

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2022 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2022/02/01 MEMBERS

Ms J Dennison
Mr A Hall
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor

Ms R Griffiths
Mr B Moreland

2022/02/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2022/02/03 APPOINTING A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MEETING

Due to Mr A Cooper being unable to connect to Microsoft Teams, a Chairperson needed to be appointed for the meeting.

Mr A Hall was proposed by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison. Mr A Hall agreed to be the chairman for the meeting.

2022/02/04 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2022/02/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Cooper and Mr W Whitrow.

2022/02/06 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2022 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2022/02/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2022/02/08 SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – APPOINTING A DIRECTOR

Members discussed this. As nobody has put themselves forward for this role, Ms R Griffiths will put an expanded article in the North Notes section of the Shetland Times again.

Mr M Duncan said that information could be put on the Facebook page and e-mail/post a poster to the mailing list including a brief note of what it involves. A lot of people may be interested if they know more.

Mr A Hall said there is guidance available online.

The Clerk is to ask Ms Eleanor Gear for a brief summary of the required skills for this role, a brief description, timescale and any tips, then send to all. **Clerk to progress.**

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2022/02/09 MATTERS ARISING

- 9.1 **School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.2 **Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.3 **Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.4 **Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.5 **Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.6 **Litter Bins Overflowing at Mavis Grind and outside the Brae Co-op** – There was no update on this item.
- 9.7 **Active Travel Strategy** – Mrs E Macdonald contacted Ms Robina Barton, Transport Policy and Projects Officer with ZetTrans. Ms Robina Barton said that for the first round of active travel audits, they focussed on the eight areas of best fit for development within the current Local Development Plan. The areas have potential to become the Shetland equivalent of twenty-minute neighbourhoods, or hubs and they can focus on ensuring good connectivity from the surrounding areas. She thinks it was helpful to get the audit work done for Brae so it can feed into the development of the new High School.

Next year, it is the intention to undertake a second round of audits. Localities for these have not been agreed yet but she is quite sure Voe will be one of them. They have received a lot of feedback from Voe residents in the engagement for the Active Travel Strategy so she feels it is a priority. She will need to discuss the areas with SIC Roads, SIC Planning SIC Community Planning and Development to agree a final list.

Progress has been frustratingly slow to date in some ways, but they now have the Active Travel Strategy and an audit process that allows them to identify and prioritise interventions. She anticipates seeing construction work informed by the audits in the 2022/23 financial year. The external funding for active travel is plentiful. There is work to be done to agree local budgets to support developments (typically, external funding will only cover 70% of construction costs). The only other limitations they face are around staff resources.

Mr A Hall asked the Clerk to thank Ms Robina Barton for her reply and ask if they could include Mossbank and Muckle Roe in the next round as well as Voe. Ms R Griffiths asked if the access to the Firth Beach could be included. **Clerk to progress.**

- 9.8 **Crash Barrier in Voe – To be repaired** – Mr A Cooper passed on a message to say that he has spoken to Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service and the crash barrier in Voe should hopefully be fixed next week. After that, they are going to do temporary repairs to the crash barrier between Brae and Voxter as the wooden supports have broken off and it has fallen over in the wind. They will replace that crash barrier in the Spring time the same as the ones at Dales Leas.
- 9.9 **Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – Mr C Gair responded to say that in his e-mail of 14th January, he highlighted 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’”.

While he committed to look “at the current signage and road markings in the area to see if any modifications, enhancements or refreshes could be of benefit” he is aware that this has not been done yet. This is due for action shortly in order to get any works identified ordered at an appropriate time.

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- 9.9 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs – continued** - If there is thought to be any benefit likely from changes to the signs/road markings then he would not expect these to be in place until late May given the normal lead time for such works. This would push any traffic counts to consider the need for a 'buffer zone' towards late Autumn.

However, should the existing signs and markings appear to be as good as they can provide then he can look to arrange the traffic counts sooner.

Unfortunately, they have a number of counts already committed for the first part of this next counting season and so it will likely be sometime in June before they could attend to these at Voe. When their programme is firmed up with a start date he should be able to give a better idea. This start date is weather dependant and can be anytime from late March through to late April, although it is usually just after the school Easter holidays.

Mr A Hall said that Members will discuss this at the April meeting and remind Mr C Gair about this if required.

