

# Delting Community Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.**

## **2021/11/01 MEMBERS**

Mr A Cooper, Chairman  
Ms R Griffiths  
Mr B Moreland

Ms J Dennison  
Ms K Maggs  
Mrs E Macdonald

## **2021/11/02 IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms A Arnett, SIC Community Planning and Development  
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

## **2021/11/03 CIRCULAR**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **2021/11/04 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Hall and Mr J Milne.

## **2021/11/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

## **2021/11/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2021/11/07 MATTERS ARISING**

- 7.1 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.2 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.3 Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.4 Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – The Chairman said that the windsock has gone due to the recent gales, but the traffic light signage is still there.
- 7.5 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – The Chairman is going to speak to Mr Brydon Nicolson who owns the land that the Firth lighthouse is situated on to find out if there is any update on this item.
- 7.6 Litter Bins Overflowing at Mavis Grind and outside the Brae Co-op** – The Clerk contacted Mr Michael Godden, SIC Waste Collections and Street Cleansing Supervisor regarding the bin overflowing outside the Brae Co-op. As there are three bins outside the Brae Co-op owned by the SIC, the Chairman confirmed it is the bin at the bus stop at the side of the Brae Co-op that is overflowing. Mr M Godden said that he will monitor the three bins outside the Brae Co-op and see if they need to increase capacity.

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### 2021/11/07 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.7 **Security around the old Moorfield Hotel – State of Disrepair** – Mr B Moreland said that the security fence has been removed and is neatly stacked. Ms J Dennison said that there is a time-capsule near where the stone signage was and it may need to be removed before the area is developed. The Chairman will discuss this with Mr Bobby Elphinstone.
- 7.8 **Access to the Beach at Firth – Active Travel Strategy** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.9 **Crash Barrier in Voe – To be repaired** – Mr B Moreland stated that the crash barrier has still not been repaired and with the possibility of that section of road becoming a 50mph ice rink, it would be great if Mr Colin Gair would reduce the speed limit to 30mph until the Spring. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson to ask if the contractor is going to get this fixed before Christmas due to icy conditions lately and a recent accident in Voe. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.10 **SCBF Director** – Mr A Hall is looking into the Director's role for SCBF following Mr E Nicolson's resignation. The Clerk forwarded the handbook from Ms Eleanor Gear to Mr A Hall.
- 7.11 **Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – At the last meeting, Members heard about concerns with regards to speeding in the Fograbrek, Voe area and issues with the verge being dangerous. The Clerk contacted Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service again asking if the Fograbrek area can be reduced from 60mph to 40mph as a calming measure for traffic. If not, what discretion is there for these decisions and what are the rules which he is adhering to? The Clerk received no response from Mr Colin Gair. The Clerk is to write to Mr Colin Gair again and copy Mr David Coupe, Executive Manager, SIC Roads Service into the e-mail. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.12 **Local Housing Strategy** – The Chairman said that this is being worked on and there is a likelihood that it will be completed by January 2022.
- 7.13 **Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – The Clerk e-mailed Mr Michael Craigie, SIC Executive Manager of Transport Operations to ask if a bus shelter could be put in on the opposite side of the road from the Wethersta junction to shelter the users. Currently the mornings are dark and standing there is dangerous. The Clerk received no response from Mr Michael Craigie and is to contact him again. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.14 **Remembrance Day** – The Chairman and Ms Rosalind Griffiths attended the Remembrance Day service at the Delting War Memorial and he laid the wreath on behalf of the community.
- 7.15 **Dog Litter Bin – Maidenfield** – The Clerk contacted Michael Godden at SIC Waste Collections asking if a dog litter bin could be placed at the Maidenfield junction in Mossbank. He responded to say that there is a litter bin located across the road at the bus shelter and members of the public can dispose of the dog waste in the litter bin. He will have signs made up stating 'litter bin and dog waste' that he will put on the door of the bin to encourage usage.
- 7.16 **Racist Graffiti on the Bus Shelter at the Brig of Brae** – The Clerk is to contact Mr Michael Craigie, SIC Executive Manager of Transport Operations to ask if the new panels have been put in the bus shelter. **Clerk to progress.**

### 2021/11/08 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report received for this month.

### 2021/11/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration this month.

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### **2021/11/10 COMMUNITY WORK**

Covid 19 update from Mr M Duncan on 8<sup>th</sup> November. He stated that the SIC advice is for Community Councils to continue to meet remotely until notified otherwise. However, Community Councils can choose to have face to face meetings as long as the Scottish Government guidance is followed.

