

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Draft Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Thursday 24th February at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx.

Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 22nd Feb but was postponed to 24th Feb due to unforeseen circumstances.

Meeting on 24th Feb was delayed by 15 mins and carried out by Webex only due to unprecedented snow. This minute is draft until approved at next meeting.

PRESENT:

Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair via WEBEX

Roselyn Fraser – Community
Involvement & Development Officer
(RF) via WEBEX

Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT)
via WEBEX left at 7.45pm

Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr
(DA) via WEBEX

Cllr Anne Huntley (AH) - via WEBEX

Cllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair via WEBEX

Cllr Pete Gaines (PG) via WEBEX

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH)

Michael Duncan - Community Council
Liaison Officer

John Smith – Director Infrastructure Services, SIC (JS)

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

Police Scotland – Dana Jamieson

Greg Maitland - Harbour Master
SIC(GM)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL welcomed all to meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

Clerk updated WCC

Accessible Toilet Facilities

SIC to put forward revised proposal for temporary porta cabin location with designated disable car park nearby. Plans approved as temporary measure.

No update since 26th Oct on waiting room refurbishment.

ACTION TAKEN:

Clerk updated WCC that SIC had received latest pictures and state of the waiting room and awaiting date for refurbishment. JL asked to clerk follow up.

Also Clerk asked to get completion date for disabled porta toilet and car park.

- 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

ACTION: Completed

- 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 Cattle grids still not cleared and damaged one not replaced.

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

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 ongoing

ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS

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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.

RT has raised the concerns to SIC and organised meeting with Sella Ness to raise the issues , about ferry timetables for summer and winter, lack of communication or consultations with community councils about any proposed works. Recent breakdown of ferries during repairs , lack of capacity during peak times meant that locals were not able to use the service for commuting to work as usual. RT has set up a Ferry Forum for community councils so that these issues can be raised directly, follow up meeting is due in March with meetings proposed with Sella Ness every 6 month period. JL, AN, AP agreed this was a good idea providing results were going to be achieved.

WCC asked why the Linkspan works was proposed to be done at this time of the year. AD has raised this with Sella Ness who have replied and will forward email after meeting. JL and AN voiced concerns as Whalsay already suffered from many disruption to the ferry service from bad weather, smaller ferries with not enough capacity for commuters, WCC should have been consulted prior to the announcement of the Linkspan works. AP proposed notice of 4 to 6 weeks for future works with reminders closer to the date. AD will follow up request and revert back.

ACTION:

Ferry Forum next meeting to confirm date for WCC to attend

Symbister Linkspan

ACTION Work to start 1st April

CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

Latest designs presented from Gail and Art Machine , WCC agreed that Gail represented design was in keeping with original idea. Text as per Gail design and artwork. AN & JL asked for Gail design to be stretched as per dimensions of sign.

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

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- **Queen Platinum Celebration** – Clerk informed WCC that funding was available but need to know what the plans are to put forward for funding. Symbister Hall is not available as building works being done that weekend.

ACTION To be discussed 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. Topics to include Participatory Budget, WCDG, Sign - on hold

ACTION Ongoing

JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

Clerk informed WCC that legal advisor H Mitchell was found and prepared to write to Tait and Peterson requesting the possibility of changing some of the terms of the existing deed and look at possibility of some residents of Whalsay become trustees and the loan to be turned instead into a grant scheme. PG and RF agreed to go ahead and seek legal advice, noted AP highlighted that legal fees may exceed and all agreed to seek legal advice but remain within budget offered of £400.

ACTION Clerk asked to follow up.

SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Notification that John Daly tenancy as director was ending and Whalsay did not any representations. New nominees to be put forward by end of April

ACTION To be discussed at the next meeting

BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

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

POLICE MATTERS

Dana Jamieson confirmed as the replacement officer.

ACTION: Clerk to invite to next meeting.

SKIP HIRES

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Skip to be booked for community hire before next meeting and year end.

ACTIONS: Clerk to arrange and action with AP.

BUDGET HEADINGS

ACTION: WCC agreed that gravel grants would be used for community hires instead as same folk were requesting the gravel.

MATTERS ARISING:

ASCC Meeting for 8th March request for attendance – AP agreed to attend.

AOCB:

RF informed WCC about the public meeting for 7th March for the Brough Kirk as the Church has approached community about purchasing it first. WCC confirmed support.

JL thanked all for their attendance and contribution.

Meeting closed at 21.33

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.