

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 2022 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2022/03/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman	Ms J Dennison
Ms R Griffiths	Mr A Hall
Ms K Maggs	Mr B Moreland
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor	

2022/03/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2022/03/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2022/03/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne, Ms A Arnett and Mr M Duncan.

2022/03/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2022 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms R Griffiths.

2022/03/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Clerk declared an interest regarding the Clerk salary scales 2022/03/11.18.

2022/03/07 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Shetland Community Benefit Fund – Appointing a Director** – The Clerk received further information about this role from Ms Eleanor Gear, Administrator for SCBF. She forwarded this information onto Ms R Griffiths who put a piece in the 'North Notes' section of the Shetland Times. The Clerk put a piece on the DCC Facebook page and sent out posters to the local shops and post offices. There has been one expression of interest in this role. Members want to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- 7.2 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.3 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – The Clerk attended the ASCC meeting on 8th March. Mr Marvin Smith, Shetland Telecom attended and gave an update on the R100 rollout. Areas designated for an upgrade should be addressed within the next five years. However, it does appear that there will be areas and households across Shetland who are unlikely to get an upgrade from R100. He is happy to speak to individual Community Councils if more details are required.
- 7.4 Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.5 Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – The Chairman has raised this again and been told that there is a reluctance to remove this as it may be used as a runway again.

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- 7.6 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – The Chairman has spoken to Mr Brydon Nicolson, landowner of the area around the Firth lighthouse. It has been agreed that the Northern Lighthouse Board are going to put a different structure in his park. It is likely to be a pole with a light on it. The current lighthouse is situated on an unstable base which may stand for a while yet. The pole would require no high maintenance costs. The Chairman would like to keep the current lighthouse, but this may cause confusion in the marine world.
- 7.7 Litter Bins Overflowing at Mavis Grind and outside the Brae Co-op** – Ms J Dennison said that there are wider bins at the bus stops now, which are great. Mr B Moreland said there is one big bin at Mavis Grind but that may struggle to cope with the amount of litter gathered in the area. The Clerk is to ask Mr Brydon Sinclair if there could be two bins at Mavis Grind. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.8 Active Travel Strategy** – The Clerk wrote to Ms Robina Barton, Transport Policy and Projects Officer with Transport Planning/ZetTrans to find out if Mossbank and Muckle Roe could be included as well as Voe in the next round. She responded to say that they are looking to do another eight audits to ensure a spread across Shetland so realistically she would not anticipate more than two sites from the North Mainland but nothing is certain. They will be doing a further round of audits after that. The funding is secured but it is a case of keeping the scale of work manageable. She will keep the Community Council informed as plans develop. The Chairman said that there is a fund within the SIC that has not been spent yet. These funds could go some way into creating a footpath in Mossbank and fixing the Sparl Road in Voe. Mrs E Macdonald responded that there seems to be a push on 20-minute neighbourhoods and she will continue to fight the battle.
- 7.9 Crash Barrier in Voe – To be repaired** – The Chairman said this has still not been fixed.
- 7.10 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – This is to be discussed further at the April meeting. The main points are to find out if Mr C Gair has checked the current signage and road markings and what his findings are. When are the traffic counters going to be in place? Is it still likely to be in June? When will the Community Council know if there is likely going to be a 'buffer' zone from Fograbrek to the 30mph signs in Voe?
- 7.11 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – The Clerk is to e-mail Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service again to ask when the Transport Planning is being rearranged to. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.12 Racist Graffiti on the Bus Shelter at the Brig of Brae** – Mr Michael Craigie, SIC Executive Manager of Transport Operations e-mailed the Clerk to confirm that the original vandalised panel was replaced on 20th January 2022. However, prompted by the e-mail from the Clerk, the SIC Roads Service inspected the shelter on 1st March and there were five panels with racist graffiti or holes burned through. These were replaced the following day.

They do not routinely inspect all bus shelters in Shetland (there are over 200 in total) and find it very helpful when damage is reported to them so they can respond quickly. They are keen to ensure that bus shelters and other public facilities are clean and in good condition but the fact that the bus shelter vandalism at this location has escalated is a matter of concern. If there is a recurrence of this, they will revisit this matter and perhaps engage with the Community Council to see if there are any measures that could be considered to address persistent vandalism.