Mrs E Macdonald received an e-mail from Ms Karlyn Garrick regarding the Community Council minutes. She had been reading the minutes of the 2nd December and was shocked that there was a request for the speed limit to be changed until Spring. She said if the speed was reduced all year round, more motorists would adhere to it rather than it just being seasonal. She is wondering what the community of Voe need to do to encourage the decision that it is reduced in order to feel safe walking around their village?

The Clerk noted that in the Minutes of 2nd December, item 7.9 regarding the crash barrier in Voe in need of repair, it was discussed, that a 30mph speed limit in Voe would be great until the Spring due to the poor weather conditions and the crash barrier still not being fixed. However, in item 7.11, that is where Members state that they are still trying to reduce the speed limit in Voe, specifically in the Fograbrek area. The Clerk is to respond to Ms Karlyn Garrick. **Clerk to progress.**

- 9.10 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service said that the meeting with Transport Planning was cancelled and they are awaiting a new date. The Clerk is to send him a reminder about this before the March meeting. **Clerk to progress.**
- 9.11 Racist Graffiti on the Bus Shelter at the Brig of Brae** – Mr Michael Craigie, SIC Executive Manager of Transport Operations e-mailed the Clerk on 13th February and was checking on progress regarding the new panels being put in the bus shelter. The Clerk is to contact him again about this and ask for a timescale for this work to be done. **Clerk to progress.**
- 9.12 Shetland Islands Council Elections** – Mrs E Macdonald said there were a few who attended the drop-in sessions at the Town Hall and there is hopefully a lot of people thinking about it. Mr A Hall said that losing Mr A Cooper and two other senior Councillors will be a miss.
- 9.13 White Lines on the Roads** – This is an Agenda item for the ASCC meeting on 8th March at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. Members are concerned with the lack of white lines on the roads in Shetland. As no Members are available to attend the ASCC meeting, the Clerk will attend.
- 9.14 Proposed Bus Shelter near Voe Hall** – Mrs E Macdonald said that the base is in so far.
- 9.15 Voe Churchyard Road in need of Repair** – Ms Yvonne Scott, SIC Burial Services Officer has logged this as a Service Request and will improve the condition of the road leading to the Voe Burial Ground when priorities allow. The Clerk is to ask her for a rough timescale for when this work is expected to be carried out. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 9.16 Brae Youth Centre – EGM** – This was held last month and Members are wondering if they got a new committee. Mr M Duncan will find out and let the Clerk know.
- 9.17 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. 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. The closing date for responses is 4th March. The Clerk forwarded on an e-mail from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development earlier this month regarding the SIC holding locality based virtual public meetings. The one for the north mainland was held on 15th February.
- 9.18 Dogs Against Drugs – Demonstration and Information Session** – This was held on 29th January at the Northlink Ferry Terminal. Ms J Dennison and Ms R Griffiths both attended. They both enjoyed it, the weather was really poor on the day but the session was informative and good to see. Ms R Griffiths wrote a piece in the North Notes section of the Shetland Times on it.
- 9.19 Potential Dog Park in Delting** – The Clerk contacted Ms Tracy-Anne Anderson, SIC Property and Estate Manager to find out about getting a piece of ground fenced off for a dog park in Delting. She asked if the land in Mossbank at the Fraser Peterson Centre where allotments used to be could potentially be changed to a dog park.

Ms Tracey-Anne Anderson replied to say that before they could look at this area which is currently a grazing let, further information on which group would be managing the area would need to be provided. Any potential group would need to be constituted correctly to proceed with an Asset Transfer or to lease or purchase the area. Also, additional fencing would need to be erected at their cost to protect the neighbouring livestock.

2022/02/10 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for December 2021 and January 2022 was received.

There have been 36 incidents recorded for Delting, which can be summarised as follows

- One vehicle road traffic collision – No injuries.
- Two vehicle road traffic collision – No injuries.
- Two vehicle road traffic collision due to adverse weather conditions – No injuries.
- One fraud reported – Enquiries ongoing.
- One driver charged with driving without a valid MOT.

