

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2022 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2022/01/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Ms R Griffiths
Mr J Milne
Mr E Smith

Ms J Dennison
Mr A Hall
Mr B Moreland
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor

2022/01/02 IN ATTENDANCE

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

2022/01/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2022/01/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms K Maggs.

2022/01/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2021 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2022/01/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs E Macdonald declared an interest with regards to the Planning items 2022/01/09.
The Chairman and Mr A Hall declared an interest with regards to the SCBF grant application form Correspondence item 2022/01/11.2.

2022/01/07 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** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.5 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.6 Litter Bins Overflowing at Mavis Grind and outside the Brae Co-op** – The Chairman said this may not be an issue in the winter time but will need to be checked from the Spring time.
- 7.7 Security around the old Moorfield Hotel – State of Disrepair** – The Chairman has spoken to a representative of E & H Building Contractors Ltd regarding the time capsule near where the Moorfield Hotel stone signage was and they will look for the time capsule before they do anything.

7.8 Active Travel Strategy – Mrs E Macdonald and Ms A Arnett attended a meeting regarding Brae Active Travel Audits on 26th January. Ms A Arnett said that the Active Travel Strategy consultants came to Shetland and had half a day in Brae looking at obvious key issues. They studied the south to the north of Brae and divided it into three areas, looking for suggestions for improvements to main roads and junctions. They noted that the pavements had missing links, some pavements start/stop, looking at the condition of the pavements, ways to improve the environment and safety of pedestrians, wheelchair users, prams and bikes. They identified key problems and are looking for community feedback. There are drop kerbs not joining up and grit bins blocking pavements. The bike racks outside the Leisure Centre are not best placed. Sheltered bike racks is what they would aim for. They discussed the best location for a pedestrian crossing. They discussed the main junction into the Moorfield Estate next to the Co-op. They looked where cars park making pedestrians walk onto the roads. There will be another opportunity for the community to feedback on the report when it comes out at the end of March.

The Chairman said that the Active Travel Strategy is through the Scottish Government who provide the money for the developments.

Mrs E Macdonald said that she found it difficult. There are some significant issues, but Brae has good paths, streetlighting etc. In Voe, there is no path along the main road. Rather than focussing on areas that have this already, could they look at paths to areas like the Sparl steep which would make a difference. There is no luxury of paths in Voe.

The Chairman said that there was a lot of work to widen the paths in Brae not long ago. There are other areas that could benefit from paths. A lot of people walk to the junction at Lower Voe with trucks going past them. There is a lot of suction with the big vehicles driving past pedestrians.

Ms A Arnett is unsure why Brae was chosen. Sustrans funding was mentioned at the meeting and Brae would fit in with their criteria.

The Chairman said that they see Brae as a 20-minute neighbourhood with walking easier if Active Travel comes in. In other villages, a 20-minute neighbourhood is difficult to define.

Ms A Arnett said that Brae has a school, shops, health centre, leisure centre etc and would fit the 20-minute neighbourhood model.

The Chairman said that a lot of people walk in the Voe area.

Mrs E Macdonald said there are certain pots of money but it is not right to just spend the money on Brae. Active Travel should look at the whole area that have a real need.

The Chairman said he is not speaking against it. Can we put it forward that there are other areas in Delting where that money would do a lot more good? Would they consider that at this late stage?

Ms A Arnett responded, at the meeting they said they would summarise the audits and there will be another opportunity after the report comes out in March. It might be worth engaging with them in March and highlighting that Brae is not the only area.

The Chairman said that money could do more for Voe, Muckle Roe and Mossbank. He feels in terms of benefits to the community, other areas where there are limited resources could do far more good.

Mrs E Macdonald is happy to find out why the audit was only in Brae.

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7.9 Crash Barrier in Voe – To be repaired – Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service responded to the Clerk on 7th December. He said the damaged section should be repaired before the winter break. The Council's safety barrier contractor has just completed the repair of the accident damaged barrier at the Veensgarth staggered junction. Their next job is to replace the missing, faded and damaged verge markers on the A970 between Voe and Brae. This will be followed by the replacement of the entire barrier on the A970 at Voe. He was going to ask them to repair the damaged section first.

The Chairman said this work has not been done on the crash barrier in Voe. The SIC Roads Service are busy at the moment with a lot of barriers having what is called a 'fish tail' at the end which is a significant hazard. The end is being changed to a drop barrier to the ground.

Mr B Moreland asked when the crash barrier in Voe will get repaired as he is concerned a car may go through it. He also asked why there is only one contractor doing all this work.

The Chairman responded that the SIC puts the barrier work out to tender and a contractor is appointed. The problem with getting another contractor is the lack of funding. The SIC can only do so many metres of barrier work per year. In Dales Leas they did some work, then stopped until the next financial year. There are a lot of barriers in Shetland with wooden posts that need replaced. At the moment there is a single contractor, limited budget and a safety issue with the 'fish tails'.

The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson and ask if he can give a timescale for when the crash barrier in Voe will be repaired. **Clerk to progress.**

7.10 SCBF Director – Mr A Hall has read through the SCBF handbook and has decided he no longer wishes to be considered as a Director for SCBF. The Chairman said that someone needs to take on this role so Delting is represented. Ms R Griffiths is to put a piece in the North Notes section of the Shetland Times regarding this. The Clerk is to put this item on the Agenda for the next meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

7.11 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs – Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service has sent a response to the Clerk. He began by asking Members to please accept his apologies for not responding sooner to clarify the position relative to the question regarding considering the use a 40mph limit as a 'buffer' between the existing 60mph and 30mph limits.

He previously intimated to DCC following previous requests that any new or amended speed limit must be considered in line with the established guidance as that currently forms Council policy. As such he has no significant discretion.