Mr B Moreland asked if scratch proof panels could be installed. The Chairman said that toughened glass would raise safety issues, whereas, a plastic panel is deemed safe but easily vandalised. There is no easy answer. The Clerk is to contact Police Scotland and ask if they can have a look at this and see if there is anything they can do about it? **Clerk to progress.**

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- 7.13 Shetland Islands Council Elections** – The Chairman said that there are three candidates standing for Shetland North, Mrs Emma Macdonald, Ms Andrea Manson and Mr Tom Morton. There will be no election, but at least we have three.
- 7.14 Lack of White Lines on the Roads** – The Clerk attended the ASCC meeting on 8th March. Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service also attended and explained that the white lines get done every five to seven years. He is hoping to get the Graven junction done in the late Summer.
- 7.15 Proposed Bus Shelter near Voe Hall** – The Chairman said there is only a concrete base so far.
- 7.16 Voe Churchyard Road in need of Repair** – Ms Yvonne Scott, SIC Burial Services Officer e-mailed the Clerk to confirm that the potholes within the access road leading to the Voe Burial Ground were filled on 8th February.
- 7.17 Brae Youth Centre – EGM** – Ms A Arnett, SIC Community Planning and Development e-mailed the Clerk to confirm that a new committee is in place at the Brae Youth Centre.
- 7.18 SIC Local Development Plan (LDP) Consultation – Main Issues Report** – The Chairman said there is not much from the north of Shetland.
- 7.19 Potential Dog Park in Delting** – The Chairman said this is being discussed further through Shetland. Ms K Maggs had a member of the public asking if it could be in the Moorfield area near Garriock Bros garage. The Chairman believes that tree planting has been proposed for this area. Ideally it needs to be somewhere that people can let their dogs off the lead. Members agreed that a group needs to be set up to take this forward. They can then try to source a piece of land and once established, could potentially get funding for a fence. The Community Council would support a group and the group could speak to Ms Ana Arnett to help them get set up.
- 7.20 Dangerous Overtaking between Voe and Sandgarth** – Following the e-mail from Ms Beth Gerrard last month with concerns with dangerous overtaking. The Clerk sent an e-mail to Mr C Gair, SIC Roads Service to ask if ‘no overtaking’ lines could be painted on the road between Voe and Sandgarth on the hidden dip at the Collafirth junction. This would mean that people who did overtake on this piece of road would be breaking the law and the markings on the road would make it a safer piece of road to drive on. The Clerk has not received a reply from Mr C Gair about this.
- The Chairman has spoken to Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service about this. They would need to get the landowners permission to get something done with this piece of road to make it less blind, but it is not something that could be done easily. However, ‘no overtaking’ lines would be good. The Clerk is to write to Mr Neil Hutcheson explaining that Members appreciate the difficulties of resolving this issue, but could the SIC Roads Service put double white lines on the road so people know they should not be overtaking in this area? **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.21 30mph Signs coming into Brae from Mossbank** – Mr Mervyn Smith, SIC Roads Service e-mailed regarding these signs being in a very poor state. They are currently working through the remaining works from this past year, so hopefully there will not be too much of a delay in replacing these signs.

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7.22 Meetings in person – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. He states that all Community Councils are free to decide the format and frequency of its meetings. Therefore, if the Community Council wish to meet in person, it is recommended that they take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of those attending and that they comply with the relevant covid and venue rules at the time of the meeting. Conversely if Members wish to continue meeting remotely, that is their choice. If meeting in person, the Community Council should consider making provision available for anyone unable to attend in person but who still wishes to participate i.e. remotely by telephone or online. Also, for information, it is his understanding that school buildings remain unavailable for Community Council meetings for the foreseeable future. The Chairman said that by May the Scottish Government should hopefully be removed the last covid mitigations, e.g. mask wearing. Members agreed to hold the April meeting through Microsoft Teams and plan to hold the May meeting face-to-face in one of the local halls or the Delting Boating Club provided the wifi can support video calls.

2022/03/08 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report received for this month.

2022/03/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration. However, the Clerk received an e-mail from Mr Iain McDiarmid, Executive Manager, SIC Planning stating that two new officers have started in Development Management this month. They will be working off island and on a temporary basis. They will not be available for site visits but they will be able to help deal with the current backlog and increasing workload.

2022/03/10 COMMUNITY WORK

E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development with a brief update from the ASCC meeting on 8th March. Scotland's Census 2022 – presentation given by Ms Aisha Rehman. The Clerk sent the slides from the presentation to Members before the meeting.

Visitor attractions and littering – Mr Carl Symons and Mr Brydon Gray attended from SIC Waste Management and gave an update on litter collections. The SIC are keen to use larger bins in well used locations as this is generally more efficient. There is a pressure on bins and litter collections during the visitor season. However, they are looking to provide weekly collections in a range of areas such as visitor attractions and ferry terminals.

Roads issues – Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads attended the meeting. Generally white lines should be done every 5-7 years. The cats' eyes are need of replacement in different areas. They have trialled a new model of cats' eyes in Voe which appears to have worked and they cost £7 to replace (historically the cats eyes cost £30). Gritting roads discussed. Priority 3 roads may be cleared if the weather/road conditions are deemed necessary by the gritter driver and foreman. He is going to look at sharing the location of gritters using trackers to enable the public to see where they are.

