

## **BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the Burra Public Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 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)

Robina Barton had been invited to join the meeting on Zoom to give an update on the Active Travel Strategy and plan which was approved in March 2021. There had been a delay while waiting to see if Sustrans were going to provide funding to support implementation of the strategy. They have now agreed in principle to give £100,000 a year for three years which will be largely for design and feasibility etc. One of the strategy recommendations is that settlement audits be done that take account of suggested routes which were mapped by Systra during the strategy development. They have contracted Systra Consultancy to do the first 8 audits, which will focus mainly on the 8 'areas of best fit' as identified in the Local Development Plan (Lerwick, Scalloway, Brae, Sandwick, Aith, Symbister, Burravoe (replacing Mid Yell) & Baltasound ). Re-create Scalloway has already done some work in relation to Scalloway. The next steps are to put together recommendations and identify further areas for audit. The Scalloway-Trondra-Burra route would be sensible area to include in the next round. They would also need to be realistic of what can be achieved. She pointed out that there is limited scope on single track roads and also that Trondra is a fast stretch of road. The question was asked - What would be achieved with the three years of Sustrans funding? She said they would be ready to go with some infrastructure development and have behavioural change initiatives in progress. What they hope to get out of the audits is a clear idea of routes and infrastructure needed. A very approximate figure given was that 500m of route could cost in the region of £200,000. On this basis, to do all the routes requested by community councils it would cost around £20,000,000. They still need clarity on what level of internal investment can be expected. In addition there is Regional Transport Partnership funding available from Transport Scotland – there is no set figure for this. The Scottish Government will put 10% of transport budget(at least £320 million) to Active Travel by 2024-25. She hopes that funding is used for what communities want. Another question was what comes out of the audits? They are looking at routes and what can be achieved bearing in mind that larger settlements need to connect with what's around them. Systra will come with recommendations and suggested quick wins which will then be brought back to Community Councils for discussion. Niall pointed out that part of the area identified by our Community Council would be quite easy to do if we

got permission from the Grazings Committee and may be something to be done by ourselves. Further information will be given to Robina if necessary. Robina then left the meeting after being thanked by Niall for the update.

### 1. Declaration of Interest

Brian Adamson declared an interest with regard to Marine Planning Application 2021/023/MAR to be discussed.

### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

#### (a) War Memorial, Bridge End

The base of the war memorial has now been done and the work is now complete.

#### (b) Streetlights – Brough

Nothing further had been heard from Mervyn Smith, SIC roads since his last e-mail advising that they have had to re-tender the works as none of the contractors submitted a return. They had had some pricing back from the last tender and were 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. These columns will be replaced during this contract but they are not sure when yet. (It was noted that this was first reported to the SIC back in February 2016 and has been on the minutes since then.)

#### (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) W & J Gray Daycare

Cllr. Sandison had spoken again with the Manager, Jennie Gunn, but due to restrictions still in place due to the pandemic there will be nothing in place until this changes.

#### (e) BT Phone box - Hamnavoe

Niall is to take photographs of the phone box to send to BT and ask for full repair or take away.

**ACTION: Niall**

#### (f) Speeding at East Voe

It had been agreed that a letter should be written to SIC Roads on behalf of our Community Council and Scalloway Community Council regarding speeding concerns at East Voe. Niall had drafted a letter to be sent to Scalloway Community Council for approval before submission. Requests were put forward for more police presence, installing the 'smiley face' lights for a time to alert drivers of their speed and also to extend the 30mph from the East Voe junction to the Hogalee junction. The draft letter will be sent on to John Hunter, Chairman of Scalloway Community Council, for approval before submission to SIC Roads.

**ACTION: Niall**

#### (g) Parking problem at Minn

Niall and Brian had met with James William Laurenson and discussed the area for additional parking at Minn but they were looking for a sum of money which is not viable for the Community Council who would then have to pay for the work to be done as SIC Roads were not interested.

#### (h) Post Box at Bridge End

The Clerk had phoned Bruce Crossan, Lerwick Post Office, to see about moving this post box to another location. He preferred the suggestion near the Outdoor Centre as they did not want to bring it any further North as this is the only post box at Bridge End. The Clerk had also sent him an e-mail which he requested.

(i) CC Co-option

There were no suggestions for co-option. The members will give this some thought before the next meeting.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Marine Planning Ref: 2021/023/MAR – Proposal: Modification of existing salmon farm by changing production equipment to six 120m-circumference cages, increasing grid size, changing moorings, changing feed barge & position and deploying a pole mounted top net system  
Address: Holms Geo Cliftsound, Shetland

There were no objections regarding the above application.

(b) Advance Grant Scheme application 180098 – Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society (SCHBS)  
An application had been received from the above. They had applied to all 18 Community Councils and requested a different level of funding from each community council reflective of the membership of the society for that area. The SCHBS is a charitable society which has been in existence since 1910 and registered as a charity in Scotland in 1978. The application was discussed by the members who approved the sum requested of £1,000.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(c) Shetland Islands Local Housing Strategy Conference – 8 Nov 2021 10.30am-3.30pm

An e-mail had been received from Charlotte Wylie with an invitation to the above.

(d) Aviation Strategy: Consultation

Michael Duncan had sent on an e-mail from Terry Shevlin, Transport Scotland, containing a link to the above consultation. A number of questions are concerned with air services in the Highlands and Islands, including topic such as the Air Discount Scheme.

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

- Shetland Police Report August/September 2021
- Activate Shetland – Focus Group invites ahead of Beat-The-Street games in 2022
- Boundary Commission for Scotland consulting with Community Councils
- Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee Survey on forthcoming Short-term lets regulations

#### 5. AOCB

Shetland Bus

Mark Burgess is to be asked to join our next meeting through Zoom as it was noted that he would like to widen the links with Norway to Burra & Trondra and also Tingwall.

**ACTION: Niall**

#### 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (later changed to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.)

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.