With regards to the public attendance at a face-to-face meeting, it would be up to the Community Councils to determine if public attendance should be in person or as a hybrid meeting.

Ms Ana Arnett attended the meeting. She has been delivering training with Mr Michael Duncan to Community Councils lately. All the feedback has been good and people have been happy to meet face-to-face. The Climate Conversation training scheduled for this weekend has been postponed until May/June 2022. Ms Clare Ferguson from the Climate Strategy Team can come to a Community Council meeting.

The Living Well Club at the Brae Youth Centre is a community led support hub. It provides a drop-in service for the public and professionals. It is open Mondays and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Anybody is welcome, they can have a chat and find out what is happening in the area, find out about volunteer opportunities and what support is available.

There has been interest from the public and professionals. It is taking time for the word to spread and the public to know that the club is there two days per week. If people in the community are less likely to come themselves, they can get friends, family and support networks to come on their behalf.

The group is hoping to create a community notice board and would welcome posters and information from local groups.

The Chairman enquired about capacity building. Ms A Arnett responded that they are getting in touch with other development groups and meeting again in the New Year. The Community Council is very interested and the more people that get involved, the better.

She has been in contact with groups regarding funding opportunities and there are a lot of funding streams at the moment.

The Chairman said that the Place Based Approach that Scalloway did is something Delting could possibly replicate. Next year, it would be good to invite Ms Sonia Inkster to come and speak about how they got the Place Based Approach in Scalloway.

Ms R Griffiths said it would be great to get good access to the Firth beach, a coastal path from the Mossbank pier to Firth and a caravan park in Mossbank. She feels Mossbank is a forgotten area and it would be nice to get a positive reputation for the area.

Ms A Arnett said that the Place Based Approach takes everything into account from housing to paths and it would be very positive. The Scalloway one was a pilot project by the SIC Planning Department. They do not currently have resources to put in for a Place Based Approach at the moment. Given time, there may be opportunities.

She asked if Members were aware of 20-minute neighbourhoods. There is information about that online and it is areas where people can walk or cycle to amenities in their area within 20 minutes.

The Chairman said that Mossbank, Voe, Muckle Roe and Brae all need things in their areas to make it better living in Delting. He believes that the Scottish Government and Highlands and Islands Enterprise may be interested in the Place Based Approach.

Ms A Arnett said that the Mossbank Primary School Early Learning Centre is getting work started next week. Ms R Griffiths said this is due to the increase in ELC hours. The Chairman said that the work getting done will make it better for all.

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### 2021/11/11 CORRESPONDENCE

**11.1 Brae Marina – Grant Application Form** – They provide 52 safe berthing facilities for yachts, motor cruisers and sailing dinghies all year round. They are requiring funding to carry out repairs to an area of rock armour and its back infill at the base of the marina laydown area south end. This is required after the sea has eroded the smaller infill rock and dislodged some rock armour stone. The total cost of the project is £2,960.00. This includes transport of plant, hire of excavator, 8” rip rap stone. They are asking the Community Council for £1,500 toward this project. Members agreed to award them a grant of £1,000. **Clerk to progress.**

**11.2 Shetland Islands Council Elections** – E-mail received from Mr Peter Peterson, SIC Chief Executive’s Department raising awareness of the recently launched campaign to encourage more, and a more diverse range of, candidates to stand in next year’s Council election. They have a handbook for prospective candidates which can be found at <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/file/3563/-who-stands-for-the-council-it-s-people-like-you-new-handbook>

They are planning an evening drop-in session event on 19<sup>th</sup> January at the Town Hall. This will be a chance for anyone who is interested in standing for election to come along and meet some senior officers and elected Members.