Therefore, in his response of 7th October he stated that they were "*unable to consider reducing the speed limit on the A968 out to Fograbrek under current policy*". This is because the length of road out to Fograbrek does not meet the necessary criteria under the established guidance for a reduced limit in its own right.

This guidance is also clear that, in terms of improving safety on a length of route, appropriate alternative options should always be considered before proceeding with a new speed limit.

In his email of 7th October, he also noted that "*the Roads Service will be looking at the current signage and road markings in the area to see if any modifications, enhancements or refreshes could be of benefit*".

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- 7.11 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs continued** - However, consideration of the use of a 40mph or 50mph limit as a 'buffer' to the lower 30mph existing limit could follow from any actions or treatments identified by the above investigation, but only if measured speeds at, and within, the existing limit were found to be too high. This would require further investigation through traffic speed surveys.

He clarified that this 'buffer' consideration is rather different to establishing a new or extended limit to Fograbrek, as originally requested; although he will admit that it may have a similar effect on at least part of that road section, should it be warranted by high speeds within the existing 30mph limit.

Members should also be aware that any traffic speed survey investigations, which are required to consider any justification for a 'buffer' zone, would have to wait until after any other actions or treatments had been implemented and 'bedded in' to ensure they were working.

The Chairman said that there is scope for this to be done in Voe as both Tresta and Sound Brae in Lerwick were done recently.

Members want to know when this exercise is going to be done? Will it be before the Spring time? Can they put markers on the road to get speed data collected as soon as possible? The Clerk is to ask Mr Colin Gair these questions. **Clerk to progress.**

- 7.12 Local Housing Strategy** – The Chairman said that the data analysis should be out for the March committee cycle.
- 7.13 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service has responded to the Clerk. He said that the SIC Roads Service do the work but Transport Planning are the budget holders. They are arranging a meeting early in 2022 to discuss bus shelters amongst other items and he will raise this issue at the meeting.
- 7.14 Racist Graffiti on the Bus Shelter at the Brig of Brae** – The Clerk and Chairman have both tried to contact Mr Michael Craigie, SIC Executive Manager of Transport Operations to ask if the new panels have been put in the bus shelter. Ms J Dennison checked on 17th January and the panels had still not been replaced. The Chairman is going to chase this up with Mr Michael Craigie.
- 7.15 Brae Marina – Thankyou E-mail** – E-mail received from Mr Terry Mayes, Brae Marina Secretary thanking Delting Community Council for their grant assistance of £1,000 towards the cost of rock armour repairs. He will forward evidence of works expenditure once the work is complete.
- 7.16 Shetland Islands Council Elections** – The Chairman said the Council elections will be taking place on the 6th May and he will not be standing this year. He has been with the Council for a number of years and he feels it is time for fresh eyes to look out for the community.
- 7.17 White Lines on the Roads** – The Clerk sent an ASCC Agenda item request form to Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. Members are concerned with the lack of white lines on the roads in Shetland. It is particularly difficult to see the white lines at night time when it is dark and rainy, misty or snowy, making driving conditions tricky and at times dangerous. Members would like to know if a major exercise can be done within the next year to get all the white lines done on the Shetland roads? They would also like to know the timescale for doing the white lines, for example, is it every 5 years? They would also like to know what the criteria is for deciding what roads are to be done? The ASCC meeting is taking place on Tuesday 8th March at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. The Clerk is to forward this onto Members and find out if anyone is available to go at the next Delting Community Council meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

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7.18 Lack of White Lines at the Graven Junction – The Clerk contacted Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service about the poor white lines at the Graven junction and asked if these lines are going to be re-done this year. He responded to say that these road markings would have to be hand applied and were to have been done this past summer. Unfortunately, pressure of work meant that their road marking squad were unable to get to this. He will now prioritise this marking to be done early in the summer.

7.19 No Bus Shelter near Voe Hall – Mrs E Macdonald reported that the foundation is in.

7.20 Schedule of Meetings 2022 – The Clerk sent the proposed dates to Members in December. As the new Community Council will begin on 25th November (as below). This means that the Delting Community Council meeting which was scheduled for 24th November will now move to 1st December. The Clerk will send an updated list to Members. **Clerk to progress.** She received the Community Council Election timetable from Ms Anne Cogle, SIC Team Leader – Administration, which is as follows -

Notice of Election	16 September 2022
Closing date for nominations	13 October 2022
Notice of poll/uncontested election	14 October 2022
Issue of postal ballot papers by	28 October 2022
Closing date for return of ballot papers	24 November 2022
Verification and counting of votes	25 November 2022

2022/01/08 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for October and November 2021 was received.

There have been fifty-seven incidents recorded for Delting, which can be summarised as follows -

- One person charged with drink driving.
- One person charged with drug driving.
- One person searched for drugs.
- Seven drivers charged with driving without a valid MOT.
- Seven drivers charged with speeding offences.
- One driver charged with driving without insurance.
- One report of assault – enquiries ongoing.
- One report of vandalism – enquiries ongoing.

All other incidents were of a routine/minor nature

2022/01/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2021/030/MAR – Extend existing mussel farm mooring area and existing 4 longlines from 100m twin-headline longlines to 220m twin-headline longlines and adding an additional 220m twin headline at Houbanster, Cole Deep, Shetland by Mr John H R Brown – There were no objections to this application.

2021/026/WL – To install a subsea telecommunications cable associated with the R100 Scottish Isles Fibre-optic project (Shetland Region) from Mossbank, Mainland to Burravoe, Yell by Mr D Wallace – There were no objections to this application.

