

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Draft Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx.

This minute is draft until approved at next meeting.

PRESENT:

Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair

Roselyn Fraser – Community
Involvement & Development Officer
(RF) via WEBEX
Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT)
via WEBEX
Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr
(DA) via WEBEX

Cllr Anne Huntley (AH)

Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH)

APOLOGIES:

Cllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair

Michael Duncan - Community Council
Liaison Officer

Cllr Pete Gaines (PG)

Police Scotland - no replacement

John Smith – Director Infrastructure
Services, SIC (JS)

Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager
Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)

Greg Maitland - Harbour Master
SIC(GM)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL welcomed all to meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

JL asked if all were happy with minutes. MH approved, AH seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Clerk updated WCC

Accessible Toilet Facilities

No update since visit from 26th October -

SIC to put forward revised proposal for temporary porta cabin location and verify if cabin would be fitted to mains or would be using in built tanks and to verify location of porta cabin as temporary measure. Also associated car park for toilet for ease of access.

ACTION TAKEN:

No update since 26th Oct 2021 , JL noted that the waiting room had been painted however the toilets and internally was unhygienic. No heating or new lighting was found to have been installed, sanitisers and liquid hand soaps also not fitted. WCC asked Clerk to follow up with SIC for refurbishment completion date and disabled toilets.

- **The Old Dock**

Condition of old docks was surveyed in August 2021 arranged by AI, no reports shared to date on findings of survey.

ACTION:

No update from Hazel Sutherland- Clerk to follow up

- **V Drains** - WP raised the issue of V Drains on the big pier being grown up with grass and surface water is not draining. AI confirmed surface drainage to be done at same time as berthing.

ACTION: No update since 26th Oct 2021 , work still incomplete – ongoing clerk to follow up

- **Dredging**

The dredging has been held up by unforeseen circumstances. JS requested that they be kept apprised of any potential developments in the Marina area.

ACTION: No update since 26th Oct 2021 , work still incomplete ongoing for clerk to follow up

- **Roads**

Cattle Grids – Saeter, Houll, Harledale As growth has subsided due to winter to be monitored in the coming months.

ACTION: No update since 26th Oct 2021 , work still incomplete. Clerk asked to follow up

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FENCE AT DUMP

ACTION: AI would look into this and revert back to CC on findings. No update since 26th Oct 2021 , work still incomplete ongoing. JL referred to the top fencing which is now in serious need to fixing before becoming worse. Clerk to follow up

ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS

Streetlight on North Beach

ACTION: Clerk to follow up ongoing

CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

Action: 19.01.2022 – Active Travel Consultation by Systra consultants to WCC then to be presented to SIC for funding and timescales. AH, WP, GI to attend. Clerk to follow up.

FERRIES

WP noted concerns with piles under breakwater and asked for updates.

AD raised the subject that the current ferry service during commuting times was inadequate and is exasperated by the use of smaller ferries with lower vehicle capacity and would be informing SIC as received complaints by residents.

ACTION: No update since 26th Oct 2021 , work still incomplete. Ongoing DA and AI to look into this and report back.

Clerk asked to follow up with SIC for extra ferry crossings whilst ferries are being refurbished and smaller ones are being used.

Symbister Linkspan

ACTION Works starting in Spring 2022

CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

ACTION WCC asked clerk to follow up with Gail for artwork to review at next meeting

WHALSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (WCDG)

JL suggested that future skip hires could be done similar to Unst under the development group.

ACTION Ongoing

NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked when progress is made re WCDG.

ACTION Ongoing

JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

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Legal advice needed. SIC offered GBP 400 towards legal fees to set up funds correctly .

ACTION Ongoing

SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

ACTION Ongoing to use for extra funding

BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

ACTION Ongoing Robina Barton has approached Elaine Park , clerk to follow up

POLICE MATTERS

No replacement for Angela

ACTION: RT to inform on replacement officer.

SKIP HIRES

Skip needed before end of February needed

ACTIONS: Clerk to contact Northwards about discounts for multiple hires and to book hire before end of financial year

BUDGET HEADINGS

ACTION: No funding for gravel is being offered this year as same folk were applying. Looking at increasing skip hires instead

MATTERS ARISING:

MH – asked for amendments of dates for meetings for 2022 and the following dates agreed.

		NEW DATES
Tuesday	MEETING	18/01/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	22/02/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	05/04/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	17/05/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	28/06/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	09/08/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	20/09/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	01/11/2022
Tuesday	MEETING	29/11/2022

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- **XMAS FERRY TIMETABLE**

JL expressed disappointment with ferry times and lack of time to organise extra ferries for residents. No consultation given prior to sailing times being published and WCC expressed disappointment when told that they would be and can be consulted.

ACTION Clerk to write to AI, JS and Infrastructure team at SIC to voice disparity

AOCB:

- **Queen Platinum Celebration** – MH suggested an island activity to involve locals

ACTION Clerk asked to find out about venues and funding

Participatory Budget Grant

- All applications to be in by 20th Feb for review by WCC at next meeting. Followed by 7 days voting for successful candidates.

ACTION:

Clerk to create applications forms, posters and issues them in local shops, leisure centre and via email and social media.

JL thanked all for their attendance and contribution.

Meeting closed at 20:55

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.