

# Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a WebEx meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30pm. 0800 051 3810 2613 694 8021

Present:	J Priest	Mrs S Deyell	
	M Bennett	Ms D Nicolson	
	G Morrison	Mrs J Fraser	
Ex officio:	Cllr C Hughson	Cllr T Smith	Cllr S Coutts
In attendance:	Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker		
	PS B Mulholland		
	Mrs L Fraser, Clerk		

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were intimated on behalf of Mr J D Garrick and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

**MINUTES & REPORT:** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2021, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs S Deyell, seconded by Mrs J Fraser.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** **Police:** PS Brian Mulholland attended and gave a summary of the minor issues and minor road traffic accident in this area which had been included in the October/November report circulated to the members. He said that from mid December until the end of the month they had been patrolling and breathalysing motorists. He then asked whether anyone had issues they wished to report.

Mr M Bennett asked whether attention would be given to the new road speed signs at Tresta and PS Mulholland said he had been tasking officers to check the speed as some motorists may not even notice that the signs have been put in place.

PS Mulholland said the Police are always keen to hear of issues which are concerning to the members of the public. He then signed out.

**Coronavirus:** Still ongoing.

**Broadband:** An email, via the Association, was received from the Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, giving details of the telecommunications cable installation for the cables to Yell, Unst, etc.

An agenda item form will be completed and sent to the Association of Community Councils requesting that the R100 roll out be discussed at the next Association meeting to check what cover is provided throughout Shetland.

**Road Matters:** Road past Garderhouse: The roadworks stopped over the festive season but is now underway again. Cllr C Hughson agreed to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson at the Roads Dept to see whether the contractor is keeping to expected timescales and also what stage Phase 2 of the Garderhouse roadworks is at.

**Roads Reports:** Reports received and circulated to the members.

**Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction:** The members are unsure whether the monitoring camera at this site measuring the data relating to Active Travel is working. If it is still not working properly, the SIC will not have correct baseline data to compare with collected data at the end of the trial period. It is not known what criteria will be used to judge whether, at the end of the trial period, the speed limit should be permanent. A message will be sent to Ms Robina Barton expressing concern about the lack of baseline data and asking about the criteria.

**Active Travel Audit for Aith:** A message was received from Ms Robina Barton, Transport Policy & Projects Officer, inviting Community Council members to an on-line meeting to gather feedback on the Aith settlement audit work to date. It will be held on 25 January 2022 from 2-4pm. Ms D Nicolson volunteered to represent this Community Council. Unfortunately, it is not a suitable time of day to allow anyone who is working to attend.

**Viking Energy Wind Farm:** A further Liaison Group meeting will be held later this month.

Cllr C Hughson agreed to ask Mr Neil Hutcheson whether the total width of the road at the Scord of Weisdale will be tarred.

**Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF):** A demonstration and Information Session with the Drugs Dogs will be held later this month. Some of the members had attended the previous demonstration.

**Update on grants:** Investing in Communities Fund: A meeting of the working group will be held on 20 January. Information about the next Investing in Communities Fund grants was received from Mr M Duncan.

**Community Development Fund – Distribution 21/22:** A reminder about the deadline for the submission of grant applications will be added to the Community Council's Facebook page.

**Funding:** Various funding information was received from Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

**Association:** The next Association meeting will be held on 8 March. Mr M Duncan requested that agenda items be sent to him. As stated above, it was agreed that the R100 Broadband roll out be forwarded for discussion. The Clerk will complete the form and send to Mr Duncan.

**Orion Project:** On going.

**Temporary Change in Planning:** No further update from the Planning Dept.

**Scambuster Session:** This will take place when face to face meetings are possible.

**Meetings in Future:** It was agreed that WebEx will be used for meetings in the meantime.

**Turning area at inner end of Sandsound road:** The sign has not yet been provided.

**Lack of Childcare on Westside:** A report on the survey which had been carried out by the Parent Councils of all the westside schools was received. It gave details of the numbers of children in the area and what childcare is required.

**PLANNING APPLICATION:** The following planning application was considered and approved:-  
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 by John H R Brown.

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU REFERRAL FORM:** Mrs K Eunson, Citizens Advice Bureau Manager, sent a message saying that the Bureau has recently updated the Referral Form for partners to use to refer clients to CAB for help. A copy was attached and will be used, if required.

**PLATINUM JUBILEE:** Mr M Duncan forwarded an email from Mr John Taylor which gives details of the National Events planned for the 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. Any Community Council planning to hold any celebrations should contact Mr Taylor. The members will consider this and hope to organise some celebrations.

**DATA PROTECTION:** A renewal reminder was received from the Information Commissioner's Office requesting that the fee of £40 be paid by the renewal date of 10 February. This will be paid.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next WebEx meeting will be held on Monday 14 February 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.  
The meeting closed at 8.15pm