Marine Scotland - Installation of telecommunications cables by British Telecom ("BT") across the Shetland region from Mossbank to Burravoe, Yell to facilitate the roll out of broadband internet to the whole of Scotland as part of the R100 national project – There were no objections to this application.

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2022/01/10 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms A Arnett said that as of Monday 31st January, they can have face to face meetings with the community. The Living Well Hub in Brae has been paused, but will hopefully re-open in February. She has been meeting groups, there are a few in Delting, she has been supporting update their Trust to a SCIO.

The Brae Youth Centre EGM is being held tonight. They are struggling for board members and volunteers and hoping they will get people to join.

The Chairman said he is concerned that there is a sum of money from the Crown Estate and with Shetland Community Benefit Fund and there are not many big significant applications. He asked if she was aware of anything.

Ms A Arnett said that Voxter Trust have some big plans and long-term goals. They could potentially put in a bid for funding towards their building works and improving the facility. The Brae Hall is now set up as a SCIO and could be looking at future projects.

The Muckle Roe Hall are considering getting a wind turbine. Ms J Dennison said that the hall got a wind turbine about ten years ago but there always seems to be something wrong with it.

Ms A Arnett said that the pandemic has caused issues with committees meeting and planning. Groups have been unable to meet and this has impacted the creative side of planning and inspiration. It has impacted communities that way. Things will hopefully pick up and bigger projects get going.

The Chairman highlighted that if there was a Local Place Plan for Delting, this would tick a lot of boxes for funding from external agencies but the Community Council would probably need advice before they start. Ms A Arnett said there is definitely interest from the community regarding a Local Place Plan. She could facilitate a meeting with the community for this. SIC Planning do not have staff capacity to help with Local Place Plans just now but it is worth keeping in mind.

Ms R Griffiths and the Chairman said that Ms Sonia Inkster and Mr Davy Sandison could be asked for their input. However, this will need to wait until the Spring.

2022/01/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Brae Parent and Toddler Group – Grant Funding – At the Delting Community Council meeting held on 4th November 2021, this group had submitted application forms for both SCBF funding and DCC grant funding. As both applications were for £500.00 to cover hire of the Brae Youth Centre, cleaning costs and replacement of old books and equipment Members awarded them £500.00 through the SCBF. Ms Lorraine Johnson, Chairwoman for the group e-mailed the Clerk and they want both applications considered separately. Members agreed to award them a grant of £350.00 from DCC grant funding. **Clerk to progress.**

11.2 SCBF Grant Application Form – Shetland Care Attendants Scheme – They are applying for funding from 15 Community Council areas. They currently employ part-time/casual Care Attendants who go into carers homes to look after their loved one/dependant so that they can have a well-deserved break from their caring role. The quality of life, the health and well-being of the carers and the people they care for is improved by their support. Their service enables carers to continue caring for their loved ones and keep them living in their own homes, in their own communities where they want to be. They support carers and their families throughout Shetland. They are looking for funding to help them keep this worthwhile service continuing, to expand and develop it further so that it can be available and benefit more carers and families throughout Shetland. The total project cost is £40,000.00. They are applying for £20,000.00 from SCBF. They are applying for £2,500.00 from DCC. The Chairman and Mr A Hall declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion. The rest of the Members agreed to award them £2,500.00. **Clerk to progress.**

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11.3 SCBF – Advance Grant Scheme Funds - Ms Eleanor Gear, Administration Officer, SCBF e-mailed the Clerk. They have undertaken a review of the application summaries for the 18 Community Councils and can see that Delting Community Council still have a significant amount of Advance Grant Scheme funds remaining. She is wondering if we are aware of any upcoming projects, large or small, within the community? Does DCC need assistance promoting the fund? The types of projects which AGS funding have been granted for can be found on the SCBF website at <https://scbf.org.uk/projects/> and may give ideas to groups within the community. Members discussed this. The Chairman asked if SCBF can advertise on our behalf stating that Delting Community Council has this sum of money and are looking for bids within the community. The Clerk is to contact Ms Eleanor Gear about this. **Clerk to progress.**

11.4 Voluntary Action Shetland – Membership – Invoice received for a total yearly cost of £25.00. Payment approved. **Clerk to progress.**

11.5 Burravoe Post Office – Postage Stamps – The Clerk purchased 100 2nd class stamps for a total cost of £66.00. Payment approved. **Clerk to progress.**

11.6 Allotments at the former Fraser Peterson Centre – E-mail received from Mrs Barbara Cheyne. She says that some years ago the Scottish Government offered £50,000 which was distributed through Delting Community Council for the purpose of several allotments. These were duly provided to interested parties. Over the years interest seems to have waned and some of the people have died resulting in nothing happening now as intended. The fencing and general stock-proofing seems sound and she is wondering if it might be prudent for Delting Community Council to advertise availability?

Ms R Griffiths and Mr E Smith thought the allotments had stopped years ago and the tools and containers sold off. The Chairman said the allotments are still there if they want to be used. Unfortunately, there is poor quality, shallow ground on the top of the hill and it is very exposed. The people who did have allotments lost heart quickly as their plants got damaged by the weather. It was never the correct place to have allotments. Members do not want to encourage people to go back there. It failed before and they cannot see it working when enthusiasts lost heart. It is still available if anyone wants to use it but it would be wrong for the Community Council to promote it. The Clerk is to pass this information onto Mrs B Cheyne. **Clerk to progress.**

11.7 Voe Churchyard Road – E-mail received from Mrs Barbara Cheyne. She says that the road from the grid to the Voe Churchyard is in need of repair. The churchyard is still in use and relatives visit regularly. Since this is a community facility would there be any funds available from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund for some repairs to be done in the Spring?

