

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a WebEx meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held on Monday 14 February 2022 at 7.30pm. 0800 051 3810 2614 467 6042

Present: J Priest Mrs S Deyell
M Bennett A Johnston
J D Garrick Mrs J Fraser
Ex officio: Cllr C Hughson
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Mr G Morrison, Ms D Nicolson, Cllr T Smith, Cllr S Coutts and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr M Bennett, seconded by Mrs S Deyell.

BUSINESS ARISING: **Police:** The Police Report for December 2021/January 2022 was received and had been circulated to the members.

Coronavirus: There appears to be lots of cases now but thankfully most people are not getting seriously ill.

Broadband: No further information. The R100 roll out will be discussed at the next Association meeting.

Road Matters: **Road past Garderhouse:** The Chairman thanked Cllr C Hughson for her work in finding out how this project is progressing. She will continue to keep an eye on it.

The Chairman said he felt that, although the work is due to be completed by the end of this month, it looks like it is some way from being finished. He is hoping that they will get under way with Phase 2 soon. Garriock Bros have the contract for doing the barriers when this phase is completed and they will also require the road to be closed during the working day. This will be a further inconvenience to the residents of this area.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: Cllr C Hughson had spoken to Mr D Coupe at the Roads Dept earlier in the day. He had assured her that they will have enough data to

present to Active Travel. The decision on the 50mph limit will not come before the Transportation Committee until 2023.

Mr M Bennett said that he feels that the SIC have missed the bus so far as recording data before the signs went up. He now feels that the decision about whether the 50mph signs should be permanent should be divorced from Active Travel. He agrees that Active Travel should be encouraged but the speed limit should be in force for safety purposes and not Active Travel. He added that some of the residents in the Tresta area say the signs are making a noticeable difference to the speed of the traffic.

The Chairman said it will be up to the Transportation Committee at the time to make a decision as to whether the 50mph sign should be permanent and that a good case will have to be made when that time comes.

Active Travel Audit for Aith: Ms D Nicolson agreed to attend the meeting in Aith but she is unable to attend this meeting. She will maybe give a report to our next meeting.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: The minutes relating to the meetings in November and January were received and had been circulated to the members. The next meeting is planned for 19 April.

The road at the Scord of Weisdale is to be tarred in September.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF): A message was received from the Administration Officer of SCBG attaching the details of the projects supported by awards from the Advance Grant Scheme (AGS). These details can be found on the SCBF website.

The following AGS applications were considered and approved. Mr J D Garrick declared an interest in No 180165.

180138 – Shetland Care Attendants Scheme

180148 – Shetland Gymnastics

180156 – Aald Skule (Recycling Unit)

180161 – Shetland Rape Crisis (The Compass Centre)

180165 – Aith Junior High School Parent Council

There is still a considerable amount of money available from this Fund and groups will be encouraged to check out the SCBF website (www.scbf.org.uk) and contact the Administration Officer (admin@scbf.org.uk) for an application form for their projects as soon as possible.

Update on grants: Investing in Communities Fund: The planned meeting was held on 20 January. Some of the groups have already completed their projects and others have made good progress. A further meeting will be held soon.

It had been agreed that, due to the various funds already available, this Community Council will not be seeking funds in the next round of the Investing in Communities Fund grants.

Community Development Fund – Distribution 21/22: Mrs S Deyell and Mrs J Fraser declared an interest in the Skeld Hall application and Mrs S Deyell declared an interest in the Bixter Hall application.

CDF -

The following grant applications were considered and decisions made:-

Westside Sharks for training, competition fees,etc	£900.00	
Skeld Hall towards Hand dryers	674.00	
Bixter Hall for work required before re-opening following Covid	750.00	
Aith Hall for decorations, etc for children's parties	<u>626.00</u>	<u>£3,000</u>

Core Funding -

Skeld Pier £700.00 and Weatherproof Box for Tresta Defibrillator £200.00

Maintenance Grants

3 Halls @ £350.00 each and 3 Piers @ £200.00 each

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. The Chairman agreed to represent this Community Council.

Orion Project: On going.

Temporary Change in Planning: Correspondence was received from the Scottish Government via Mr M Duncan regarding work being taken forward by the Scottish Government's Planning & Architecture Division.

It is unfortunate that the pre-planning advice has been discontinued as a number of planning applications are now being lodged which would have been advised against. These will take up some of the Officer's time which would have been better spent on satisfactory applications.

