

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of Northmaven Community Council on Monday 6th December 2021 held remotely, using Teams

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:

CCllr D Brown
CCllr B Wilcock
CCllr K Williamson
CCllr E Robertson

Ex Officio Present:

E MacDonald

1. Apologies Submitted:

CCllr R Doull
SIC – M Duncan
SIC – A Arnett

In attendance:

Mr I Davidson – Clerk
Mr J. Parry – SCBF Director
Mr A Cripps – SGP Terminal Manager
PC S Anderson – Police Scotland
Ms L Morris – Member of Public

The meeting started at: 19:30, CCllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest	CCllr E MacDonald if any planning issues are discussed
3. Approval of Previous Minute	The minute of the meeting held on Monday 8 th November 2021 could not be approved as only 1 member was present at both meetings. This will be carried over to January meeting as unapproved
4. Police Report	Deferred until after Item 6. PC Steven Anderson was in attendance and began by apologising for a lack of a Police Report this month as the person responsible was not currently at work. He went on to ask members if there were any issues which members wished to raise. He was aware of ongoing concerns regarding driving. A member commented that driving standards in the Ollaberry area did seem to have improved of late. Another member raised that speeding was still an issue on the Clave at Urafirth and suggested that a Police presence there to carry out speed checks would be welcomed. The member conveyed local concerns that it was not just cars but larger vehicles also which were travelling at excessive speed. SA stated that he would pass this on and try to get these checks carried out. With members having no further questions for him, SA left the meeting.

<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Deferred until after Items 6, then 4.</p> <p>Broadband Nothing further</p> <p>Eshanness Development DB reported that he was meeting with NCDC Development Officer next week to discuss potential sources of funding</p> <p>Swarthoull Nothing Further</p> <p>NCDC Clerk reported that Weaving Shed's Book launch was postponed due to increase in Covid cases and would now take place in early 2022. Charlotte Slater had compiled a Northmavine Gift Guide listing local businesses and producers which had been placed in local shops and online. CS had also produced a newsletter and this contained a £25 voucher to all Northmavine households. This had been made possible by the success of Nortenergy's Polycrub® business and was intended to help offset the extra costs associated with the festive season. NCC members commended this action and agreed to write to NCDC to thank them on behalf of the community. Action: Clerk to write to NCDC</p> <p>Traffic Speed at The Clave Nothing further, other than being raised directly with Police again at this meeting (see item 4)</p> <p>EE Mast Nothing further</p> <p>Fencing of section of A970 All relevant people have now been informed of SIC response and offer of assistance.</p> <p>Heylor Road down to Blade Re-sent original email 10/11 but no response received by time of meeting. Members agreed to send it again Action: Clerk to re-send email to council</p> <p>Driving in Ollaberry This was discussed again in Item 4 and members agreed to remove this from the next minute. Action: Clerk to remove from next minute</p> <p>Haggrister, Sullom Nothing further</p> <p>Under 22s Free Bus Travel Consultation Clerk had re-sent the email to Scottish Government's Transport Dept. on 10/11 but no response had been received by time of meeting. Members agreed that it should be sent again.</p>
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Action: Clerk to re-send email

SCBF – Annual Allocation of Fund

Clerk had posted to Facebook page and emailed AA. Reply received this week and she is happy to 'check in' with groups in Northmavine to promote the scheme and help with applications if they wish. She also suggested contacting SCBF directly to see what assistance they can provide to help NCC promote the fund. JP noted that, given the source of the funding, SCBF had been surprised that there were few applications relating to fuel poverty or improvements utilising renewable energy.

ASCC September Meeting

Nothing further

SSEN Liaison Officer

Nothing further

Update on Virtual Meetings

Members had mixed views on virtual versus live meetings but it was agreed that, as hybrids are likely to continue for some time to come, both sides could be catered for. The January meeting of NCC would be reviewed after the festive season.

Action: Chair and Clerk to review prior to next meeting

Discussion of R100 Proposals

Separate Agenda item. This can be removed from next minute.

Dog Waste Bins

Clerk had checked and bin outside Hillswick Shop was *not* labelled as dual purpose. As no response had yet been received from SIC, members agreed to re-send the email

Action: Clerk to re-send the email

SGP Update

Further invite was sent and accepted (See Item 6.) so this can be removed from next minute

Action: Remove from next minute

AGS Applications

Feedback forms completed, submitted and receipt acknowledged

Discussion of R100 Proposals

See Item 8.

Paths for all - Community Active Travel Grants

Link posted to facebook page

CC Membership Forms

Nothing further

Action: Remove from next minute

Local Housing Strategy Conference

Posted link to Facebook

Shetland Rape Crisis Annual Report

Posted link to Facebook

Aviation Strategy

Posted link to Facebook

Activate Shetland – Focus Group

Nothing further

Twinning with French Towns

Forwarded – Nothing further

Poppy Wreath

DB reported that he had laid the wreath on behalf of NCC and felt it had been a successful outcome. He suggested that this ought to be done annually from now on and all members present agreed

Proposed Dates for NCC meetings in 2022.

Clerk reported that MD had asked for list prior to meeting so had forwarded proposed list and said that this would be confirmed following meeting. All members present accepted the proposed dates.

