

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of Northmaven Community Council on Monday 7th February 2022 held remotely, using Teams

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:

CCllr D Brown
CCllr R Doull
CCllr K Williamson
CCllr E Robertson
CCllr B Wilcock

1. Apologies Submitted:

SIC – M Duncan
SIC – A Arnett
SIC Councillor – A Manson

In attendance:

Mr I Davidson – Clerk
Mr J. Parry – SCBF Director
R Douglas – Police Scotland
Ms L Morris – Member of Public
A Priest – SSE Renewables
J Graham – SSE Renewables

Ex Officio Present:

Cllr. A Cooper
Cllr. E MacDonald

The meeting started at: 19:30, CCllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest	Cllr E MacDonald if any planning issues are discussed CCllr R Doull for Local Grant Funding re. Sullom Hall
3. Approval of Previous Minute	Minute of Meeting held 10/01/2022: Proposed – CCllr K Williamson; Seconded – CCllr. R Doull
4. Police Report	Sgt Richard Douglas attended and checked that the most recent Police Report had been received by the members. He confirmed that there were 8 incidents in NCC's area including, 1 case of abusive behaviour, 1 drink/drug driving and 6 minor cases. He also confirmed that nothing new had been reported since other than a couple of minor road accidents in the snowy conditions. After checking that there were no further questions for him, the Chair thanked RD for his attendance and RD left the meeting.

<p>5. SSE Renewables Presentation</p>	<p>Chair brought forward this item to allow Aaron Priest and Julie Graham of SSE Renewables to leave the meeting afterwards. AP shared a Powerpoint Presentation with the meeting to give an overview of the Windfarm Project in Central Shetland. AP explained that the work had begun in August 2020 and was currently constructing the road network to support the project. This is expected to be completed by the end of February and will consist of 69km of roads. It was added that, after completion, SSE Renewables would encourage access by the public for activities such as walking, horse-riding and mountain biking.</p> <p>Cable laying for the turbines is expected to start in February at Mid Kame.</p> <p>Peat restorations and reinstatement will continue over an area of 260 hectares.</p> <p>Crane Pads and turbine bases with concrete pours are also underway with 91 of 103 in progress while 29 have either had concrete poured or steel works done</p> <p>The turbine components will start arriving in early 2023 and Windfarm is due for completion in September 2024.</p> <p>AP also informed the meeting that around £19m had been spent in the local supply chain to date.</p> <p>AP showed several photographs of the roads network being constructed as well as the HVDC Converter station at Kergord. This complex housed the sub-station for the turbines as well as buildings for connectors to Scottish mainland and Lerwick Power Station. It was also stated that there are currently 19 persons working on the windfarm part of the site which is expected to rise to 56 later in February and 83 by May this year. Current manpower on the overall project is at a ratio of 2pprox.. 70 local/130 travelling.</p> <p>AP went on to mention the Shetland Community Benefit Fund, sponsored by SSE. To date, there have been 126 applications with a total of £300K applied for.</p> <p>The Chair thanked AP for his informative presentation and invited fellow members to ask questions.</p> <p>AP was asked when the first export of power to the mainland would start and would this trigger the higher level of funding promised, post-construction? AP responded that this was planned for Autumn 2024 and yes, it would trigger the additional funding. Pushed to say if this was a fixed date, AP replied that it was a fixed timetable and the project was on schedule at present.</p> <p>A member suggested that it would be good if Shetland consumers received cheaper electricity from the windfarm's output but AP would not be drawn, stating that SSE Renewables are not set up as a retailer but did make vague reference to SIC being in talks with Scottish and UK Govs. as well as OFGEM.</p> <p>The Chair again thanked AP and JG for coming along to make the presentation and AP offered to return to a future meeting to update on progress of the project. AP & JG then left the meeting</p>
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<p>6. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Broadband Nothing further</p> <p>Eshanness Development Nothing further</p> <p>Swarthoull Nothing Further</p> <p>NCDC Clerk stated that, there was little to report from NCDC but that their Planning Day was to be held on Sunday, 13th so there should something to update on at next meeting</p> <p>Haggrister, Sullom Nothing further</p> <p>SCBF – Annual Allocation of Fund It was confirmed that the Fund had been promoted on NCC Facebook page with a listing of all projects supported by NCC to date.</p> <p>SSEN Liaison Officer See Item 5 above</p> <p>Update on Virtual Meetings It is hoped that March meeting can be face-to-face but will be confirmed nearer the time</p> <p>Dog Waste Bins Response received from SIC stating that stickers may be put on normal litter bins to highlight dual purpose but when it was pointed out that Hillswick one was at entrance to shop, it was suggested members might want to look at a slight relocation and let them know. Following some discussion, one of the members stated that they thought that there was a second bin at the parking space adjacent to old Hillswick Kirk and that this may be a better on for dual use. Members agreed that, if this was the case, then it should be suggested to SIC as a better location. Action: Local member to check that there is a bin next to kirk and inform clerk who should then contact SIC</p> <p>Future Energy Team – Orion Project Invite extended and accepted to attend March meeting and provide an overview of the project and to take questions from members.</p> <p>Local Grants Separate item. See below</p> <p>Hillswick drains Nothing further</p>
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	<p>Meal Brig (Buraland) Response had been received from HES and Chair had visited site and taken photographs of bridge. HES had not been aware of it but were interested and had suggested that funding may be available for repair if it was either 'listed' or 'scheduled'. Members discussed and agreed that NCDC may be interested in taking this on as a project. Action: Clerk to relay to NCDC</p> <p>Old Kirkyard Wall (Hillswick) Response received stating that wall is stable, and has been monitored over past 10 months and there has been no movement. A maintenance schedule is in place and will prioritise repairs to this wall shortly. The local member confirmed that someone had been working at it that week. Action: Remove from next minute</p> <p>Grit Piles Nothing further</p> <p>North H & I Climate Action Hub Nothing further</p> <p>Blind Corner at Sandvoe Reply received from SIC, stating that usual treatment in this situation would be use of "SLOW" road markings on both approaches to the bend and that these markings will be provided later in year when weather permits</p> <p>Barrier above Hillend Response received stating a works order will be issued to their contractor for the gap in the safety barrier to be closed</p>
<p>7. Consideration of Local Grant Applications</p>	<p>There were 8 applications to consider. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed that those from Schools and Childrens' groups should receive the full amounts requested while the remainder each received part-funding. Action: Clerk to inform recipients and process payments</p>