The SIC records committee meetings and posts them on their You Tube channel. It is a good way to see how Committees operate, as well as hearing about some of the key issues that are being considered. Recordings of the meetings are available at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDy8W4bfVLieRTIzKK\\_pEVg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDy8W4bfVLieRTIzKK_pEVg/videos)

Mrs E Macdonald said that there was an event encouraging women to stand. The SIC need sensible people and to encourage people to come forward.

**11.3 APEX Scotland** – E-mail received from Ms Aimee Robertson from APEX Scotland. They are looking to branch out into local communities and help individuals with barriers to employment or getting out into the community. Their charity helps those with barriers such as substance misuse, mental health, convictions, low skilled, long term unemployed etc. They offer qualifications and short courses online, group activities and one to one work. Noted.

### 2021/11/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

**12.1 Various funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –**

**Highlands & Islands Climate Change Grant** - Grants of up to £4,500 are available to community groups who wish to work with a researcher to run a project on a local climate change issue that matters to their community. Eligible groups must be based in the Highlands & Islands area and projects seeking funding should take place between April – October 2022. Projects/activities could include:

How we grow and eat food (food and farming)

How to travel sustainably (sustainable transport)

How to source and use sustainable power (energy, renewable)

How and where we will live in the future (e.g housing, de/repopulation, migration)

How to manage waste and consumption

How to protect our natural environment and biodiversity (addressing flooding, water shortage, habitat protection).

The deadline for applications is 31 January 2022. For more information see: <https://www.britishscienceassociation.org/highlands-and-islands-climate-change-community-grant>

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### 2021/11/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Shetland Islands Council has launched Phase 2 of its **Discretionary Fund**. This grant is specifically targeted at those that have been without Scottish Government financial support since October 2020 following the adoption of Scotland's Strategic Framework.

Grants of £4,000 will be available to sole traders and micro businesses (1-9 employees), or £10,000 for small business (10-49 employees). Applicants must:

- have a primary base of operations in Shetland
- trade as a sole trader; micro business (1-9 employees); or small business (10-49 employees)
- have been actively trading in the period up to 31 October 2021
- normally have an annual sales/income over £3,000
- have experienced a significant drop in income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, with at least a 20% reduction in the period 1 April to 30 June 2021 compared to the same period in 2019
- not be connected to a tax haven as set out in the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No 2) Act 2020

The deadline is 13<sup>th</sup> December. Further information can be found at:  
<https://www.shetland.gov.uk/grants/covid-19-discretionary-fund>

**The National Lottery Community Fund** will fund 70 projects across the UK to mark Her Majesty the Queen's 70th (Platinum) Jubilee.

Applications need to fit one or more of these areas of focus:

- Across Generations - Strengthening relationships between generations and creating a legacy for future generations.
- Community Renewal - Supporting new opportunities for people to develop skills and experiences in their local community, as well as opportunities to bring people together in new ways, and in new or different places and spaces.
- Our Shared Natural World - Deepening our care and action locally for the natural world.

Grants will be between £30,000 to £50,000 and projects will have up to 2 years to deliver their activities. Funded projects will need to be up and running by Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> December (unless 700 applications are received sooner). Further information can be found online at - [platinumjubilee@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:platinumjubilee@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

**The Women's Fund for Scotland** makes grants to projects across Scotland that support women's development, self-sufficiency and social and economic equality. It makes grants across six key themes:

1. Building skills and confidence
2. Improving health and well-being
3. Growing social connections
4. Moving on from abuse
5. Developing leadership and innovation
6. Combating poverty and building financial resilience

The fund supports women's organisations, especially those run by and for women, community-based organisations running projects with women and girls, and projects supporting disadvantaged women and girls.