The Chairman said that he went down this road recently and there are big pot holes. The Clerk is to contact Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services to ask if the Council can make this access road easier for visitors. **Clerk to progress.**

11.8 Brae Youth Centre EGM – E-mail received from Ms Alexandra McIntosh. The EGM is taking place tonight at 7pm through Zoom. The Clerk sent this to Members before the meeting.

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11.9 Shetland Youth Local Action Group – E-mail received from Jochem Koers who is facilitating the establishment of a Youth Local Action Group in Shetland. The objective of the group is to create a valuable platform for young people, especially those from lesser-heard, vulnerable groups and isolated areas, to have their voices heard in the community and beyond. The group aims to enable and support greater input from these young people into democratic processes, and local and national decision making, and employ a wide range of funding options. He would like to meet interested young people aged 25-40 to be involved in this group. His e-mail address is jochemkoers@gmail.com

Ms A Arnett said that Community Councils are looking for younger people and this group may be looking at joint up working with Community Councils. The Clerk is to forward this to Ms A Arnett and Ms R Griffiths for the 'North Notes' section of the Shetland Times. **Clerk to progress.**

11.10 SIC Local Development Plan (LDP) Consultation – Main Issues Report – E-mail received from the SIC Development Plans Team. The Main Issues Report is the main opportunity in the LDP process for the public to engage and let them know what they think. It examines changes since the last LDP and identifies the key development and land use issues which the new LDP must address. For most of the Main Issues identified, two options for addressing each Main Issue are presented. In this consultation, they are asking people to decide which option they think is best. The closing date for responses is 4th March. This was forwarded onto Members before the meeting.

The Chairman explained there are nine areas that questions are asked about. On the link, there is a virtual community hall where you can see all the data on boards to help people decide and participate. There has been a good reaction so far. Members need to pay particular attention to the piece about Delting. They need to watch the Local Development Plan and check they are happy with where things are going. Members need to look at it and see how it meets the needs in Delting.

11.11 Dogs Against Drugs – Demonstration and Information Session – E-mail received from Mr Michael Coutts, Project Manager and Drug Dog Instructor with Dogs Against Drugs inviting Members of the Community Council to attend their session on 29th January at 2pm at the Northlink Ferry Terminal. Ms J Dennison and Ms R Griffiths are both interested in attending. The Clerk is to forward the e-mail to them. **Clerk to progress.**

11.12 Shetland Children's Panel – Members Needed – E-mail received from Ms Anne Cogle, SIC Corporate Services. Children's Hearings Scotland is promoting their national recruitment campaign for new volunteer Children's Panel members. The campaign is now open until the 9th February. They are particularly looking for new members across Shetland and would like information in this e-mail shared with the public. The following link to promotional videos help explain the role and why people may want to get involved https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_YLWMNAoOAM&list=PL8xb00bs6p_GaMhVRVOKaW4nGkZBa4rT2 The Clerk is to forward this e-mail to Members. **Clerk to progress.**

11.13 Community Council – Co-option Associate Member Appointment Form – Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development sent through the new forms for recruiting new Members to the Community Council. The Clerk e-mailed these to Members before the meeting.

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11.14 North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub – E-mail received from Mr Jonathan Bennett, Climate Action Development Officer for the Islands. They will be contacting local groups and organisations this year. The North Highlands and Islands Climate hub is funded by the Scottish Government and operated currently by Thurso Community Development Trust. The Hub is currently in its pilot phase for the first 6 months and has funding for three years past this. The Scottish Government plan to establish a network of Community Climate Action Hubs across Scotland.

The aim of the Hub is to support both existing and emerging groups within communities in the Northern Isles and Highlands to engage with their communities and to design, develop and deliver sustainable community led climate action projects. They aim to also assist groups and organisations to embed climate action and Net Zero strategies into their existing work. They can assist with all areas of a project from signposting to specialised agencies and organisations for support, providing funding and engagement support, creating and connecting to networks and planning for sustainable projects. They have a small funding scheme available of up to £500 to assist groups in the early stages of development to either get a project underway or engage with the community on climate action.

More information about the Hub can be found on their website <http://www.nhclimatehub.co.uk>

The Climate Hub will be hosting its free Information Session event on February 3rd at 2-3pm and 7-8pm. It will consist of information about the Hub, including who they are and what they will be offering to community groups to take climate action, a couple of brief talks from guest speakers who have developed climate action projects and a question-and-answer session.

If you want to sign up to attend the event, the Climate Hub Eventbrite link to register is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/north-highlands-and-islands-climate-action-hub-39975180093>

The Clerk is to forward this e-mail onto Members and Ms A Arnett. **Clerk to progress.**

11.15 Future Energy Team – Orion Project – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The Future Energy Team attended a meeting of Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council at the end of last year to answer questions they had about Orion. The Future Energy Team are happy to talk to any other Community Council who are interested to learn more about what Orion is doing. The contact is Ms Andrea Grochowski, SIC Future Energy Communications Officer on andrea.grochowski@shetland.co.uk

The Chairman said they are engaging with external parties at the moment and when Members are more aware of what is happening, they could be invited to attend a Community Council meeting later this year.

11.16 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – E-mail received from Mr John Taylor listing the national planned events for the 2nd – 5th June 2022 to commemorate/celebrate HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Lord Lieutenant and Convener are keen for Shetland communities to join in the celebrations and where practical organise their own functions. If Delting Community Council plans to hold any celebrations, they would like to know about it. The Chairman said it would be fine to do something in Delting if it came from the community and the Community Council could support it.

