta cabin toilet which can be put in place immediately. WCC reviewed the proposal and recommended that this cabin be placed on a flat area as proposed area had incline which meant it would not be suitable for access. WP noted that the proposed porta cabin did not look very disable friendly.

WCC also recommended that a parking place also be positioned near to porta cabin for easy of access. SIC acknowledged that the porta cabin's maintenance and regular cleaning of porta cabin would be the responsibility of SIC.

ACTION TAKEN: SIC acknowledged that the existing waiting rooms needed work to be done new lighting, painting and heating was put forward however although works is expected to be done quickly due to staff shortage no definite time could be given.

SIC to put forward revised proposal for temporary porta cabin location and verify if cabin would be fitted to mains or would be using in built tanks and to verify location of porta cabin as temporary measure.

CC awaiting revised proposal.

- **The Old Dock**

Condition of old docks was surveyed in August 2021 arranged by AI, no reports shared to date on findings of survey.

ACTION:

AI informed CC that work was ongoing to identify solutions with Shetland Amenity Trust and JS confirmed that the matter was not part of SIC issue but related to Shetland Amenity Trust. JS informed CC that Hazel Sutherland the CEO of Shetland Amenity Trust was taking a personal interest with this project and maybe able to help move the works forward.

V Drains - WP raised the issue of V Drains on the big pier being grown up with grass and surface water is not draining.

ACTION: AI confirmed that surface water drainage on pelagic quay will be done when berth are cleared again. Marked to be done in the future time frame not given.

- **Dredging**

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The dredging has been held up by unforeseen circumstances. JS requested that they be kept apprised of any potential developments in the Marina area.

- **Roads**

Slipway/Factory access road widening

ACTION: AI confirmed - The contract has been awarded and I understand that George will be starting very soon.

Cattle Grids – Saeter, Houll, Harledale all completely overgrown and in need of maintenance.

ACTION: AI informed CC that he would check and revert back.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **SYMBISTER HARBOUR - OLD DOCK, DREDGING, REPLACING OF MARINA PONTOONS, NETTY PIER** See notes of discussion above
- **CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN**

JL to make contact with Gail Rainey to look at when art work is ready, any other CCLrs are welcome to join her.

ACTION Work is still ongoing. Clerk to find out about requirements for planning application and to see Eilidh is able to help.

- **FENCE AT DUMP**

No reply from SIC .

ACTION: AI would look into this and revert back to CC on findings. Ongoing

- **ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS**

Streetlight on North Beach

ACTION: JS would see who he can reach out and revert back to CC. Ongoing

Michael Craigie or Robina Barton will be best contacts. They are looking to collate all the issues/requests from communities and go through them all and prioritise works.

- **CYCLE & WALKING PATHS**

Action: RT to revert back Ongoing

- **FERRIES**

WP noted concerns with piles under breakwater and asked for updates.

ACTION: Ongoing DA and AI to look into this and report back.

CC enquired when Xmas and New Year ferry timetabling would be done. AI and JS informed CC that ferry timetabling should be done in conjunction with CC and Port Authority . CC wanted to look at using community ferry hire during period if needed.

ACTION AI to revert back with schedule

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Symbister Linkspan replacement works have been delayed due to issues sourcing materials and it was agreed to push the work back to Spring 2022 in the hope that the weather will be better to allow for completion.

FERRY RUNS 22/23 – CC put forward an increase of ferry runs for the coming year

ACTION RT Confirmed that increasing ferry runs as well as increasing community hire from 4 to 8 , has been accepted in principle but awaiting final decision expected in new budget.

WHALSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (WCDG)

CC decided to arrange an initial meeting with the interested parties. Session was proposed for Tuesday 16th November 7pm to 9pm at Symbister Hall. Clerk mentioned people interested and CC discussed how to proceed. Further discussion to be had in next meeting. **Ongoing**

NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked with producing another community newsletter for the CC. CC still has funding. CC to leave for later in year or around time when progress is made re WCDG. **Ongoing**

JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

JL had been approached by a community member with a proposal with regard to the trust funds. JL updated them on the current position and the community member was to seek further advice.

ACTION Ongoing clerk to find out

BROADBAND

Huxter mast is now turned on for emergency services and no timescales given for other providers.

ACTION Ongoing

SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Info continues to be shared where possible by the CC. Groups are applying and awareness is being raised.

BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

Clerk chased up email and is awaiting updates. **Ongoing**

POLICE MATTERS

No replacement for Angela

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ACTION: RT confirmed with Police that new liaison officer is due to start end of Nov and to be confirmed by Police announcement

SCAMBUSTERS

Ongoing Will continue to monitor for updates.

SKIP HIRES

It was agreed to have another skip before Christmas, possibly in November, date to be agreed. Plan for the Skip to go out on an earlier ferry to reduce costs.

ACTIONS: JL to contact Northwards with regard to availability.

BUDGET HEADINGS

To be discussed at the next meeting with all CC.

FERRY HIRE REQUESTS

AOCB:

- Graveyard pathways overgrown

ACTION Clerk contacted Yvonne Scott and confirmed works needed by both phone and email

- Whalsay Ambulance

ACTION Clerk to advertise vacancy on social media to support

- History of Whalsay document

ACTION: Clerk posted on social media

- New CC Members **Ongoing**
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JL thanked all for their attendance and contribution.

Meeting closed at 20:55

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7th Dec 2021 at 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.