

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 16/05/2022

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2022 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:
John Hunter – Chair
Kenny Pottinger
Liz Walter
Andrew Blackadder
John MacKenzie
Lindsay Laurenson
Louise Davis

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Davie Sandison
Emma Miller – Project Manager for Lerwick Tall Ships Ltd

2. APOLOGIES:
Mark Burgess

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022 were proposed by John M and seconded by Liz

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

No matters arising from the last meeting that were not on the agenda were raised

5. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Re-Create Scalloway: Andrew confirms that the final draft for the feasibility study will hopefully be ready by May.

Caravan Park: Andrew notes that due to the weather and delays, the estimated time of the park being finished will most likely be June, instead of May. A soft opening is being planned for June, and plans are being formed for how to run the season.

6. ASCC UPDATE

John H said that the next meeting is scheduled for June

7. ROADS

Hillside Road: Moraig had been notified by a constituent that Scottish Water inspected the area, and that there were concerned that this may not be an adopted road; this

would impact whether Scottish Water or the Council inspected this. Liz confirmed that she saw Scottish water vans and workers on 15th April.

Meadowfield: Lindsay wondered if the manhole cover had been fixed at Meadowfield.

Action: Clerk

Chapel Lane: Kenny has spoken to a few bus drivers concerning the parking of a work van at the top of Chapel Lane; the van is parked on double yellow lines, and as a result of the parking, bus drivers do not feel safe driving down this street, and have struggled to pass safely. It was decided to contact the business that owned the van, before escalating further.

Action: Clerk

Astra: Andrew noted that there seems to be an issue with speeding with traffic going north near the caravan site; in addition that speeding causes normally, this could be an issue with higher numbers of visitors and families using the park. It has been suggested that SCDC and the SCC look into this, as this could prove to be an ongoing problem.

Action: Clerk

Brig o' Fitch: John H said that the road seems to be rough in some areas, and may benefit from resurfacing. Roads will be contacted with regard to this.

Action: Clerk

8. POLICE

The police report will be read out at the May meeting

9. FINANCE

Grant Funding: The community council will apply for the £4,000 that the community council can then use to fund grant applications.

Action: John H, Clerk

Community Benefit Fund: There were two applications requesting funding from the CBF; as the funds for the financial year 2021-22 have been used up, the committee were unfortunately unable to fund the applications. They have been informed of this, and invited to apply next year if applicable.

Special Projects Grant: John H informed the committee that Stephen Morgan has been paid out £1,002.27

Jamieson Trust: as Mark did not attend this meeting, this information is not available

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

11. PLANNING

2021/303/PPF: application for the Permanent alteration of pedestrian gateway at Scalloway Castle, Castle Street. No objections made to application.

12. TALL SHIPS RACES 2023

Emma Miller attended this meeting, to discuss with the committee opportunities that Scalloway may have to take part in the Tall Ship Races. Ships will travel from Norway to Shetland, and whilst this is not a race leg, this is an opportunity for the boats to stop off and visit Shetland; when the ships leave Shetland, this will be a race leg, heading back to Norway. During the last race, there were five 'guest harbours' in various communities besides Lerwick, and Scalloway was among them. It is estimated that the boats will leave Norway in late July, and arriving in Shetland later in the month. Ports and Harbours have shown an interest in supporting harbours participating, as free berthing has to be offered as part of the route. A coordinator from a cruising company is to be selected, and they will create a central program that will have a list of all the participating communities and harbours, as well as events and attractions that will be at each place. They will be travelling to Norway before the race, to help find out the number of boats taking part in the race. The sign up for the race begins in September, with the number of boats expected to take part being estimated to be 52; as there is a boat race happening in South America at the same time, and there are still repercussions caused by Covid, this number may be smaller than previous years.

Guest harbours will hopefully confirm their participation by summer 2022

13. NORWEGIAN FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

John H informed the committee that there was to be a meeting of the Scalloway Museum on 20th April, where matters relating to the Friendship Museum may be raised. Mark had previously enquired about inviting the Norwegian visitors for a meal, though the funding from this would need to come out of the community council's budget.

14. FLAGS

Ian has purchased a Union Jack flag for £75; it was decided that further purchases of flags would be discussed at the next meeting.

15. AOCB

Community Council Election: Ian thanked the community council for the work that they have done over the last five years; the committee thanked Ian, Moraig and Davie for their hard work, and wish them all the best for the Council Elections.

Transport Strategy: Andrew noted that the Lerwick community council had access to a Transport Strategy document, and wondered if Scalloway community council had been sent this document. This does not seem to have been sent to Scalloway; Michael is to be approached with regard to this.

Port Arthur: The community council welcomes the news that partial areas of the Port Arthur student accommodation may be reopened to students. After redesign and maintenance work is carried out, the ground floor of the building is to be open to some students in August; it is unsure what is to be done with the upper floors.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 16th May 2022 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 7.52pm.