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2022/01/12 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) –

Creative Scotland have a Covid-19 Cancellation Fund for Creative Freelancers - Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to support freelance creative professionals based in Scotland who work in the arts, screen and creative sector, and who are experiencing immediate financial difficulty due to the cancellation or deferral of events because of Covid-19, that were due to take place between 27th November 2021 and 31st March 2022.

This can include the cancellation or deferral of performances, productions, exhibitions and shows from which freelancers would have received income.

They need a CV and written evidence that they had a performance, exhibition or show planned, and separate written evidence that it has been cancelled or deferred. This fund has a set budget and it is anticipated that there will be a high level of demand so people are advised to apply as soon as possible. More information can be found at <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/>

Scottish Whisky Fund - The Fund will support and develop a range of projects/initiatives which deliver targeted interventions designed to tackle alcohol-related harms across three themes: young people (aged under 18); families; communities. The Fund will focus on applications from new/innovative or pilot initiatives which aims to test new approaches and which will offer an opportunity for learning that others can use. Grants of up to £25,000 are available and the deadline for applications is 25th April 2022. For more information, see <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/scotch-whisky-action-fund/>

Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) - Resilient Communities Fund (RCF) - The fund is going to be boosted this year by an additional £500,000 in response to Storm Arwen and SSEN want to ensure they are committing their funds in a fair and proportional way for resilience across their north of Scotland network. The closing date for returns is 2nd February. E-mail responses to stakeholder.engagement@sse.com

Highlands & Islands Climate Change Challenge Fund - Community groups are invited to apply for grants of up to £4,500 to connect with researchers to help inform community action and use the research to respond to climate change.

This Fund is interested to hear from groups located in the Highlands and Islands region of Scotland, especially those who are traditionally underrepresented in science, research and innovation (including through geography, socio-economic background or any protected characteristic) about local projects that adapt and respond to the climate change issues that matter to them. Help is available to connect a researcher with each community group to collaborate on their project.

Potential projects could link to themes such as:

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 (waste management and consumption) and;

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

Groups don't need to have been matched with a researcher before applying. Groups just need to have an idea of how they could work together for projects taking place between April and October 2022. The deadline for applications is 31st January. For more information see <https://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/highlands-and-islands-climate-change-community-grant>

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2022/01/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Pedal for Scotland - events are free to enter, inclusive and non-competitive. These events help make cycling accessible to more people across Scotland, with a particular focus on families and people new to cycling by providing a safe and fun environment. Community organisations can now apply for grants of up to £10,000 to organise beginner-friendly, local cycling events.

Two tiers of grants are available:

- Up to £1,000 for community cycling events with 50-250 participants, delivered independently
- Up to £10,000 for community cycling events with over 250 participants delivered in partnership with Cycling Scotland.

To apply, email info@pedal.scot to arrange an initial discussion about your application. The deadline for applications 28th February 2022. For more information see website – <https://www.cycling.scot/mediaLibrary/other/english/PFS-2022-grant-scheme-overview-final.pdf>

Year of Stories 2022 – Community Stories Fund will support organisations and community groups to take part in and celebrate Scotland's Year of Stories, spotlighting the unique stories that matter to them with new, creative events, activities and programming. Applicants are invited to respond to any of the five, cross cutting Year of Stories 2022 programme strands: - Iconic stories and storytellers - New stories - Scotland's people and places - Local tales and legends - Inspired by nature.

Grants of between £500 - £5,000 are available and the next deadline for applications is 5pm, Friday 18th March 2022. For more information see website – <https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/year-of-stories-2022-community-stories-fund/>

2022/01/13 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The Clerk e-mailed the income and expenditure statement to Members before the meeting. The statement was approved without comment.

2022/01/14 CARRIED FORWARD ITEMS

Members discussed the Carried Forward Items and this forms an Appendix to the Minutes.

2022/01/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

15.1 Potential Dog Park in Delting – Mr E Smith asked if a piece of ground could be fenced off for a dog park in Delting. He said it would be a good to get people together. The Chairman said that the area in Mossbank where the allotments were could potentially be changed. The Clerk is to speak to Ms Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC Estates about this. **Clerk to progress.**

Ms A Arnett said that there is a group set up in Lerwick looking for an area of land for a dog park. She will find out more about this and get back in touch with Mr E Smith.

15.2 Delting Community Council Meetings – The Chairman said that the February meeting is likely to be held through Microsoft Teams. There are regulations attached to meeting in person such as having internet access to allow people to attend remotely.

2022/01/16 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 24th February 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman

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- 1 **Laxobiggin and Voe Cemeteries** – (Laxobiggin) letter to Jim Grant **11.8 May 2007** (Laxobiggin) Not currently required. **7.7 Aug 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing. **6.4 Sep 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman to progress with Director of Infrastructure Services – **Feb 2009**. (Laxobiggin) The Chairman is having discussions with Mr Bertie Johnson regarding an extension to the cemetery and access road down to the cemetery **Nov 2009**. (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing **Jun 2011**. (Laxobiggin) To be discussed on 11 Oct 2011 at the Public Meeting in Voe **Sep 2011** (Voe) A Public Meeting was held on 11th October 2011 at Voe Public Hall to discuss extending the existing kirk yard or having a kirk yard elsewhere in Voe. DCC have 3 months to explore alternative sites in Voe which would be suitable for the kirk yard. Mr A Cooper was going to speak to some people about land, access and drainage. **Oct 2011**. Currently Voe Cemetery is the main focus **Nov 2011**. (Voe) The application has been deferred until March to allow the Community Council to identify alternative sites. **Jan 2012**. (Voe) The Chairman stated that the SIC are looking into the costings of a new kirkyard and the extension of the current kirkyard **May 2012**. **Discussed Apr 2019**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Jun 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Nov 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **May 2015**. (Laxobiggin and Voe) Chairman said that the SIC has no Capital Programme and no money to put in to a Capital Programme. Kirkyards will have to be resolved in the next few years **Aug 2015**. The Voe and Laxobiggin Kirkyards are not in the SIC Capital Programme. This could be discussed in the summer **Mar 2016**. Mr W Spence e-mailed the Chairman, he will forward this onto Members **Jun 2016**. The Chairman said that this is not in the SIC Capital Programme **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that there have been more layers identified in the old kirkyard in Voe. A new kirkyard will be needed in Voe and Laxobiggin within the next 5-7 years. The Land Equisition 2017/18 – trying to get this in the Capital Programme **Nov 2016**. Discussed **Feb 2017**. A meeting with the Voe Community is needed sometime after the summer **Apr 2017**. Discussed **June 2017**. Mr W Spence, SIC Burial Services attended the meeting on 2nd Nov 2017. Ms R Griffiths is going to write a piece for the Shetland Times **Nov 2017**. Discussed **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said that the Capital Programme will be looked at with the new Chief Executive in the Autumn **Apr 2018**. Discussed **Jun 2018**. Discussed **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Laxobiggin cemetery does not have many layers left. The Chairman will try to get this in the SIC Capital Programme. **Sep 2020** The Chairman will raise this at the mid term financial programme and asset programme with the SIC **Nov 2020**. The Chairman will take this to committee if he thinks he will get support. **May 2021**. The Chairman said he is struggling to get these items into the Capital Programmes. **Jan 2022**.
- 2 **Local Housing Policy** – letter sent to Environmental Health **12.5 Jun 2008** - response from Housing – reply sent asking for meeting to discuss support services – **7.10 – Aug 2008** Chairman to progress **6.5 Sep 2008** E-Mail seeking clarification on points raised **9.4 – Jan 2009** Chairman to progress with Housing **8.3 Mar 2009** Number of local issues which need to be addressed **6.3 May 2009** The SIC are going to come out with a consultation process on the local development plan and will be consulting Community Councils on local plans **Feb 2010**. Shetland Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report Consultation – SIC Infrastructure Services Department. Community consultation deadline 7th June 2010. **Jun 2010**. HNDA approved by Scottish Government last week. Still dealing with local housing policy **Sep 2010**. Discussed **Sep 2011**. The Chairman reported that Local Housing Strategy has been adopted by SIC and 10 houses to be built in Brae hopefully next year **Nov 2011**. Chairman reported 10 Council houses are going to be built in Brae **Feb 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2012**. Discussed **Nov 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2013**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager, SIC Housing Services has asked for Members to think of house names **Feb 2014**. Members suggested 'Valayreburn' after the burn near the site and wondered about the possibility of remembering people of the place in the house names **Mar 2014**. Discussed **Jun 2014**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson is going to attend the ASCC to speak about the Local Plan **Sept 2014**. The Chairman said that there is going to be a Consultation on HNDA – Housing Need & Demand Assessment **May 2015**. Ms Anita Jamieson is working on the Housing Need & Demand Assessment and this will be coming out soon. There will be more discussions with the community within the next 12 months. There is a need for more houses in Delting **Aug 2015**.

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- 2 **Local Housing Policy continued** – The Housing Needs Demands Assessment (HNDA) will be coming out and, following that, the Local Housing Policy **Oct 2015**. The HNDA will be getting finalised before the summer recess **Mar 2016**. The HNDA is with the Scottish Government at the moment. The grant rate for Hjatland Housing Association is being increased. The SIC are giving £10,000 top up for some houses. This will be easier for Hjatland to build more houses **Jun 2016**. The Local Housing Strategy will be in place before the end of the current Council. A bulk of the housing will be in the central mainland **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that HNDA was sent to the Scottish Government which sets out evidence of housing demand both in the private and social sector. Questions were received, completed and returned. The Housing Strategy will hopefully be in place before the end of this Council in May 2017. This identifies the land for private housing and the social housing too **Nov 2016**. Ms Anita Jamieson has got the policies for Council housing in Shetland. A final version will be coming out **Feb 2017**. The Chairman hopes more young people get employment at Sullom Voe Terminal and more houses are built in Delting **Apr 2017**. Discussed **Jun 2017**. The HNDA will be coming out soon **Sept 2017**. The Strategic Housing Involvement Plan is going to the Development Committee next week **Nov 2017**. The Chairman will be able to give an update in the Summer. At the moment, Shetland should be building 60-70 new houses per year, but they are building approximately 20 less than this. Most new houses will be in Lerwick, but some will be in Brae **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said in Shetland there will be little done in the next few years for Hjatland SIC housing in Delting. More effort for insulation and reduce fuel poverty in next few years for social housing. In Delting more effort will be to build private sector housing. There are a lot of empty rented properties in Brae and some houses on the market **Apr 2018**. The HNDA has not been approved yet **Jun 2018**. The Chairman will continue to fight for housing in Delting **Sept 2018**. The Chairman said that the Scottish Government are trying to get starter homes which will make it easier for first time home owners. This is the best chance for something happening in Delting **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Chairman reported that the SIC are waiting for the Scottish Government to approve the HNDA but realistically the bulk of the effort is going to be in Lerwick over the next while. If Sullom Voe is going longer term, Enquest and Total may want to domicile staff which may encourage more low carbon, high insulated homes in Delting **Jun 2019**. The Chairman said by Spring 2020 the future of Sullom Voe Terminal will be clearer **Oct 2019**. The Chairman reported that at present the bulk of the housing (300 houses) is going to the Staney Hill in Lerwick. The likelihood of Delting getting new houses is slight unless the industry want to domicile the workforce in Shetland **Jan 2020**. The Chairman said that there is pressure on the SIC Housing Department to re-start the housing programme for the construction industry. The Scottish Government is putting on pressure for the SIC to deliver programmes as soon as possible **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA is under review with the Scottish Government and the local development plan will be coming through and we need to look at housing in the Delting area. **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA will be available early next year and is being discussed by the Scottish Government who will set out where houses are going to be built in Shetland in the next five years. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman explained that the HNDA (the document which the Scottish Government justifies the amount of aid they will put to Shetland) is in its final form and waiting to be signed off by the First Minister. Following this, SIC Housing can do the Housing Investment Programme and we will then see what housing will be coming to Delting. The Local Development Plan will show areas identified for development in Shetland. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman reported that there is an issue with the cost of materials escalating fast which will have an impact on the price of houses. The Scottish Government gives a certain amount for housing and Hjatland may struggle unless the Scottish Government gives more or the price of materials comes down. There are some houses proposed for Brae. **May 2021**. The Chairman said this is still active. The HNDA document is getting finalised and there will be a number of houses in Delting. **Aug 2021**. The Chairman said that Shetland needs a mix of housing. Social housing, mid-market housing for professionals such as doctors and police who are not committed to the community and only here short term and rent to buy with people eventually owning the property. He would like to see more housing in Delting to enable young people to get on the housing ladder with their own property. **Oct 2021**. The Chairman said there are still houses to be built in Ladies Mire, Brae over the next five years. **Jan 2022**.