2022/03/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Computer Anti-Virus Software – Bitdefender – The Clerk renewed the anti-virus for a cost of £34.99. Payment approved.

11.2 Printer Toner – Amazon – The Clerk purchased two toner cartridges for a total cost of £26.35. Payment approved.

11.3 C5 Envelopes – Amazon – The Clerk purchased a pack of 50 C5 envelopes for a total cost of £4.50. Payment approved.

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11.4 Community Council Core Funding – The Clerk received an e-mail from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The Council has approved a standstill budget for the Community Council core funding. Delting Community Council has been allocated £11,317.00. The Clerk is to contact Mr M Duncan to let him know that they would like the core funding split as follows –

Administration	£5,800.00
Environmental Services	£350.00
Grants to Local/District Groups	£3,017.00
Roads	£2,150.00

The Chairman is to sign both copies of the letter and return them to the Clerk. One letter is to be kept and one returned to SIC Community Planning and Development. **Clerk to Progress.**

11.5 Community Development Fund (CDF) – E-mail received from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The SIC have approved its budget of £71,000 for CDF for the next financial year. The new CDF bidding rounds are 22nd April, 20th May and 17th June. Members feel that the local halls and youth clubs may need funding toward local projects. The Clerk is to contact them and find out if they have any upcoming small projects. The Clerk is to also find out from Mr Michael Duncan if the bench seat at Mavis Grind could be a project that would fit the project criteria and if there is a list of projects from previous years that the Community Council could see. **Clerk to progress.**

11.6 Moorfield Play Park Fence, Brae – E-mail received from Mr Jim Milne with a video showing that the fence opposite 9 Runafirth, Brae is very loose and it may be only a matter of time before the fence falls down. The Clerk contacted Mr Magnus Malcolmson from SIC Sport and Leisure and he is planning to go and have a look at the fence. The Clerk is to ask Mr Magnus Malcolmson if he has been to look at the fence yet. **Clerk to progress.**

11.7 Brae Public Toilets – E-mail received from Ms Sarah Henry who is part of a small team trying to reopen the Brae Public toilets at Skelladale, Brae. They have joined the Come to Brae Days committee and have some funding for the initial costs, however, they are aware that there are going to perhaps be more funding required for further repairs. The Clerk e-mailed them a grant application form, but hasn't received the completed form back yet. Members are wondering if this would qualify as an item for funding through the Community Development Fund? The Clerk is to find out. **Clerk to progress.**

11.8 Vandalism at Voe Wood – E-mail received from Ms Caroline Ratter stating that some children had been camping in the area, had left litter, taken a road sign into the area and damaged the trees by ripping off and breaking branches. She cleared up the litter and is wondering if someone can put the sign back to the Roads Department and trim the trees to get rid of the broken spikes. It is a popular area for people to go for walks and she was sad to see it left in a bad way. The Clerk is to forward this onto the Shetland Amenity Trust. **Clerk to progress.**

11.9 Scottish Water – Customer Engagement Campaign, Nature Calls – E-mail received from Mr Gavin Steel, Scottish Water. The campaign advert can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKJEMXeVtI> The impact of what people flush down the toilet and put down the sink can last generations. Many products people use and then flush contain plastic. They don't biodegrade or disappear. When they combine with other stuff that should be binned and not put down sinks, nasty blockages can form. Then extreme weather events linked to climate change mean sewers can't cope with the deluge of water and spill into the communities, rivers and seas. It is harmful to the environment and the creatures who live in the natural world. They are asking people to protect nature, protect the communities and protect the planet by binning the wipes. To show support and back a ban on wipes made with plastic, people can click on www.JoinTheWave.scot/ban

