



**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via ZOOM**

- 1.0 Present:**
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| Andrew Archer – chair | Steven Coutts     |
| Patrick Ross-Smith    | Theo Smith        |
| Linda Tulloch         | Moraig Lyall      |
| Dilys Evans           | Catherine Hughson |
| Neil Leask            |                   |
| Angela Sutherland     | Roselyn Fraser    |
| Martin Randall        | Michael Duncan    |
| Charles Hodge         |                   |
| Karl Mills – clerk    |                   |

**2.0 Apologies:** Winston Brown, Birgit Wagner

**3.0 Declarations of Interest**

Linda Tulloch declared an interest in item 11 - Viking.

**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Dilys Evans the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

**5.0 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Andrew Archer thanked Linda Tulloch for her hard work in organising the distribution of vouchers for the local shops to the elderly folk in the community along with Christmas cards produced by the pupils at Whiteness and Tingwall primary schools.

**6.0 Decisions since last meeting**

The following three decisions were made by e-mail vote, since the last meeting in November 2021:

- Decision 025 - To send letter to Iain McDiarmid, concerning lack of action by SIC over environmental concerns at SSE's work at Cott.
- Decision 026 - To submit a response of 'No comment' to SIC Planning in respect of planning application 2021/336/PPF.
- Decision 027 - To submit a response of 'No comment' to SIC Planning in respect of planning application 2021/377/PPF.

**7.0 Police Report**

The latest police report was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no issues or questions arising from it.

**8.0 Finance**

The Financial Report, updated to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, was distributed to community council members.

Money was set aside last year to cover the cost of setting up of a sensory room at Tingwall Primary School. These costs have now been paid by SIC, which means that the community council cannot now provide the grant funding for this purpose. The Parent Council has been advised accordingly.

Members were advised that this meant that the community council had about £3,500 for distribution as grants to local organisations. The clerk was asked to contact the rowing club again to find out whether an application from them for help with storage costs was likely. Neil Leask said that he had joined the committee for Whiteness Hall and that an application from them for the cost of installing wi-fi to the hall was likely. Members agreed that the chair would post a piece on facebook and to the local shops highlighting the availability of grants to local groups.

Charlie Hodge highlighted the issue of dog mess in Nesbister and asked whether the CC could fund the provision of a dog waste bin there. The clerk was asked to contact SIC Environmental Health Department to enquire whether the council would be prepared to install waste bins in the area, and to empty them.

## **9.0 Correspondence**

Three items of correspondence had been received:

- An e-mail from Iain McDiarmid in response to the community council's letter regarding SSE's work at Cott. The response re-iterated the planning department's view that, as the work was being done under permitted development rules, the planning department could not get involved in any enforcement.
- An invitation to attend a 'Dogs Against Drugs' training demonstration on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 'Thank You' cards from recipients of the TWWCC Christmas vouchers.

## **10.0 Planning**

- 2021/031/MAR - To extend an existing mussel farm by siting an additional 3 x 220m twin-headline longlines to the west of the existing longlines, NW of Skerby Ayre, Laxfirth, Tingwall.
- 2021/376/PPF - Erect a polycrubb 10.635m x 4.2m behind the principal elevation of the new dwellinghouse at North Califf Gott.
- 2021/366/PPF - Erect dwellinghouse with air source heat pump adjacent to 'Ocean View' Breiwick Gott.
- 2021/367/PPF - Extension & alterations to existing dwelling at Bjorg Brunt Hammarsland Girlsta.
- 2021/346/PPF - Demolish existing side and rear extensions. Construct new 1.5 storey side extension and single storey porch extensions to front and rear.
- 2021/358/PPF - To erect a single storey rear extension at Stakkwals, South Whiteness.

The clerk was asked to submit a response of 'No comment' to each of these six planning applications.

## **11.0 Viking**

The chair reported the following highlights from the Viking CLG meeting held the previous night:

- Twenty-two concrete bases have now been poured. As these are all either on the mid-Kame ridge or on the west side, community councillors agreed that this reduced further any justification for re-siting batching plants at this stage. Andrew Archer agreed to send a submission to the Appeal, saying that the community council strongly believed that SIC's refusal should be upheld.
- About ninety percent of the HVDC cable ducting has been installed, and the next phase of the work will involve the laying of the HVDC cables. The road surface up the hill to the Scord of Weisdale will be resurfaced in the early Autumn.

The chair said that he had been in touch with SSEN to ask when the plans for the line of the overhead cable route through Tingwall would be finalised. The response from SSEN was that it is still under consideration, but that plans would be sent to the CC as soon as possible.

## **12.0 SCBF**

Angela Sutherland gave the following update:

- New rules are being implemented by SCBF to handle conflicts of interest of its Directors.
- Talks with potential offshore wind developers have started, with a view to including them in the SCBF.

Two SCBF grant applications were considered:

- 180111 – Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society for a grant of £2,000.
- 180141 – Shetland Care Attendants Scheme for a grant of £1,400.

These applications were approved, and the clerk was asked to advise Eleanor Gear accordingly.

## **13.0 Footpaths**

Andrew Archer and Martin Randall reported on a meeting they had held with SIC to discuss the community council's proposed intention to construct footpaths at Whiteness and Tingwall following feedback it had received from its local community survey.

Andrew Archer said that the Sustrans 'Places for Everyone Scheme' would re-open this summer, which would be a very positive step as, if the application was successful, Sustrans could pay for all the design costs and up to 70% of the construction costs. In the meantime, discussions would continue with SIC and Sustrans to try and resolve issues such as the road crossing at Veensgarth.

Prior to the meeting, the chair had circulated a map from SIC that showed what land had been bought by SIC in anticipation of the proposed road improvements between Haggersta and Cova.

At the meeting with SIC in December, Michael Duncan had explained that it would not be appropriate for the community council to carry out these projects directly, as community councils are not incorporated. Martin Randall reported that he had done some work looking at the different types of organisation that would be suitable and that a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) would be the most appropriate vehicle. Members asked Martin to continue the preparatory work to set up such a group.

## **14.0 Councillors' Reports**

- Catherine Hughson said that a round of meetings had been held by SIC following the Christmas break, and that the pathways around Kalliness will be cleaned soon.
- Steven Coutts urged that community councils should do what they could to publicise and promote the Local Development Plan when it is released.

## **15.0 AOCB**

- Following the community council elections in November, it will necessary to hold a TWWCC meeting in December. This was scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.
- There is an opportunity for a third community council representative to attend Viking CLG meetings.

## **16.0 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.