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- 3 Sullom Voe Masterplan – ongoing Oct 2019.** The Chairman says this will have to come but has been delayed due to the coronavirus. **Sep 2020.** The Chairman said that there is potentially going to be a seaweed farm in Yell Sound. **Nov 2020.** The Chairman highlighted that this needs to be resolved. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman said this is coming to committee in June. **May 2021.** The Chairman reported that this is nearly finalised. **Aug 2021.** The Chairman said that this is almost ready. It is being refreshed after discussions with the community. Salmon farmers are unhappy as there are no areas for them to go to in the Sullom Voe area. Fishermen are happy with it as it was. There needs to be more areas where there is no fishing activity. Spawning grounds are designated in the West Sandwick area for either seaweed farming or mussel farming. **Jan 2022.**
- 4 Reducing Speed Limits in Delting –** The Chairman said that many places all over Shetland want the speed limit reduced to either 30mph or 40mph **Oct 2019.** This will be raised with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service at the February meeting **Jan 2020.** Issues with speeding in Delting raised from a member of the public. The Chairman said that speeding in Voe is a continual issue. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair at SIC Roads Service to see if this issue can be addressed. The Police is to be contacted about the speeding in Voe. They could possibly do a campaign about speeding as a lot of people are speeding in Delting **Sep 2020.** This was discussed during the meeting. There are places in Shetland that are getting temporary speed restrictions and Delting have been trying to get speed reductions in Voe and Brae for years. The Delting Community Council want special consideration for this in Spring 2021. They also want the speed cameras with the happy/frowny faces in Voe to discourage people from speeding and collect data so that they can gather evidence that the road is dangerous. **Nov 2020.** The Clerk contacted Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service highlighting that there is no footpath going from the Tagon junction to the Lower Voe junction, the speed limit is too high and there are no footpaths or streetlights on this piece of road. She asked if this area could be considered for temporary speed restrictions. He has responded the targeted locations without footpaths or streetlights are trials to see if a reduction from 60mph to 50mph can effect a change in active travel when there are no other facilities available. The current trial areas are currently unrestricted sections of main road, unlike the section of A970 between the Tagon and Lower Voe junctions that already has a 50mph speed limit. Given that the type of speed limit reduction they are look at is already in place in Voe, by virtue of the road alignment and historical accident rate, it would not fit the scheme parameters being considered this time around. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman said that contractors have been given 40mph speed limits. Yet, we cannot get speed reductions in our villages. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and ask what criteria allows contractors to get this consideration that communities cannot get? **May 2021.** Mr C Gair responded that the recently introduced 40mph limit at Scar Quilse south of Voe, at the north end of the Lang Kames is a temporary limit, not a permanent limit as the Community Council has been requesting. The criteria for considering temporary limits are different from those used to consider permanent limits. Temporary limits are regularly used in connection with construction activities and the level of speed restriction chosen will reflect the particular characteristics of the hazards or risks that are to be addressed. In this case, the temporary limit at Scar Quilse the risk being addressed centred around HGVs moving between the two Viking Wind Farm accesses, connecting the east and west halves of the project. They felt it necessary to reduce the potential speed differential between the Viking Wind Farm HGVs and other traffic using the route, and try to deter any higher speed overtaking manoeuvres. This temporary limit is in place until the end of 2024 but it will be removed as soon as the regular/planned movement of HGVs between the two junctions cease **Jun 2021.** The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and find out speed data for data logs in Delting and report back to Members. **Aug 2021.** At the Sep meeting, Members heard about concerns with regards to speeding in the Fograbrek, Voe area and issues with the verge being dangerous. The Clerk is to write to Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service 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? **Oct 2021.**