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- 11.10 Da Voar Redd Up 2022** – E-mail received from Ms Sandy Middleton, Shetland Amenity Trust. This year's event will take place from 23rd to 29th April. Groups which participated in 2019 should have received information regarding registration. To enable Community Councils to fund groups, they will contact the Clerks with a breakdown of Redd Up groups in each area once their statistics have been compiled.
- 11.11 Shetland Marine Planning Partnership – Newsletter Issue 1 March 2022** – The Clerk e-mailed this to Members before the meeting.
- 11.12 Shetland Climate Conversation** – E-mail received from the Climate Change Strategy Team regarding a community workshop which was held yesterday. The Clerk e-mailed this to Members earlier in the month.
- 11.13 Murdo Fraser Consultation Document** – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development regarding a consultation document in relation to the fly-tipping bill. The Clerk e-mailed this to Members. The closing date is 23rd May.
- 11.14 Shetland Way – Stantec UK Ltd** – E-mail received from Stantec UK Ltd. A feasibility study is underway which will consider the case for developing a long-distance walking, and potentially cycling, routes across Shetland. Stantec UK Ltd has been commissioned to support Visit Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Shetland Islands Council, Nature Scotland and Shetland Tourism Association by undertaking this feasibility study. The Shetland Way walking and potentially cycling round would run for around 79 miles from north to south along the spine of Shetland; linking the islands' considerable natural, cultural and community assets to deliver tourism and social, economic and environmental benefits. Responses were required to ShetlandWay@stantec.com. The Clerk e-mailed this onto Members earlier this month.
- The Chairman feels this is a good idea, but Ms R Griffiths said that a lot of the beauty spots are on the coast. The Chairman said it would be good for tourism as many people walk and cycle in Shetland. He said if walking from Unst to Brae, then it would be fine to have a hub in Brae where people could go to places such as Fethaland, the Hams of Roe and Eshaness. That would mean people could explore each area and not just go through the spinal route. There are B&B's in Brae and if there was a hub in the area, it may encourage more people to do B&B and attract tourists. Mr A Hall suggested that they could have a look at the Peter Guy books regarding walking the coastline of Shetland as they are a very useful resource. The Clerk is to respond to this feasibility study. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.15 ZetTrans Case for Change Draft, SEA Environmental Report Draft and Equalities Duties Report Draft** – E-mail received from Stantec stating that in order to gather thoughts on these documents they are running a public survey. All three documents and the public survey can be accessed at <https://www.zettrans.org.uk/about/consultations> Noted.
- 11.16 Scottish Community Council Newsletter – February 2022** – The Clerk forwarded this onto Members before the meeting. There was a case study about Shetland and how there are 18 Community Councils and a Clerk employed by each. There was also a video with Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development discussing the role of the Clerks in Shetland.
- 11.17 Grant Application Form – Open Door Drama Group** – They are looking for funding for their trip to perform at the Lowry, Salford on 29th April. There are three adults and twelve children attending, two of which are pupils from Brae High School. The total travel costs are £4,580.00. They are asking for £200.00 from Delting Community Council. Members agreed to award them £200.00. **Clerk to progress.**

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2022/03/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.18 Clerk Salary Scales – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The Clerk declared an interest and left the room during this conversation. Members unanimously agreed to award the Clerk the H2 pay grade.

2022/03/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

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

Shetland Islands Council's Coastal Communities Fund is inviting stage one applications for the next bidding round. The Fund can consider capital or revenue project proposals from community groups and Council departments. The deadline is 23rd May and more information can be found at - <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/grants/coastal-communities-fund>

Crown Estate Scotland has launched a new capital investment fund to help promote the sustainable development of Scotland's natural resources. The fund will support a wide range of sectors, such as agriculture, green energy, aquaculture, and waste reduction. Investments of between £150,000 and £500,000 can be considered. The deadline for applications is 3rd June and more information can be found at - <https://www.crownestatescotland.com/our-projects/capital-investment-challenge-funds>

The **Arctic Connections Fund** will support projects that can raise awareness of existing Scottish-Arctic links. The fund will support initiatives including seminars and conferences, hackathons and workshops, community learning opportunities and academic research. Scotland-based organisations can apply for a minimum of £1,000 and maximum of £10,000. They will need to use grant funding to partner with organisation(s) based in Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Kingdom of Denmark (including Faroe Islands and Greenland), United States and Canada. Completed applications must be emailed to europaengagement@gov.scot by 27th April 2022. Projects are expected to begin from 1 July 2022 and must be completed by 31 March 2023. For more information, visit www.gov.scot/arcticfund

2022/03/13 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

The income and expenditure statement was discussed. The Clerk will take off the payments for the computer anti-virus, printer toner and envelopes as approved earlier in the meeting. She has received all the invoices from the Come to Brae Days today. They were awarded £200.00 through CDF. There is a surplus of £1.54 (as per the awards to the Voe Youth Centre and Brae High School Parent Council). She will ask Mr Michael Duncan if she can award the Come to Brae Days the £1.54 in addition to the £200.00. Members were content with this. Once confirmation has been received, the Clerk will get the finances to Voluntary Action Shetland for auditing. **Clerk to progress.**

2022/03/14 CARRIED FORWARD ITEMS

The Carried Forward Items were discussed and forms an Appendix to the Minutes.