<p>8. Consideration of SCBF-AGS Application</p>	<p>There was one application to consider, from Shetland Care Attendants Scheme. This was part of a Shetland-wide application with each CC being asked for a proportionate amount dependent on the number of people benefitting in each area. NCC were being asked for £1000.</p> <p>One of the members was able to pass on knowledge of the scheme and, following discussion, it was agreed to approve the amount requested, in full.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to notify SCBF admin and complete feedback form</p>
<p>9. Correspondence</p>	<p>Election Timetable 2022 Brief details of November timetable</p> <p>Funding Info Scottish Whisky Fund – for initiatives to tackle alcohol-related harms. Posted to Facebook page Corra Foundation – to support disadvantaged children and families and those with mental health issues Posted to Facebook page Pedal for Scotland – to fund community cycling events Posted to Facebook page Year of Stories – to support groups and organisations to take part in Scotland’s Year of Stories. Posted to Facebook page</p> <p>Shetland Youth Local Action Group Introductory email from Jochem Koers who has been appointed to facilitate establishment of above. Looking for people (25-40) to be involved.</p> <p>Consultation – Local Development Plan Link to online consultation This had been posted to facebook page but following advice from SIC Councillor present that members should all visit the virtual hall and look at the proposals, it was agreed that all members should be sent the link directly Action: Clerk to forward email to all members</p> <p>ASCC March Meeting Agenda Forwarded to all members and Chair provisionally agreed to attend</p> <p>DNPF4 – CC Events Sent to all members</p> <p>Marine Planning Consultation Request This refers to application for Mussel Farm at Tur Ness, Urafirth. One member declared to be against the proposal. There was considerable discussion with members noting that there may be an impact on local boaters, etc. However, Chair advised that there had to be a 500m separation between farms. SIC Councillor present clarified that any objection on grounds of visual impact would not be considered and argument of impact on other users would be diluted by Chair’s point on separation.</p>

	<p>It was suggested that a letter could be submitted stating NCC's awareness of some local concerns and requesting assurance on impact to other users. It was agreed that members should study the application and instruct clerk on any response required before the end of consultation period.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to forward email to all members and await instruction</p>
10. A.O.C.B	<p>Councillor A Cooper requested to minute his intention to step down as a North Mainland councillor at the May elections. Led by the Chair, members all thanked Mr Cooper for all his help and advice over the years he had served.</p> <p>A member reported standing water on the main road through North Roe and requested that Roads Dept. be notified</p> <p>Action: Clerk to email SIC</p>
11. Date of Next Meeting	7 th March 2022

The meeting ended at: 21:32