

## **BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

A meeting of the above Community Council was held on Zoom on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm.

### **Present**

Mr. N. O'Rourke  
Mr. B. Adamson  
Mr. M. Fullerton  
Mr. R. Black

### **Apologies**

Mr. G. Laurenson  
Miss A. Williamson  
Mrs. M. Garnier  
Miss N. Fullerton  
Mr. Michael Duncan, SIC  
Mrs. Roselyn Fraser, SIC

### **In Attendance**

Cllr. M. Lyall  
Cllr. D. Sandison  
Cllr. I. Scott  
Mr. Marvin Smith, SIC  
Mr. Mark Burgess, Scalloway  
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

Mr. Marvin Smith had been invited to attend to advise on how he had helped the Skerries community re connectivity and broadband issues and the possibility of assisting in our area. Skerries Development Company or Hall had received funding re connectivity and broadband and because there was a reasonable 4G service, Mr. Smith had done a survey for them and they had bought routers and antenna in bulk. These were then installed in the houses who had weak signals. The 4G solution is a good temporary one but does depend on the 4G signal strength and also how far away you are from the mast and how many people are connecting to the mast. Mr. Smith offered to do signal tests in our area and asked if we could let him know of any particular locations affected. This should take a day to complete. The members were happy for him to go ahead with the survey. Robin Black was not sure what the situation is in Trondra but he will get feedback from the residents. Mr. Smith was thanked by the Chairman for taking the time to attend. *(Mr. Smith left the meeting.)*

Mr. Mark Burgess was then invited to speak in connection with the Shetland Bus and Scalloway's connection with Sund in Norway (now known as Oygarden). The Shetland Bus Friendship Society was formed in 2001 to cement the links formed between Shetland and Norway during WW2 and to keep the memory of the Shetland Bus alive. There are strong links between Scalloway and the Sund community which is near Bergen which has a lot of wartime history and family links. The previous Major of Sund came across to Scalloway several times and Mark's father also travelled over there and links were also made with the schools. All who visited Sund were treated like royalty and a great effort was put in by the norwegians who were very enthusiastic. Mr. Burgess now fears that this friendship is in jeopardy and has contacted the Community Councils of Tingwall, Whiteness & Weisdale, Lunnasting and ourselves to widen the links. This has been warmly received and our members were also in favour of being part of the wider picture. A new agreement will be drawn up to this effect and the name will

need to be discussed, as at the moment it is called the Scalloway/Sund Friendship agreement. Cllr. Sandison suggested Shetland/Oygarden Agreement but there was concern that it might become nothing to do with the personal links with the community. The Major is looking to come across this summer 23-26 June and a new agreement will be signed on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at an event to be arranged by Scalloway Community Council. Mr. Burgess will keep us informed of developments. Mr. Burgess was then thanked by the chairman for attending. (*Mr. Burgess left the meeting.*)

### 1. Declaration of Interest

None.

### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

#### (a) Replacement of streetlights – Brough

It was reported at the last meeting that Dave Coupe, SIC, had advised Cllr. Lyall that a contractor has now been appointed and a programme of works is currently being agreed with them. He assured us that the scheme at Brough had not been overlooked and to assist he has asked that the scheme be placed early in the programme. Cllr. Sandison has also contacted Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, and asked for the programme of works and he will be releasing it shortly. (This has been ongoing for six years and will be kept on the minutes until the two streetlights have been replaced.)

#### (b) Access road to Playgroup

A meeting has taken place to discuss possible solutions with Shona Thompson, SIC, the Head Teacher and a representative from the Playgroup but there was no one in attendance to give a report on the outcome. This was carried over to the next meeting.

#### (c) W & J Gray Daycare

There was nothing further to report on this. Niall will get in touch with the manager, Jenni Gunn, for an update. It was noted that they are looking for volunteers to join their Friends Group where a volunteer is linked with a resident to provide friendship. **ACTION: Niall**

#### (d) Speeding at East Voe

A letter had been submitted to SIC Roads on behalf of our Community Council and Scalloway Community Council requesting more police presence, installing 'smiley face' lights for a time to alert drivers of their speed and also to extend the 30mph from the East Voe junction to the Hogalee junction. A response had been received back from Dave Coupe advising that the current national guidance for the introduction of 30mph speed limits is based on the density of properties along the frontage of the road. The requirement is for three properties per 100 metre length of road. An extension of the existing 30mph limit to include Hogalee would measure 550 metres so there needs to be 16 properties fronting onto this length. There are currently only nine properties so this section would not be eligible. However, they are concerned about vehicle speeds above the posted limit and they will add East Voe to the list of roads awaiting their turn of the 'smiley' face signs and will also contact the police with our concerns. (Niall had also sent this reply from Dave Coupe to Scalloway Community Council for information.)

#### (e) Post Box at Bridge End

A request had been made to Bruce Crossan, Lerwick Post Office, to see about moving this post box to a more suitable location for safety reasons. He preferred the suggestion near the Outdoor Centre as they did not want to bring it any further North as this is the only post box at Bridge End. The Outdoor Centre committee are also happy for the post box to be down near the Centre but not within the grounds. A reply had not been received back from Mr. Crossan.

(f) Hamnavoe Post Office

It was noted that Helen Robinson is now posting any closures or changes to the Burra Hall Post Office hours on the Burra & Trondra Community facebook page.

(g) Parking at Minn

Niall had spoken with Neil Hutcheson at the ASCC meeting re road markings at Minn. He is aware of the job that should be done. Cllr. Scott had also spoken with Neil Robertson and stressed the importance of this and he is to get a meeting with colleagues. Cllr. Scott will be speaking with him again next week.

**ACTION: Cllr. Scott**

(a) Pothole on East Isle

Mr. Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, has had this pothole repaired but it was reported that it is breaking up again.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme applications (SCBF):

(i) Shetland Rape Crisis – They are applying to 10 community councils requesting the same level of funding from each. The sum requested was £400 which the members approved.

(ii) Ability Shetland – They are applying to 10 community councils requesting the same level of funding from each. The sum requested was £812.50 which the members approved. The Clerk will feed this back to Eleanor Gear at SCBF.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Funding Applications

The following grant applications had been received from local groups and these were discussed. The following donations were agreed by the members from the CDF funding:

Burra History Group – Dehumidifier.....	£200
Burra Badminton Club – rackets, shuttlecocks etc .....	£250
Burra Public Hall – television.....	£500
Burra Rowing Club – new doors for shed.....	£1,850

(c) Community Development Fund (CDF) – 2022/23

An e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan advising that the new year CDF bidding rounds have been set as follows:

- Round 1 – 22 April 2022
- Round 2 – 20 May 2022
- Round 3 – 17 June 2022

It was agreed that an application should be submitted for Round 1.

**ACTION: Niall**

(d) Other correspondence received and circulated to the members:

- ASCC meeting update
- ASCC - Abandoned cars process/visitors and litter
- Scotland's Census 2022
- Advocacy Shetland
- Scottish Government – Coronavirus modifications & planning legislation
- Various Funding info from Michael Duncan

#### 5. AOCB

SCBF

Robin Black advised that he is resigning as a director on Shetland Community Benefit Fund. He will continue until someone takes his place on the Board. There is usually one meeting a month and there is also a bit of reading involved. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

#### 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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