2022/03/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

15.1 Unadopted Road Grants – The Clerk sent the advert for the Shetland Times and the unadopted road grant form to Members before the meeting. Members approved this. **Clerk to progress.**

2022/03/16 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 28th April 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman

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- 1 **Laxobiggin and Voe Cemeteries** – (Laxobiggin) letter to Jim Grant **11.8 May 2007** (Laxobiggin) Not currently required. **7.7 Aug 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing. **6.4 Sep 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman to progress with Director of Infrastructure Services – **Feb 2009**. (Laxobiggin) The Chairman is having discussions with Mr Bertie Johnson regarding an extension to the cemetery and access road down to the cemetery **Nov 2009**. (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing **Jun 2011**. (Laxobiggin) To be discussed on 11 Oct 2011 at the Public Meeting in Voe **Sep 2011** (Voe) A Public Meeting was held on 11th October 2011 at Voe Public Hall to discuss extending the existing kirk yard or having a kirk yard elsewhere in Voe. DCC have 3 months to explore alternative sites in Voe which would be suitable for the kirk yard. Mr A Cooper was going to speak to some people about land, access and drainage. **Oct 2011**. Currently Voe Cemetery is the main focus **Nov 2011**. (Voe) The application has been deferred until March to allow the Community Council to identify alternative sites. **Jan 2012**. (Voe) The Chairman stated that the SIC are looking into the costings of a new kirkyard and the extension of the current kirkyard **May 2012**. **Discussed Apr 2019**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Jun 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Nov 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **May 2015**. (Laxobiggin and Voe) Chairman said that the SIC has no Capital Programme and no money to put in to a Capital Programme. Kirkyards will have to be resolved in the next few years **Aug 2015**. The Voe and Laxobiggin Kirkyards are not in the SIC Capital Programme. This could be discussed in the summer **Mar 2016**. Mr W Spence e-mailed the Chairman, he will forward this onto Members **Jun 2016**. The Chairman said that this is not in the SIC Capital Programme **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that there have been more layers identified in the old kirkyard in Voe. A new kirkyard will be needed in Voe and Laxobiggin within the next 5-7 years. The Land Equisition 2017/18 – trying to get this in the Capital Programme **Nov 2016**. Discussed **Feb 2017**. A meeting with the Voe Community is needed sometime after the summer **Apr 2017**. Discussed **June 2017**. Mr W Spence, SIC Burial Services attended the meeting on 2nd Nov 2017. Ms R Griffiths is going to write a piece for the Shetland Times **Nov 2017**. Discussed **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said that the Capital Programme will be looked at with the new Chief Executive in the Autumn **Apr 2018**. Discussed **Jun 2018**. Discussed **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Laxobiggin cemetery does not have many layers left. The Chairman will try to get this in the SIC Capital Programme. **Sep 2020** The Chairman will raise this at the mid term financial programme and asset programme with the SIC **Nov 2020**. The Chairman will take this to committee if he thinks he will get support. **May 2021**. The Chairman said he is struggling to get these items into the Capital Programmes. **Jan 2022**. The Chairman said there is no movement with this issue at the moment. He feels this needs to be addressed, but there seems to be no will within the SIC to do anything with it. **Mar 2022**.
- 2 **Local Housing Policy** – letter sent to Environmental Health **12.5 Jun 2008** - response from Housing – reply sent asking for meeting to discuss support services – **7.10 – Aug 2008** Chairman to progress **6.5 Sep 2008** E-Mail seeking clarification on points raised **9.4 – Jan 2009** Chairman to progress with Housing **8.3 Mar 2009** Number of local issues which need to be addressed **6.3 May 2009** The SIC are going to come out with a consultation process on the local development plan and will be consulting Community Councils on local plans **Feb 2010**. Shetland Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report Consultation – SIC Infrastructure Services Department. Community consultation deadline 7th June 2010. **Jun 2010**. HNDA approved by Scottish Government last week. Still dealing with local housing policy **Sep 2010**. Discussed **Sep 2011**. The Chairman reported that Local Housing Strategy has been adopted by SIC and 10 houses to be built in Brae hopefully next year **Nov 2011**. Chairman reported 10 Council houses are going to be built in Brae **Feb 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2012**. Discussed **Nov 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2013**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager, SIC Housing Services has asked for Members to think of house names **Feb 2014**. Members suggested 'Valayreburn' after the burn near the site and wondered about the possibility of remembering people of the place in the house names **Mar 2014**. Discussed **Jun 2014**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson is going to attend the ASCC to speak about the Local Plan **Sep 2014**. The Chairman said that there is going to be a Consultation on HNDA – Housing Need & Demand Assessment **May 2015**.

