

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 18/04/2022

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2022 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:
John Hunter – Chair
Kenny Pottinger
Liz Walter
John MacKenzie
Lindsay Laurenson
Mark Burgess

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Davie Sandison

2. APOLOGIES:
Louise Davis
Andrew Blackadder
Michael Duncan – SIC
Roselyn Fraser – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2022 were proposed by Liz and seconded by Kenny, with the following amendments:

- Section 9. Finances: for the Special Projects Grant section, Mark corrected the statement made about the joiner for the interpretation boards; the joiner at that point had only been selected

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

No matters arising

5. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Re-Create Scalloway: Davie informed the committee that the final report for the feasibility study for the Waterfront is expected to be released shortly.

Caravan Park: Davie confirmed the campsite is slightly behind schedule, but that there is expected to be catch up in the next few weeks. No issues seem to be arising, except rising costs in some places. The caravan park could be expected to open Mid May.

6. ASCC UPDATE

John H attended the meeting a couple of weeks ago. Main topics covered were a presentation on the latest census; confirmation that there would be larger bins and more litter collections to aid litter collection and prevent excess waste build up; white lining for roads being expected to receive a further £50,000 in budget before painting commences in August; a new design of 'cat's eyes' to be installed in roads, and gritters to be used on more rural roads than what used to be the case in past years. Mark further discussed the R100 rollout, which included a map of Shetland showing the three designations of property – those receiving superfast broadband, those who will receive superfast broadband, though not during the initial rollout, and those who will not receive superfast broadband, but may receive discounts/grants for the broadband that they may receive outside of the rollout.

7. ROADS

Burra and Trondra: Burra and Trondra Community Council sent a copy of their letter to the committee, with regard to their concerns with speeding and careless driving in the East Voe area. Kenny noting that a study had been carried out a few years ago relating to lines on the road, which would offer support to their letter. It was agreed that a letter of support should be written to the Roads department.

Action: clerk

Hillside Road: It was noted that at the top of Hillside Road, there is a hole in the road caused by a missing valve cover, covered only by a traffic cone. Moraig had heard that someone had filled the hole with tar, as covers were not available. This has created an issue, as this has prevented access to the valve. Scottish Water is to be contacted with regard to this, to remove the tar and replace the valve cover.

Action: Clerk

8. POLICE

Police report is to be received by the clerk every second month; the next report will be read out at the April meeting.

9. FINANCE

Grant applications: It was decided that the grant application made by Scalloway Youth and Community Centre for the replacement of windows would receive the remaining funds that were available in the general fund, which came to £1435.57. Mark declared interest in the youth centre before this decision was made. The youth centre will be contacted with regard to this development.

Action: Clerk

Community Benefit Fund: there were six outstanding applications to be considered for the Community Benefit Fund. As there was only £1,000 left to distribute, it was decided that three applications would receive partial funding; Ability Shetland would receive £500, Shetland Care Attendance Scheme would receive £300, and Shetland Rape Crisis would receive £200. The successful and remaining applicants (Shetland Classic Motor

Show, Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society, and Shetland Gymnastics Club) will receive confirmation about this decision after the meeting.

Action: Clerk

Youth Centre: the Scalloway Youth Centre are planning to apply to the Coastal Communities Fund for funding for a manager post in the youth centre. This funding will cover 75% of the funding, and the youth centre are thinking of applying to the CBF for 12.5% to cover some of the remaining costs. This would cover the manager post for three years; the option would be either for the community council to choose to fund the application in full (£7,860) or a third of the payment being made over the three year period (£2,620). It was agreed that while further discussion would need to occur once an official application had been made, the community council supports the decision that the youth centre has made

Special Projects Grant: Davie confirms that a picnic bench has been ordered, and is waiting for the bench and bill to arrive. Mark has had a discussion with a member of Shetland Memorials with regard to a marker stone; it has been decided that a stone will be selected from the Bressay quarry, and then engraved by Shetland Memorial. On the subject of what should be carved into the stone, Mark noted similar memorial stones like the ones in Orkney, which had short inscriptions and accompanied by a plaque with further information on them. He has also consulted with people from the Scalloway Museum, to provide relevant information which would be appropriate to put on the stone and interpretative boards. Mark would also appreciate feedback from the community council, and ideas will be compiled and looked at. There is predicted to be a small amount of surplus money available at the end of this project; some people have recommended using the spare funds for signage leading to the stone, or a bench to be placed at the stone site. John M pointed out that the youth centre could use part of these funds for a new 'bench skin', which could be discussed once the amount remaining was calculated. Lindsay suggested access improvements for the walk, such as styles and gates, which would be functional for visitors.

Action: Mark

Jamieson Trust: Mark has told the committee that an electrician has been on site and inspected the clock mechanism. It was found that the mechanism required further modification, and has been sent back to the manufacturer.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

11. PLANNING

2022/031/PPF: application for the change use of part of a dwellinghouse to studio/workshop/retail space at Highlands, East Voe. No objections made to application.

Local Development Plan: Mark formulated a response, and passed this onto Planning.

13. NORWEGIAN FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

Mark informed the committee that, as a previously circulated letter stated, the new mayor of Øygarden has declared an intention to visit Scalloway in June to sign the revised friendship agreement. Mark shared this information with the Burra and Trondra Community Council, as well as the chair of the Shetland Bus Friendship Society; they have all shown interest, and would like to offer support. Weisdale and Lunnasting Community Councils have also been approached to discuss this further. The chair for SBFS suggested that a subcommittee should be assembled to handle the planning of events and revising the friendship agreement, due to the scale of this visit. This would include possibly changing the scale of the friendship agreement to be Shetland wide. These details would need to be discussed upon the creation of the subcommittee. Mark urged the members of committee to volunteer to form the basis of this subcommittee, which has been accepted by some of the committee members.

14. FLAGS

Ian has been in touch with House of Flags. Each flag is £65-75, or three for about £200. If it is decided to order the Scalloway flag, this will cost more, as this is a bespoke design as far as the company is concerned. Mark noted that there have been a number of people interested in purchasing a flag for themselves, which could be something that is facilitated. Mark notes that the Scalloway flag is an intellectual property that originated from the Scalloway Youth Centre.

The funding for the flag will come out of next year's budget.

Action: Ian

15. AOCB

No further business to discuss

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 18th February 2022 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.03pm.