Action: Clerk to confirm dates to MD

<p>6. SGP Update</p>	<p>Chair welcomed the Terminal Manager of Shetland Gas Plant, Andy Cripps, to the meeting and brought forward the item to allow Mr Cripps to leave immediately after.</p> <p>AC reported that SGP continued to have an excellent Safety record with no accidents or injuries this year to date and were now at 4 years without serious injury. Also reported that, during summer, there had been a small gas leak from a compressor caused by vibration fatigue. There had been an immediate shutdown to inspect and repair and no adverse consequences occurred. This had been noted as a good reminder to all involved on the importance of safety and maintenance.</p> <p>AC also reported that SGP were in ongoing talks with HSE to revise procedural issues which had been highlighted during previous visit. AC also updated members on recent press reports of potential industrial action at SGP and highlighted that this was between the maintenance contractor and its workforce but any action would impact on TotalEnergies' activities, both offshore and on.</p> <p>AC reported on ongoing North Sea projects which TotalEnergies was involved with, including Ben Riach.</p> <p>AC left the meeting on conclusion of his report after being thanked by the chair.</p>
<p>7. Consideration of AGS Application</p>	<p>There was one application to consider, from Urafirth Parent Council. Proposal was for an outdoor shelter at Urafirth School, costing a total of £11K and the amount of funding requested was £7K. Following some discussion, members agreed that the application should be approved.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to complete and return feedback form</p>
<p>8. Discussion of R100 Proposals</p>	<p>Again, the member with knowledge of this subject was unavailable but the Clerk reported that there had been a meeting between NCDC and Marvin Smith of Shetland Telecom recently on the same subject. Members agreed that, if NCDC were pursuing the matter then the Community Council would leave them to continue and offer support if/when required.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to inform NCDC of this outcome</p>
<p>9. Correspondence</p>	<p>Shetland Family History Society An initial enquiry received about funding but then went through SCBF so NCC may receive an application from them in the near future</p> <p>Platinum Jubilee Funding & Co-op Foundation – Carbon Innovation Fund Have posted to Facebook Page</p> <p>Women’s Fund for Scotland Funding available to offset inequalities for women’s development and self-sufficiency, socially and economically. Up to £5000 available to relevant groups until 10/01/2022 Action: Post link to Facebook page</p> <p>Business Gateway Grants – Phase 2 Discretionary Funding Have posted link to Facebook Page</p> <p>Advice for winter from Scottish Water Have posted link to Facebook Page</p>

	<p>H & I Climate Change Grant Have posted link to Facebook Page</p> <p>Christmas Waste Collection Schedule Have posted link to Facebook Page</p> <p>Future Energy Team – Orion Project This team have recently attended another CC meeting to answer questions on ORION. They have expressed willingness to attend other CC meetings if they wish to invite. Members discussed and agreed to issue an invite Clerk to contact to invite to future meeting</p> <p>Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund Aimed at social enterprises who are thinking of ways to reduce their carbon footprint. Loans available from £10K - £1.5m or small grants up to £20K. Members agreed that this should be forwarded to NCDC Action: Clerk to forward</p> <p>SCT – Small Grants Scheme Grants of between £500 and £5K available for a variety of community projects. Deadline for applications, 26/01/22 Action: Clerk to post link on facebook page</p>
<p>10. A.O.C.B.</p>	<p>Local Grants Clerk reported that the Local Grant Scheme for this year had not yet been advertised. Members agreed that it should be advertised asap, with a closing date for applications of 20th January. These will then be considered at February meeting. Action: Clerk to place ad in Shetland Times for 2 consecutive weeks, inviting applications from local groups</p> <p>Hillswick drains A member raised the issue of poor drainage on the road running from above the hotel right down past the Hillswick Shop. This had caused extensive surface water during recent periods of heavy rain and would present a significant safety hazard in freezing conditions. Members agreed that the council should be contacted to inspect this. Action: Clerk to contact SIC</p> <p>Meal Brig (Buraland) A member raised the issue of serious and rapid deterioration of this bridge which may be the only example of its kind left in Shetland. Members felt that, to preserve heritage, SNH should be informed with a view to carrying out repairs. Action: Clerk to contact SNH</p> <p>Old Kirkyard Wall (Hillswick) A member reported that the back wall of the old kirkyard was almost at the point of falling over which would expose nearby graves. Members agreed to contact the appropriate dept. in council. Action: Clerk to contact SIC</p>

	<p>Standing Water on Roads 2 members raised the issue of standing water on local roads. The first was at Eela Water where the problem existed in a couple of places and the second was on the road to Findlins Farm where, in addition to the problem of standing water, the road is also in poor condition. Members agreed that the council should be contacted to request that these areas be checked. Action: Clerk to contact SIC</p> <p>Grit Piles A member noted that grit piles had been placed at various points around Northmavine, as normal at this time of year but one of the usual locations, at the road into Braeside, Ollaberry, had been missed out this year. It was also noted that this road was in particularly poor condition. Members agreed to contact the council to remedy the former and, at least, check the latter. Action: Clerk to contact SIC</p>
<p>11. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>10th January, 2022. Venue to be confirmed</p>

The meeting ended at 20:30