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- 2 **Local Housing Policy continued** – Ms Anita Jamieson is working on the Housing Need & Demand Assessment and this will be coming out soon. There will be more discussions with the community within the next 12 months. There is a need for more houses in Delting **Aug 2015**. The Housing Needs Demands Assessment (HNDA) will be coming out and, following that, the Local Housing Policy **Oct 2015**. The HNDA will be getting finalised before the summer recess **Mar 2016**. The HNDA is with the Scottish Government at the moment. The grant rate for Hjatland Housing Association is being increased. The SIC are giving £10,000 top up for some houses. This will be easier for Hjatland to build more houses **Jun 2016**. The Local Housing Strategy will be in place before the end of the current Council. A bulk of the housing will be in the central mainland **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that HNDA was sent to the Scottish Government which sets out evidence of housing demand both in the private and social sector. Questions were received, completed and returned. The Housing Strategy will hopefully be in place before the end of this Council in May 2017. This identifies the land for private housing and the social housing too **Nov 2016**. Ms Anita Jamieson has got the policies for Council housing in Shetland. A final version will be coming out **Feb 2017**. The Chairman hopes more young people get employment at Sullom Voe Terminal and more houses are built in Delting **Apr 2017**. Discussed **Jun 2017**. The HNDA will be coming out soon **Sept 2017**. The Strategic Housing Involvement Plan is going to the Development Committee next week **Nov 2017**. The Chairman will be able to give an update in the Summer. At the moment, Shetland should be building 60-70 new houses per year, but they are building approximately 20 less than this. Most new houses will be in Lerwick, but some will be in Brae **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said in Shetland there will be little done in the next few years for Hjatland SIC housing in Delting. More effort for insulation and reduce fuel poverty in next few years for social housing. In Delting more effort will be to build private sector housing. There are a lot of empty rented properties in Brae and some houses on the market **Apr 2018**. The HNDA has not been approved yet **Jun 2018**. The Chairman will continue to fight for housing in Delting **Sept 2018**. The Chairman said that the Scottish Government are trying to get starter homes which will make it easier for first time home owners. This is the best chance for something happening in Delting **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Chairman reported that the SIC are waiting for the Scottish Government to approve the HNDA but realistically the bulk of the effort is going to be in Lerwick over the next while. If Sullom Voe is going longer term, Enquest and Total may want to domicile staff which may encourage more low carbon, high insulated homes in Delting **Jun 2019**. The Chairman said by Spring 2020 the future of Sullom Voe Terminal will be clearer **Oct 2019**. The Chairman reported that at present the bulk of the housing (300 houses) is going to the Staney Hill in Lerwick. The likelihood of Delting getting new houses is slight unless the industry want to domicile the workforce in Shetland **Jan 2020**. The Chairman said that there is pressure on the SIC Housing Department to re-start the housing programme for the construction industry. The Scottish Government is putting on pressure for the SIC to deliver programmes as soon as possible **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA is under review with the Scottish Government and the local development plan will be coming through and we need to look at housing in the Delting area. **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA will be available early next year and is being discussed by the Scottish Government who will set out where houses are going to be built in Shetland in the next five years. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman explained that the HNDA (the document which the Scottish Government justifies the amount of aid they will put to Shetland) is in its final form and waiting to be signed off by the First Minister. Following this, SIC Housing can do the Housing Investment Programme and we will then see what housing will be coming to Delting. The Local Development Plan will show areas identified for development in Shetland. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman reported that there is an issue with the cost of materials escalating fast which will have an impact on the price of houses. The Scottish Government gives a certain amount for housing and Hjatland may struggle unless the Scottish Government gives more or the price of materials comes down. There are some houses proposed for Brae. **May 2021**. The Chairman said this is still active. The HNDA document is getting finalised and there will be a number of houses in Delting. **Aug 2021**.