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- 4 **Reducing Speed Limits in Delting continued** - Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service has said that they will look at the current road markings and signage in the area to see if it can be improved. They will carry out investigations through speed checks in the Fograbrek area. This buffer consideration could only be warranted if there are high speeds within the existing 30mph limit. Members want to know when this exercise is going to be done? Will it be before the Spring time? Can they put markers on the road to get speed data as soon as possible? The Clerk will contact Mr C Gair again. **Jan 2022.**
- 5 **Local Energy Plan for Brae** - The Chairman said that the final report is out **Jun 2018.** The Chairman said there are tentative moves on with the Scatsta airfield affecting turbines that local developers want to put in. Scatsta airport is due to close on 30th June 2020 but there is still hope that it may open in the future but if windfarms in the surrounding area gets the go ahead, this will make it more difficult and is a very unfortunate disappointing situation **Apr 2020.** The Chairman said that one turbine for Brae is being proposed from the COBEN project and creating energy other than electricity. It should make a difference to the carbon footprint and be in the Wethersta area **Jun 2020.** The Chairman thought there was going to be a wind turbine in Brae, but this hasn't happened yet **Sep 2020.** The Chairman said that it may be hydrogen created as a fuel source. **Nov 2020.** Discussed. **Aug 2021.**
- 6 **EnQuest attending one of the Community Councils meetings** – They have been invited to attend a meeting **Apr 2018.** The Chairman said that Enquest need to sort out the site before attending a DCC meeting **Oct 2019.** The Chairman said we need them to attend a meeting **Jun 2020.** The Clerk is to invite them to a meeting **Sep 2020.** The Chairman thinks we need clarity on the Clair oilfield and then EnQuest need to attend one of our meetings. **Feb 2021.** Discussed. **Oct 2021.** The Chairman said that the EnQuest management are tuned into renewables and interest in renewables project in Sullom Voe Harbour is likely. There is still no word on the Clair Southern project. BP are still considering it. It would be good to get EnQuest to a meeting sometime later this year. **Jan 2022.**
- 7 **Sparl Road, Voe – Deteriorating State** – Mr Kevin Serginson, SIC Outdoors Access Officer is to be contacted to ask about getting this road fixed up before Spring next year **Sep 2020.** Mr Kevin Serginson sent an e-mail stating that he has looked at costings for this in the past and it was £15,000 and it would be more now. He has no current budget to carry out the re-surfacing and drainage that would be required. The Chairman and Mrs E Macdonald will look at the path in February 2021 and look at possibly getting it drained. **Nov 2020.** The Chairman said that this project could come under the Shetland Community Benefit Fund when we get clarity on the Advance Grant Scheme. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman reported that this has been added to the Active Travel Strategy. **May 2021.** The Chairman said that Mr Kevin Serginson has left this job and the SIC Outdoors Access Officer job is currently vacant. Mrs E Macdonald would like the Sparl Road to be on the Active Travel Strategy. This is currently not being addressed. **Jan 2022.**
- 8 **House Numbers in Skelladale – sign** – Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service sent an e-mail in February 2020 to say that it is likely that these works will be done early in the next financial year in April or May. **Jun 2020.** The Chairman said this has not been done. The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service. **May 2021.** The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads service again. **Aug 2021.** The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson about this again. **Oct 2021.** Members reported that this has still not been done. The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson again. **Jan 2022.**
- 9 **Memorial Bench in Moorfield, Brae Request** – The Chairman is dealing with this request **Sep 2020.** The Chairman said that he wants to see this being placed at the Brae Kirkyard. **Nov 2020.** The Chairman is working on this. **Aug 2021.** The Chairman is addressing this. There is still an issue as to where the memorial bench could go but he is hopeful it will be resolved in early Summer. **Jan 2022.**

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- 10 Participatory Budgetting** – This will be looked into again **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said the coronavirus has had an impact on this. The Scottish Government will not be introducing this for around one or two years. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman said that local authorities will have to spend 1% of their budget on participatory budgeting by 2022. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman said it may be 2023 before this comes in. **May 2021**. The Chairman said this will be a big issue for Delting Community Council and the community next year. **Aug 2021**. The Chairman said that the SIC are obliged to do a Participatory Budgetting strategy exercise soon. It is a live issue with the Scottish Government and Local Government. It will become an issue within the next twelve months. It could be for example, a budget for a bus service which could run to meet the needs of the community. **Jan 2022**.
- 11 Brae Woodland – Path** – The Chairman will look into getting materials for the path after Covid-19 and check that Shetland Amenity Trust agrees we can proceed **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said that this may be able to be done in Spring 2021. Bags of aggregate would be required but Shetland Amenity Trust would need to approve this first. Ms G Smith said she will look into this. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman is going to speak to the Shetland Amenity Trust about this in the summer time. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman stated this is an ongoing issue. **Aug 2021**. Discussed **Jan 2022**.
- 12 Bench Seat at Mavis Grind** – The quote from Marmax for the bench seat was £250.80 (including VAT) for the seat plus the delivery charge of £150.00 (plus VAT). This item is to be looked at again in early Spring 2022. **Sep 2021**.
- 13 Grass cutting at Brae Graveyard – Overgrown grass outside the Graveyard** – This has been an ongoing item for months and the Community Council is to raise this at the meeting in March 2022. **Nov 2021**. The Chairman plans to speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services about this within the next month. **Jan 2022**.
- 14 Muckle Roe Graveyard – Issue with weeds and lack of markers or headstones for graves** – This has been an ongoing item for months and the Community Council is to raise this at the meeting in March 2022. **Nov 2021**. The Chairman plans to speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services about this within the next month. **Jan 2022**.
- 15 Verges in Muckle Roe** – E-mail received from Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service after the Clerk asked if they could cut the verges in Muckle Roe. The flail mower that was used for verge cutting developed a fault at the end of the summer. The required repair would have been more costly than the mower's worth so a replacement has been ordered and will be prepared for the start of the grass cutting season. This will be in June, in line with the SIC's policy that grass verges on all rural roads are not to be cut on a routine basis; they are only to be cut as required, between June and September, to address safety related problems. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson in April 2022 to remind him to do this. **Nov 2021**.