

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a WebEx meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.30pm. 0800 051 3810 2614 950 0057

Present: J Priest Mrs S Deyell A Johnston
M Bennett J D Garrick
G Morrison Mrs J Fraser
Ex officio: Cllr C Hughson Cllr S Coutts Cllr T Smith
In attendance: Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker
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 Ms D Nicolson and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2021, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr M Bennett, seconded by Mrs S Deyell.

BUSINESS ARISING: Police: Sgt A Patrick joined our meeting and gave a short report. He encouraged anyone to bring anything they are concerned about to the notice of the Police who will be able to inform them whether there is anything to worry about and says they should never feel that they are wasting Police time.

The Chairman asked him whether the Police Station is now open to the public but Sgt Patrick said that, due to Covid reasons, it had been decided to continue to keep the desk shut but any member of the public can call along.

The August/September Police Report had been received and circulated.

Coronavirus: The pandemic is still ongoing. Lots of people in Shetland who are eligible are now having their booster jab.

Broadband: Ms Beatrice Wishart, MSP, had replied to the Chairman giving the information about the £5,000 vouchers available to those who will not benefit from the R100 programme. The Chairman would like to see a map of where the cable goes but that does not appear to be available.

Cllr C Hughson agreed to email Mr Alistair Carmichael, MP, asking if he can give us further information.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: The contractor has placed signs on the road saying that work will commence on 8 November and will continue to Friday 25 February 2022 and that the road will be closed 9am – 4pm Monday to Thursday and 9am – 2pm on Fridays. However the work has not yet started.

A message will be sent to the Roads Dept asking whether provision has been made for Emergency Vehicles if they are required during this time. It will also be requested that the alternative route from Skeld be given higher status on the gritting programme during the winter.

Mrs S Deyell agreed to add information about this roadworks to the Facebook page.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: The 50mph signs have not yet been provided. **Smiley/Grumpy face sign:** The 40mph stretch of road from Houser to Gudataing has been added to the list of sites where the Smiley/Grumpy signs will be placed on a rota basis.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: A Community Liaison Group meeting is to be held on Tuesday 9 November. The Chairman and Mr J D Garrick hope to attend. Only one question was received from the public and was passed on for consideration at the meeting.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF): 2 Advance Grant Scheme applications unanimously approved and the funds granted.

The Chairman declared an interest in No 1.

No 1 Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society - £2,000.

No 2 Ability Shetland - £1,000.

Update on grants: **Investing in Communities Fund:** Monitoring forms had been sent to the groups and a meeting of the Working Group will be organised early in December.

Community Development Fund – Distribution 21/22: Applications will be sought for consideration at our December meeting. A notice will be placed in the Shetland Times on 12 November with applications requested by 9 December.

Association: Ms D Nicolson will provide a report on the September meeting in due course. Clerks meeting – A Clerks meeting had been held on Saturday 6 November but the Clerk did not attend. The information which had been handed out was received from Mr M Duncan.

Community Council Training Events - Details of the three forthcoming training events available to Community Council members and Clerks were received from Mr M Duncan. He requests that names of anyone interested be forwarded to him by Friday 12 November. Any of the members who are interested will contact the Clerk by that time.

Orion Project: On going. Cllr S Coutts said that there is plenty of interest in Shetland and they will have to ensure that the proposed offshore windfarm and the fishing industry can co-exist.

Temporary Change in Planning: No further update from the Planning Dept.

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

Meetings in Future: The December meeting will be held by WebEx but it is hoped that face to face meetings will be possible in the New Year.

Gravestones: No update.

By-Election: The result of the By-Election was received.

Turning area at inner end of Sandsound road: The sign has not yet been provided.

Dogs Against Drugs Demonstration: Some of the members had attended the training sessions and had found it very interesting. They had been informed that the dogs had intercepted £122,000 worth of drugs this year. The Group should also be commended for providing education about drugs to the schoolchildren.

Local Housing Strategy: The Local Housing Strategy Conference had been held earlier in the day but none of the members had been available to attend.

UPDATED CC MEMBERSHIP FORMS: Updated appointment forms for Co-opted Members and Associate Members were received from Ms A Cogle, Team Leader – Administration.

RAPE CRISIS REPORT: The Rape Crisis Report 2020/21 was received and noted. The Report is available on line via their website www.shetlandrapecrisis.scot.

NEXT MEETING: The next WebEx meeting will be held on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their time.
The meeting closed at 8.20pm