Meetings in Future: It was agreed check with all members about a week before the March meeting to see whether they are willing to attend a face to face meeting. It was agreed that the WebEx meetings are not as satisfactory.

Turning area at inner end of Sandsound road: The sign has not yet been provided. An enquiry will be sent to Mr Neil Robertson at the Roads Dept to check when we may expect this sign to be provided.

Data Protection: The Data Protection Certificate was received.

PLANNING APPLICATION: The Chairman and Mrs J Fraser declared an interest in application No 2022/002/PPF.

The following planning applications were considered:-

2022/002/PPF Erect single storey timber frame dwelling house with garage and air source heat pump, Adjacent Kvernbakki, Aith by Mr Duncan Fraser. Welcomed.

2022/002/MAR To develop a new mussel farm comprising of 6 x 260m twin-headline longlines. SE of Roesound Skerry, Seli Voe, Shetland by John Michael Laursen. Approved.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: The timetable for the next Community Council elections was received. It is as follows:

Advert seeking nominations	Friday 16 September 2022
Closing date for nominations	Thursday 13 October 2022
Notice of Poll/Uncontested Election	Friday 14 October 2022
Issue of Postal Ballot Papers	Friday 28 October 2022
Closing Date for return of Ballot Papers	Thursday 24 November 2022
Verification and Counting of Votes	Friday 25 November 2022

Election day is 24 November 2022, so ALL existing CC Members will continue until midnight on 23 November 2022.

Uncontested members are elected from 11am on 24 November 2022.

For those subject to a ballot, the results will be declared at the Count on 24 November 2022.

The first meeting of the new Community Council must be held within one month of election, namely 24 December 2022.

Associate Members and Ex-officio Members will be confirmed at the first meeting of the CC.

Copies of the new Co-opted Member Appointment form and Associate Member Appointment form were enclosed.

UNADOPTED ROAD GRANT: Some of the recipients of unadopted road grants had been unable to get their work done by the end of December and had asked that their grant be cancelled. Only one remained unclaimed. This was discussed and it was agreed that an enquiry should be sent and, if the work is not completed by the end of February, the grant will be cancelled.

SCOTLAND'S CENSUS: An email was received from Mr David Black, Regional Manager in the Highlands & Islands for Scotland's Census 2022. The census happens every 10 years. Their recruitment partners Pertemps are currently recruiting for Enumerators to help collate the Census across the Highlands and Islands. He asks that we share their advert on our Facebook page. This will be done.

SHETLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: The SIC Local Development Plan consultation is live until Friday 5 March. A public meeting is to be held on the West Mainland on 22 February 6pm – 8pm in a virtual public hall. <https://planshetland.consultation.ai/mir/>. The consultation closes on 4 March at 5pm.

CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS AT SKELD: ‘Children at Play’ signs were requested and agreed on the road to Grindibreck and the Pier at Skeld. Art Machine will be asked to make them and Mrs J Fraser agreed to arrange having them put in place.

BURIAL SERVICES E-MAIL: A message was received from Mr M Duncan saying that should we require to contact Burial services in future whether that be with a request or to raise a concern/complaining, all correspondence must be sent to burials@shetland.gov.uk.

SHETLAND CHILDREN’S PANEL: A request was received from Ms Anne Cogle, SIC, informing us that Children’s Hearing Scotland is currently promoting their national recruitment campaign for new Children’s Panel members and asks that we share their promotional information.

ADVOCACY SHETLAND: A message was received from Ms Helen Rankine Manager of Advocacy Shetland saying they have recently been awarded funding to be used to deliver a project promoting and raising the profile of their charity throughout Shetland. They hope to attract volunteers, both Board members and advocacy workers. The project has to be completed by 31st March. The link to their website <https://advocacy-shetland.org/> will give details.

YOUTH LOCAL ACTION GROUP (YLAG): An email was received from Jochem Koers who has been appointed to facilitate the establishment of a Youth Local Action Group (YLAG) in Shetland. He is looking to meet interested young people to be involved in the new YLAG.

RESPONSE TO SIC PLANNING SERVICE REVIEW OF LDP & MIR: A message was received from Mr David Polson, attaching his response to SIC’s Planning Services consultation on the forthcoming Local Development Plan (LDP2) and their Main issues Report (MIR). He hopes that this sparks some debate about LDP2 and what it will mean for our area. As this correspondence had only arrived earlier in the day and some of the members had not read it, consideration was deferred until our March meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.30pm, hopefully in the Aith Hall at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
The meeting closed at 8.35pm