All other incidents were of a routine/minor nature

Ms Francesca Maccoll was due to attend the meeting tonight but didn't turn up. There were difficulties with Microsoft Teams as Mr A Cooper being unable to connect. The Clerk is to contact Ms Francesca Maccoll and check if she received the link to the meeting okay and hope that she can attend the next meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

2022/02/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

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2022/02/12 COMMUNITY WORK

Mr M Duncan said that the budgets for core funding and community development funding are both at a cash standstill. He is hoping to get e-mails sent out to Clerks next week about this.

The ASCC is taking place on 8th March and the Clerk is going to attend on behalf of Delting Community Council. He said that items on the Agenda include roads, white lines, gritting and cats eyes and Mr Neil Hutcheson is going to be in attendance from SIC Roads Service. Mr Carl Symons is going to attend regarding litter collections etc. Mr Marvin Smith is going to attend regarding the R100 roll out.

The 2022 Community Council elections are on the horizon. They welcome ideas to help raise awareness and identify folk who may be willing to be a Community Councillor. It is going to be taking place in September/October time for nominations and the deadline is in November. More information is due to come out during the year and a lot of publicity is planned. Community Councillors can be talking to people now over the next six months and people can sit and observe a meeting to get a sense of who is involved etc. It is for people in the community of all ages who care about where they live.

The Coastal Communities Fund is going to be open probably early in the new financial year for bids. If the Community Council know of projects seeking revenue funding or capital funding, they are to be passed onto Mr M Duncan.

2022/02/13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Grant Application Form – Ability Shetland has sent a grant application form to sixteen Community Councils. They are looking for funding for their ASN Holiday Club. It is for children aged 3 to 19 years who are still in education and have disabilities or additional support needs. They offer a range of activities, they use community venues, public transport and offer mainstream activities. They offer one to one support to individuals and support them access activities, this helps increase their confidence, learn new skills and connect with other young people. They make friends and the project provides respite for parents/carers. They are applying for £812.50. Members agreed to give them £812.50. **Clerk to progress.**

13.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Grant Application Form – Shetland Rape Crisis has sent a grant application form to ten Community Councils. They are a charity providing free, inclusive and confidential support to anyone, of any gender (aged 13+) affected by any form of sexual violence. The project will establish a more accessible and nature rich environment to support healing through nature at the Compass Centre in Lerwick, by repurposing an existing building to an accessible 'in-nature' counselling space in which to provide one to one support to clients. They are applying for £400.00. Members agreed to give them £400.00. **Clerk to progress.**

13.3 Dangerous Overtaking between Voe and Sandgarth – E-mail received from Ms Beth Gerrard. Whilst going from Voe to Sandgarth they were tailgated by an impatient driver. They were coming up for the hidden dip at the Collafirth junction and could see the post van coming down from the Berry Knowe and turned north towards them. The driver behind them could not see the post van, ignored the signs warning of a blind summit and drew alongside them to overtake. Her husband, put his hand on the horn and kept it there. The driver just squeezed back in behind them before the post van reached them. This is the second time recently that they have had the same terrifying experience in exactly the same spot. As drivers keep ignoring the signs, she is wondering if it would be possible to have 'No Overtaking' lines painted on the road which might act as a deterrent? She is wondering if the Community Council can do anything or put her in touch with the appropriate department. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service about this, including this e-mail from Ms Beth Gerrard. Members think 'no overtaking' lines painted on the road would be a good idea. If that was in place, people who did overtake on this road would be breaking the law. She is also to give Ms Beth Gerrard an update on this. **Clerk to progress.**

13.4 Advocacy Shetland – E-mail received from Ms Helen Rankine, Manager of Advocacy Shetland. 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 reach people in rural locations who may find it useful to have support from them but may have barriers to engaging with services or do not know that they are there to assist. They have a website <https://advocacy-shetland.org/> They also hope to attract volunteers, both Board members and advocacy workers. She is writing to find out where best in the community council areas could they best deliver this? The Clerk forwarded her e-mail onto the Halls in Brae, Mossbank, Muckle Roe and Voe before the meeting. Mr M Duncan said that Advocacy Shetland assist people to have a voice. The Clerk is to forward this e-mail to Ms R Griffiths for her to pass onto the Living Well Hub in Brae. **Clerk to progress.**

13.5 Damage in Brae Wood – Ms Georgia Smith e-mailed to say that damage had been caused to the bridge leading to the school. She contacted Shetland Amenity Trust and they have replaced the plank and chicken wired it.