Grants up to £5,000 are available and the next deadline for applications is 10 January 2022. See website for more details:

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-fundng/funding-available/womens-fund-for-scotland>

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### 2021/11/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

**Youthlink Scotland** is now receiving applications for the latest round of the Scottish Government's Cashback for Communities Youth Work Fund. Funded projects are required to take place between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Projects are required to deliver targeted youth work activity programmes for young people between 10 and 24 years of age that:

- Support young people most at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending or re-offending into positive destinations;
- Support young people most at risk of entering the justice system.

The closing date for applications is 17th December. For more information see website:

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/funding/cashback-for-communities>

**Shetland Charitable Trust's** small grants scheme fund can provide up to 75% of eligible costs and offer grants between £500 - £5,000 to groups with an annual turnover below £50,000. Community projects across a range of fields including social care and welfare, arts and culture, environment or sport and recreation may be considered.

Applicants are required to demonstrate how their project will contribute towards the Trust's ambitions of promoting inclusion and/or reducing inequalities in Shetland as well as the impact and outcomes delivered.

The deadline for applications is 26th January 2022. For more information see the website:

<https://www.shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

**Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund** aims to support those social enterprises who might already operate in the circular economy or are thinking about ways in which they might reduce their carbon footprint.

Loans of between £10,000 - £1,500,000 may be considered and must be repaid in full by 31 March 2031. Small grants up to £20,000 may also be available for projects with a particular focus and carbon reduction outcomes.

To check eligibility and for more information see website:

<https://www.socialinvestmentsscotland.com/learning-hub/social-enterprise-net-zero-transition-fund>

**12.2 Shetland Rape Crisis – Annual Report 2020/21 – Noted.**

**12.3 Scottish Water – E-mail received from Mr Gavin Steel, Scottish Water,** encouraging customers in communities across Scotland to prepare their homes for winter.

Their winter campaign advises anyone with a home, holiday home or business premises to take action to heat, insulate and protect their properties. Customers can visit [www.scottishwater.co.uk/winter](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/winter) where they can find winter information, films and advice.

Further information is available online about pipework responsibilities at [www.scottishwater.co.uk/responsibility](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/responsibility).

To stay up-to-date, follow them on Twitter @scottish\_water or on Facebook facebook.com/scottishwater.

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### 2021/11/13 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 13.1 White Lines on the Roads** – Mr B Moreland stated that he has travelled to Sumburgh twice recently in the evening. Due to weather conditions, when it is raining and vehicles are approaching, drivers are forced to reduce speed because the white lines are virtually non-existent and it is unsafe. The Chairman said that the Levenwick road is possibly going to get re-done within 2-5 years and the SIC are unlikely to do much to the road until that is done. The Clerk is to contact the ASCC to find out if a major exercise can be done within the next year to get the white lines on the majority of the roads. She is also to find out what the timescale is for doing the white lines, is it every 5 years? 10 years? Also, what is the criteria for deciding what roads are to be done? **Clerk to progress.**
- 13.2 Lack of White Lines at the Graven Junction** – Ms R Griffiths said that whilst driving from Mossbank to Brae, the white lines are very difficult to see at the Graven junction. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service about this. **Clerk to progress.**
- 13.3 No Bus Shelter near Voe Hall** – Mrs E Macdonald said that the Brae Parent Council raised the issue with no bus shelter near the Voe Hall for buses picking up the school children. There was a bus shelter in the area, but that was taken away. Ms Shona Thompson, SIC Schools Manager has been contacted regarding this. Members discussed this item and the Chairman said that the SIC need to own a site where the bus shelter can go. Mrs E Macdonald is going to chase this item up.
- 13.4 Schedule of Meetings 2022** – The Clerk sent the proposed dates to Members. She is to check the effective date of the new Community Council with Ms Anne Cogle, Team Leader, Administration. **Clerk to progress.**

### 2021/11/14 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held either virtually through Microsoft Teams or at the Voe Public Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman