

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 17/01/22

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th December 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:
John Hunter – Chair
John MacKenzie
Andrew Blackadder
Lindsay Laurenson
Louise Davis

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Davie Sandison
Michael Duncan – SIC

2. APOLOGIES:
Liz Walter
Mark Burgess

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minute of the meeting held on 15th November 2021 was proposed by Lindsay and seconded by John M.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

New Flag: Ian told the committee that he has passed a link for the website that would be used to purchase the new flag from onto John H, and could be ordered by the end of the week. The flag with the correct attachments should cost around £75, and should be available for the New Year. This will be the Union Jack. John H and Ian are to work together to order the flag, and pay for the flag.

Action: Ian and John H

New Community Council Member: the clerk has attempted to contact Joanne, and has not had a response. It has been agreed to leave this for the meantime, and Lindsay will talk to her when appropriate.

5. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Re-Create Scalloway: Davie informed the committee that the community consultation for the Water Front feasibility study went well, which a good physical turn out as well as interaction and feedback online. The feedback gathered from the open day and online will be collated into a report, and the next steps will be the development of the favoured ideas, which should take place around February; the project is on time.

With regards to the caravan site, Davie noted that it was currently going to plan, with

work having started on clearance of the grounds. This will be halted over the Christmas holidays, but it is currently on schedule. Andrew added that the newsletter for Re-Create Scalloway has been drafted, and is due to be circulated soon.

Lindsay noted that he has been working on gaining more information about works happening in Port Arthur since February. He has been in contact with Robert Portman regarding this project, and received apologies for the delays. Lindsay notes that gathering information has been slow, and not much progress has been made; however, he will continue to look into this.

6. ASCC UPDATE

John H said that there would be no further meetings until the New Year.

7. ROADS

Burra and Trondra Letter: It was confirmed that the Burra and Trondra Community Council had been written to, but that due to the wording of the email, they were not sure how to respond, or what action was to be taken next. It was decided that the clerk would write to the Burra and Trondra Community Council, confirming that the Scalloway Community Council approves of the initial letter, and does not think that it needs to be amended in any way.

Action: clerk

Shetland Bus memorial: There are loose flagstones close to the Shetland Bus Memorial; this would need to be looked into either by Roads or conservation. The clerk will make the necessary enquiries.

Action: clerk

Meadowsfield: the manhole cover close to the former sheltered houses still has not been repaired; the clerk will contact the relevant individuals in Roads to find out if any progress has been made with this repair.

Action: clerk

8. POLICE

The latest police report was requested by the clerk, but undelivered before the current meeting; this will be read out at the next meeting.

9. FINANCE

Grant Applications: The grant application form for the 1st Scalloway Brownies and Rainbows from last month still needs to be confirmed.

Action: Clerk

Community Benefit Fund: Applications made by Dogs Against Drugs, Shetland Classic Motor Show and Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society were considered at this meeting. It was decided to support Dogs Against Drugs application for £1,000, and to delay the decisions on the Motor Show and SCHBS to the March meeting. Lindsay wondered if there could be more notice given out for local groups to apply for this fund. It was

decided to talk to Mark, and advertise the final decision being made in March, to ensure that local groups had as much opportunity to apply for this grant as they could.

Action: clerk

Special Projects Grant: Davie has spoken to Dave Morgan, with regard to the Burwick Core Paths Project, and it was decided that the project would spend the Winter looking at prices and deciding what should be bought in the Spring, preferably March 2022. The group organising this project will buy the equipment themselves, so that the VAT could be reclaimed. Lindsay noted that Northlink charges for haulage were going to increase in 2022, and that it would be best for the project to secure the equipment as soon as possible.

Place Based Investment Fund: the two applications made were unsuccessful; this was for work on the town centre and the caravan site

Scalloway Hall: Davie noted that the bus shelter was now complete; however, the signage around the area has not been attended to, and would need to be either repaired or replaced.

Jamieson Trust: Mark would have the information on this.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

11. PLANNING

2021/344/PPF: Application for the construction of building contractor workshop with associated parking and external storage, Utnabrake Burnt Mound. John H informed the committee that archaeologists had visited the site, due to bones being found. Andrew noted that there could be an issue with the access to the site; this is quite close to the junction, which is already difficult to navigate due to the levels. Andrew suggested that the access to the site should be further North. Lindsay pointed out that there is currently an industrial estate located in Blydoit, and wondered if a joint up approach between Blydoit and the proposed area could be discussed, so that there wouldn't be a second industrial estate created.

2021/352/PPF: Application for an extension to an industrial workshop building, Lower Scord, Utnabrek. No objections for the application made.

2021/354/TCA: Application for the removal of two sycamore trees from the Walter and Joan Gray Home, Main Street. It was noted that there have been made complaints made by neighbours and residents against these trees, and that the removal of these trees would make the garden area more accessible to residents, with the potential for a shelter being constructed in the garden. The question of ownership of the trees was brought into question; Davie had looked into this before, and that as long as there are no conservation objections, the trees should be able to come down. Louise asked whether the trees could be relocated, but it was pointed out that this would not be possible due to the potential issues created by the roots. John M recommended the approval of the application.

12. NORWEGIAN FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

John H told the committee that there had been plans to join with Burra for the Norwegian Friendship Agreement, but thought that this could reach out to the whole of Shetland. No further plans to be made until Mark can attend the meeting.

13. AOCB

Over 80s Christmas Voucher Scheme: Louise wanted confirmation of the amounts sent to the over 80s. Clerk confirmed that the cards and vouchers had been sent to all the listed over 80s.

Fraser Park and New Road: Davie updated the committee on works being conducted by Scottish Water on New Road. Since the Summer, Fraser Park has been unusable, and has become waterlogged. After an investigation by Scottish Water, it was found that parts of the pipe on the new line had not been properly closed, which was work conducted between February and March. This large amount of water leakage has all gone into the park, which has created this large issue. This could lead to the park sinking, requiring rebuilding, and a claim may be made against Scottish Water for the damage that has been caused.

Next Door Scalloway: Andrew drew the Committee's attention to the Next Door Scalloway initiative that had started, which is a digital system to connect businesses in Scalloway and exchange goods. Louise noted that from what she understood, it seems to want to connect communities, but acknowledged that not everyone had heard about it. There seems to be limited information online.

Christmas Window Competition: Louise had been around Scalloway with Liz, and thought that the Christmas Window cup should go to the Cornerstone. Last year's winner was the Scalloway hall, and the clerk will contact Mark to let him know that the cup needs to be presented to the Cornerstone, and to request that a note go into the Scalloway Notes.

Action: clerk

Walter and Joan Gray Day Care Centre: Lindsay wondered if a timeline of events could be found with regard to the sudden closure of the day care centre. Davie told the committee that a new contract has been set up for the day care centre, and that the focus should be on moving forward with the day care, to ensure that these closures do not occur again. The services are to resume in January, though this may be changed due to the latest Covid strains. Moraig said that there have been members of the public approaching her to tell her that they are glad to hear about the reopening of the service, and that this will have a positive impact on the community.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 17th January 2022 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.18pm.