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- 2 Local Housing Policy continued** – The Chairman said that Shetland needs a mix of housing. Social housing, mid-market housing for professionals such as doctors and police who are not committed to the community and only here short term and rent to buy with people eventually owning the property. He would like to see more housing in Delting to enable young people to get on the housing ladder with their own property. **Oct 2021.** The Chairman said there are still houses to be built in Ladies Mire, Brae over the next five years. **Jan 2022.** The Chairman said they have had discussions regarding the Local Housing Strategy and a lot of good has come out of it. However, the big issue at the moment is that they are struggling to get contractors to come in to do the work. The prices are currently really high. Hjatland are needing to get groundworks done at the Staneyhill but so far there has been no success getting a contract. **Mar 2022.**
- 3 Reducing Speed Limits in Delting** – The Chairman said that many places all over Shetland want the speed limit reduced to either 30mph or 40mph **Oct 2019.** This will be raised with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service at the February meeting **Jan 2020.** Issues with speeding in Delting raised from a member of the public. The Chairman said that speeding in Voe is a continual issue. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair at SIC Roads Service to see if this issue can be addressed. The Police is to be contacted about the speeding in Voe. They could possibly do a campaign about speeding as a lot of people are speeding in Delting **Sep 2020.** This was discussed during the meeting. There are places in Shetland that are getting temporary speed restrictions and Delting have been trying to get speed reductions in Voe and Brae for years. The Delting Community Council want special consideration for this in Spring 2021. They also want the speed cameras with the happy/frowny faces in Voe to discourage people from speeding and collect data so that they can gather evidence that the road is dangerous. **Nov 2020.** The Clerk contacted Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service highlighting that there is no footpath going from the Tagon junction to the Lower Voe junction, the speed limit is too high and there are no footpaths or streetlights on this piece of road. She asked if this area could be considered for temporary speed restrictions. He has responded the targeted locations without footpaths or streetlights are trials to see if a reduction from 60mph to 50mph can effect a change in active travel when there are no other facilities available. The current trial areas are currently unrestricted sections of main road, unlike the section of A970 between the Tagon and Lower Voe junctions that already has a 50mph speed limit. Given that the type of speed limit reduction they are look at is already in place in Voe, by virtue of the road alignment and historical accident rate, it would not fit the scheme parameters being considered this time around. **Feb 2021.** The Chairman said that contractors have been given 40mph speed limits. Yet, we cannot get speed reductions in our villages. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and ask what criteria allows contractors to get this consideration that communities cannot get? **May 2021.** Mr C Gair responded that the recently introduced 40mph limit at Scar Quilse south of Voe, at the north end of the Lang Kames is a temporary limit, not a permanent limit as the Community Council has been requesting. The criteria for considering temporary limits are different from those used to consider permanent limits. Temporary limits are regularly used in connection with construction activities and the level of speed restriction chosen will reflect the particular characteristics of the hazards or risks that are to be addressed. In this case, the temporary limit at Scar Quilse the risk being addressed centred around HGVs moving between the two Viking Wind Farm accesses, connecting the east and west halves of the project. They felt it necessary to reduce the potential speed differential between the Viking Wind Farm HGVs and other traffic using the route, and try to deter any higher speed overtaking manoeuvres. This temporary limit is in place until the end of 2024 but it will be removed as soon as the regular/planned movement of HGVs between the two junctions cease **Jun 2021.** The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and find out speed data for data logs in Delting and report back to Members. **Aug 2021.** At the Sep meeting, Members heard about concerns with regards to speeding in the Fograbrek, Voe area and issues with the verge being dangerous. The Clerk is to write to Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service asking if the Fograbrek area can be reduced from 60mph to 40mph as a calming measure for traffic. If not, what discretion is there for these decisions and what are the rules which he is adhering to? **Oct 2021.**

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- 3 **Reducing Speed Limits in Delting continued** - Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service has said they will look at the current road markings and signage in the area to see if it can be improved. They will carry out investigations through speed checks in the Fograbrek area. This buffer consideration could only be warranted if there are high speeds within the existing 30mph limit. Members want to know when this exercise is going to be done? Will it be before the Spring time? Can they put markers on the road to get speed data as soon as possible? **Jan 2022**. The Chairman said that the current speed signs in Tresta and Sound brae in Lerwick are pilot projects for approximately 18 months. Until that is concluded, it is unlikely anything will happen with reducing speed limits in Delting. **Mar 2022**.
- 4 **Local Energy Plan for Brae** - The Chairman said that the final report is out **Jun 2018**. The Chairman said there are tentative moves on with the Scatsta airfield affecting turbines that local developers want to put in. Scatsta airport is due to close on 30th June 2020 but there is still hope that it may open in the future but if windfarms in the surrounding area gets the go ahead, this will make it more difficult and is a very unfortunate disappointing situation **Apr 2020**. The Chairman said that one turbine for Brae is being proposed from the COBEN project and creating energy other than electricity. It should make a difference to the carbon footprint and be in the Wethersta area **Jun 2020**. The Chairman thought there was going to be a wind turbine in Brae, but this hasn't happened yet **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that it may be hydrogen created as a fuel source. **Nov 2020**. Discussed. **Aug 2021**.
- 5 **EnQuest attending one of the Community Councils meetings** – They have been invited to attend a meeting **Apr 2018**. The Chairman said that Enquest need to sort out the site before attending a DCC meeting **Oct 2019**. The Chairman said we need them to attend a meeting **Jun 2020**. The Clerk is to invite them to a meeting **Sep 2020**. The Chairman thinks we need clarity on the Clair oilfield and then EnQuest need to attend one of our meetings. **Feb 2021**. Discussed. **Oct 2021**. The Chairman said that the EnQuest management are tuned into renewables and interest in renewables project in Sullom Voe Harbour is likely. There is still no word on the Clair Southern project. BP are still considering it. It would be good to get EnQuest to a meeting sometime later this year. **Jan 2022**. The Chairman said that EnQuest attending a meeting can go on hold until there is clarity on BP's intention with regards to the Clair Ridge project. **Mar 2022**.
- 6 **Sparl Road, Voe – Deteriorating State** – Mr Kevin Serginson, SIC Outdoors Access Officer is to be contacted to ask about getting this road fixed up before Spring next year **Sep 2020**. Mr Kevin Serginson sent an e-mail stating that he has looked at costings for this in the past and it was £15,000 and it would be more now. He has no current budget to carry out the re-surfacing and drainage that would be required. The Chairman and Mrs E Macdonald will look at the path in February 2021 and look at possibly getting it drained. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman said that this project could come under the Shetland Community Benefit Fund when we get clarity on the Advance Grant Scheme. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman reported that this has been added to the Active Travel Strategy. **May 2021**. The Chairman said that Mr Kevin Serginson has left this job and the SIC Outdoors Access Officer job is currently vacant. Mrs E Macdonald would like the Sparl Road to be on the Active Travel Strategy. This is currently not being addressed. **Jan 2022**. Members are still keen to get the Sparl Road fixed. **Mar 2022**.
- 7 **House Numbers in Skelladale – sign** – Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service sent an e-mail in February 2020 to say that it is likely that these works will be done early in the next financial year in April or May. **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said this has not been done. The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service. **May 2021**. The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads service again. **Aug 2021**. The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson about this again. **Oct 2021**. Members reported that this has still not been done. The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson again. **Jan 2022**. This was first raised in 2018 and Members would like this now to be done as soon as possible. **Mar 2022**.