13.6 Abandoned Cars Process – Mr M Duncan forwarded on an e-mail from Ms Sandy Middleton, Shetland Amenity Trust. There is a duty on car manufacturers to ensure the scrappage of end of life vehicles. There are two schemes running covering different manufacturers.

Car Take Back – Shetland Amenity Trust operate this scheme in Shetland and they uplift, depollute and scrap the vehicle makes that fall within this scheme. They do this on request and issue certificates of destruction.

Autogreen – This scheme is operated in Shetland by the John Lawrie Group. Shetland Amenity Trust have an agreement with John Lawrie that they will uplift cars for them within a thirty-mile radius of Lerwick. They deliver these cars to John Lawrie who then carries out the depollution and scrappage service.

If someone suspects a vehicle has been abandoned, they should contact the SIC. The Clerk is to forward this e-mail onto Members. **Clerk to progress.**

13.7 VisitScotland Update – Visitors and Litter – Mr M Duncan forwarded on an e-mail from Mr Steve Mathieson, Shetland Development Manager with VisitScotland. They are aware of the issues on a national basis and launched a campaign this year to promote what they call responsible tourism <https://www.visitscotland.com/about/responsible-tourism/> They have made this is a powerful central theme of their marketing over the past year and will continue to push the message. Responsible parking is very much part of the message.

They have seen an increase in campervans and caravans arriving in Shetland. They are welcome but it is important maintain the excellent relationship between locals and tourists in Shetland. At the Tourist Centre in Market Cross they hand out leaflets on following the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and have a film in the window with the same message on a continuous loop. Staff already talk to campervan/caravanners about things like pulling into passing spaces to allow traffic behind to overtake and not staying overnight in passing places and that will continue in future.

13.8 National Planning Framework 4 – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. This Framework sets out the Scottish Government's long-term plan for what Scotland could be in 2045 and is currently at its draft stage and out for public consultation. The consultation closes on 31st March. The Clerk forwarded this e-mail onto Members before the meeting.

13.9 Viking Community Liaison Group Meetings – November 2021 and January 2022. E-mails received from Mr John Robertson, Viking Community Liaison Group Officer and forwarded onto Members before the meeting.

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2022/02/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Various funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –

Community groups in the North of Scotland **Scottish & Southern Electricity Network** area can now apply for grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 for projects that meet one of the following criteria:

Resilience for Emergency Events - To enhance community facilities, services and communication specifically to support the local response in the event of a significant emergency such as extended power loss

Vulnerability - To protect the welfare of vulnerable community members particularly during significant emergency events such as extended power loss, through enhancing their resilience and improving community participation and effectiveness.

The deadline for applications is 29 April 2022. For more information see website: <https://www.ssen.co.uk/RCF/Scotland/>

The Heritage & Place Programme will replace and build on the success of Historic Environment Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding programme. This new programme supports a combination of activities, including the repair and re-use of historic environment assets, training to strengthen local traditional skills, and building capacity within communities to value and look after the historic environment in the longer term.

There is no set maximum or minimum grant that can be applied for, but it is anticipated that grants for the delivery phase of projects will typically range between £750,000 and £1.5m depending on match funding. It is a two-stage application process and it will be open for expressions of interest from 30 March to 30 June 2022. For more information see website: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/grants-refresh/>

Chance to Flourish is funded through the Scottish Children's Lottery. Their mission is to work to ensure that every child in Scotland is given the opportunity to grow and develop to their full potential. They support work with the most vulnerable children, young people and families at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty. Small grants up to £5,000 and large grants up to £25,000 are available for registered charities in Scotland. The next deadline for applications is 21st March 2022. For more information see website <https://www.chancetoflourish.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

2022/02/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT

15.1 Blocked Drain in Muckle Roe – Ms J Dennison raised this issue earlier in February and the Clerk contacted the SIC Roads Service. Ms J Dennison will check if this has been resolved.

15.2 30mph Signs coming into Brae from Mossbank – Mr B Moreland stated that these signs are in a very poor condition. The Clerk is to inform Mr C Gair at SIC Roads Service about this. **Clerk to progress.**

15.3 Meetings in person – Members decided to hold the March meeting through Microsoft Teams and at that point, the situation regarding meeting in person should hopefully be clearer.

2022/02/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held virtually through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 31st March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman