

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 09 December in Bressay Hall and by remote video conference

This minute is unapproved until adopted at the next meeting of BCC

Present:

Alistair Christie-Henry
Shirley Gifford
Dee Henderson-Haefner
Sally Christie-Henry (via Zoom)
Stephen Leask (via Zoom)

In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)

Invited Guests:

Richard Burrell
Amanda Sinclair

1. Introduction and Apologies:

Chairman opened the Meeting and made sure that attendees on Zoom were able to hear and see each other, welcomed members and guests to the hall and ensured seating was in adherence to Covid-19 protocols.

Apologies:

Malcolm Bell
Michael Duncan
Pat Christie
Kevin Main

2. Declaration of interest:

The Chairman asked for declarations of interest – none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 04 November 2021, previously circulated to members. The minutes were approved, proposed by Dee and seconded by Sally.

5. Matters arising (actions not elsewhere on agenda):

AP1: Maintenance of Woodland site/Ownership of UHA hut - still no response from UHA Committee.

1. Action Chairman

AP2: Ham Kiosk ownership: A response has been received from Corporate Services confirming that Community Councils are deemed unincorporated bodies therefore cannot own property in the name of the Community Council. (Appendix 1). This raised a number of questions/discussions. Was it illegal of BT to sell it to us? Whilst the BCC has control of it what options are there going forward? Give it back? Give it to another organisation? Or treat it as a commodity akin to the noticeboards where we may own the noticeboards but we don't own what they sit on; similarly we don't own the Solum of the Kiosks. Changing the

emphasis call it - say "The defibrillator shed" or such like, which changes the emphasis from owning infrastructure, the key being it is a community benefit. The community council has acted in good faith as the original offer from BT was that it had to be a Community Council that acquired it. Other Community Councils have passed it to other organisations – e.g. Nesting to the Hall it is adjacent to. Potentially it could be relocated although its current position at the end of Park run was a good site. The question was also raised of whether or not it should be insured – in case of children playing in it and injuring themselves. Members agreed for the moment to leave as is and continue to the next phase which will be to decide a maintenance and upkeep schedule and following this to decide what use to put the 'commodity' to.

AP3/4: Fuel project feasibility study and Bottle Bank, & Ferry Car Park Works. – No new information **2. Action Chairman**

AP5: Anti-social team & Ferry Operations re waiting room: Since the last meeting there had been further incidences of anti-social behaviour including where a family with an infant had been locked out of the waiting room by teenagers inside. This information has been passed on to the Anti-Social Behaviour team, who have reported that at their times of attendance there has been no gatherings. Saturday Afternoon seems to be the main gathering time and it was queried whether this should be addressed by the Ferry Crew. It was suggested the Crew should be instructed by their Management to do so and the Chair volunteered to take this up with the head of Ferry Services. **3. Action Chairman**

AP6: Site visit to Play Park - Sally has now received a reply from Leisure Services detailing a considerable amount of work that has been done on the Playpark and suggesting a representative could visit to explain the process. This led to a wide discussion on whether previous inspections had actually taken place and if so were they available for public scrutiny. It was agreed to defer a visit for now, meanwhile Sally and a couple of mini volunteers would inspect and feedback on the condition.

AP7: Follow up Verge cutting: The action was on Stephen who will make sure it is addressed in spring. Essentially there are two issues; firstly where verges don't get cut and secondly where the ditching has encroached on the verge making some too narrow to stand on safely. Chairman informed that the state of the verges will be looked at it as part of the BCC 2022 infrastructure survey/report.

AP8: Christmas Gift - Scalloway Meat Company vouchers has been obtained for the over 70s Christmas gift. Shirley brought along a sample and these will be distributed in the next few days.

5. Membership:

The Chair expressed the member's sadness at the death of Bryan Law, which also left the Council with no Vice-chair. In addition this left a further vacancy on the council so now two vacancies. The two guests at the meeting had both expressed a desire to join the Community Council and had completed the appropriate forms. Richard Burrell was proposed by Dee and seconded by Alistair and Amanda Sinclair was proposed by Alistair and seconded by Shirley. There being no objections this was duly carried and both welcomed onto the Community Council. It was felt to be too soon after Bryan's death to fill his position as Vice-chair therefore the decision was made to defer until the January meeting, as proposed by Alistair and seconded by Dee.

6. Member & Visitor Report

Stephen Leask detailed much of his time in the last month has been taken up with the transport forum. This included re-iteration of Lateral Flow Tests being essential for travel and the loss of the 20% discount on Northlink food and drink. This was not included in the current contract but brought in in the previous contract when the concession fare was reduced. Essentially future contracts need Island proofing. On the upside Ferry funding looks hopeful.

While sending his apologies Kevin Main also advised he passed the community council concerns over the timescales of the Ferry terminal improvement works to the Director and Executive Manager and would inform of their reply.

7. Infrastructure Update:

Roads & Ferries: No further information.

War Memorial: No further information

8. Correspondence:

A number of items of correspondence were discussed, including emails from the North Highland & Islands Climate Action hub regarding Community climate action projects or potential future projects. We have also been contacted by the Shetland Family History Society regarding the extension of their project to detail all the memorials in Shetland and broadening that into digital format for viewing on line. They have been pointed towards the SCBF for potential grant funding and we would be interested in hearing of their plans in the future.

9. Finances:

Grant/funding applications:

A grant application had been received from the Bressay Under 5s group for £300 funding for their children's Christmas event. As a decision had to be made prior to today's meeting Chair had circulated the application to voting members and received their majority support. Having been endorsed by members and ratified, this has been paid from the £3,000 Core fund.

Quarry cleanings from last year's core fund has now been delivered. Members had previously agreed to fund an additional 15t of material to use up the financial allocation for 2020/21. However, a mistake had been made and two additional loads had been delivered. Chairman provide two options to members, i) ask that the delivery be removed, ii) purchase the additional load using this years core fund and distribute in the same manner as intended with the additional load for 20/21, the cost would be in the region of an additional £228 from this year's budget. Members unanimously agreed to purchase the additional load.

Regarding use of the extra material, some discussions ensued on eligibility and potential capping of quantity and it was decided to invite applications based on a number of criteria and allocate across the number received. Chairman passed round a draft application form which was approved for use by members

4. Action Clerk

10: Any Other Business

- Shirley raised the issue regarding the clearing of grids – these were to be cleared over a year ago and 3 months ago we were told this was going to happen soon. Some discussion ensued whether this was sub-contracted to Garriock or who was responsible. Stephen Leask agreed to take this up with the SIC tomorrow.

5. Action Stephen Leask

- Bins – Environmental Services were to bring more bins to be sited at every bench and emptied at the same time as the waste collection (or on demand) this still has not happened.
- Bus shelters at the Hall and at the Glebe/Fullaburn have still not been actioned.

- The next bulky waste skip is due on the 8th & 9th January 2022, this was scheduled to be manned by the Sports Club which still needs to be confirmed. (See next point).
- The Sports Club AGM is on Tuesday 14th. Amanda volunteered to be the Community Council delegate and will request them to man the skip at the same time.

11. Location and date of next meeting:

The next meeting of BCC will be held on Thursday 20 January 2022 at 7.15 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date

The remainder of this document does not form part of the public minute

Summary of new and outstanding action

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| AP1: Maintenance of Woodland site/Ownership of UHA hut site. | Action Chairman |
| AP2: Fuel project feasibility study.
Bottle Bank, additional bins & Ferry Car Park Works. | Action Chairman |
| AP3: Anti-social team & Ferry Operations re waiting room | Action Chairman |
| AP4: Allocation of small quantity Quarry Cleanings | Action: Clerk |
| AP5: Clearing of grids | Action: Stephen Leask |