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- 8 Memorial Bench in Moorfield, Brae Request** – The Chairman is dealing with this request **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that he wants to see this being placed at the Brae Kirkyard. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman is working on this. **Aug 2021**. The Chairman is addressing this. There is still an issue as to where the memorial bench could go but he is hopeful it will be resolved in early Summer. **Jan 2022**. The Chairman has spoken to Ms Anita Jamieson at SIC Housing and agreed to keep the trees in this area. There are discussions ongoing as to where the memorial bench would be best placed. The Chairman was unable to say anything more on this matter due to confidentiality issues. **Mar 2022**.
- 9 Participatory Budgetting** – This will be looked into again **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said the coronavirus has had an impact on this. The Scottish Government will not be introducing this for around one or two years. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman said that local authorities will have to spend 1% of their budget on participatory budgetting by 2022. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman said it may be 2023 before this comes in. **May 2021**. The Chairman said this will be a big issue for Delting Community Council and the community next year. **Aug 2021**. The Chairman said that the SIC are obliged to do a Participatory Budgetting strategy exercise soon. It is a live issue with the Scottish Government and Local Government. It will become an issue within the next twelve months. It could be for example, a budget for a bus service which could run to meet the needs of the community. **Jan 2022**. The Chairman said that a lot of local authorities in Scotland are doing Participatory Budgetting and engaging with the schools and communities. It will be a challenge for the new Council and could be starting as early as the Autumn. **Mar 2022**.
- 10 Brae Woodland – Path** – The Chairman will look into getting materials for the path after Covid-19 and check that Shetland Amenity Trust agrees we can proceed **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said that this may be able to be done in Spring 2021. Bags of aggregate would be required but Shetland Amenity Trust would need to approve this first. Ms G Smith said she will look into this. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman is going to speak to the Shetland Amenity Trust about this in the summer time. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman stated this is an ongoing issue. **Aug 2021**. Discussed **Jan 2022**. The Clerk is to contact the Shetland Amenity Trust and ask if they can put in hardcore. **Mar 2022**.
- 11 Bench Seat at Mavis Grind** – The quote from Marmax for the bench seat was £250.80 (including VAT) for the seat plus the delivery charge of £150.00 (plus VAT). This item is to be looked at again in early Spring 2022. **Sep 2021**. The Clerk is to get the bench seat ordered and see if it can be a project through the CDF. **Mar 2022**.
- 12 Grass cutting at Brae Graveyard – Overgrown grass outside the Graveyard** – This has been an ongoing item for months and the Community Council is to raise this at the meeting in March 2022. **Nov 2021**. The Chairman plans to speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services about this within the next month. **Jan 2022**. The Chairman will speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie before the next meeting. **Mar 2022**.
- 13 Muckle Roe Graveyard – Issue with weeds and lack of markers or headstones for graves** – This has been an ongoing item for months and the Community Council is to raise this at the meeting in March 2022. **Nov 2021**. The Chairman plans to speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services about this within the next month. **Jan 2022**. The Chairman will speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie before the next meeting. **Mar 2022**.

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- 14 **Verges in Muckle Roe** – E-mail received from Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service after the Clerk asked if they could cut the verges in Muckle Roe. The flail mower that was used for verge cutting developed a fault at the end of the summer. The required repair would have been more costly than the mower's worth so a replacement has been ordered and will be prepared for the start of the grass cutting season. This will be in June, in line with the SIC's policy that grass verges on all rural roads are not to be cut on a routine basis; they are only to be cut as required, between June and September, to address safety related problems. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson in April 2022 to remind him to do this. **Nov 2021**. The Clerk is to contact Mr Neil Hutcheson to remind him to do this. **Mar 2022**.