

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Aith Hall on Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs S Deyell
M Bennett Mrs J Fraser
G Morrison
Ex officio: Cllr C Hughson Cllr T Smith
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first face to face meeting since February 2020

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Ms D Nicolson, Mr J D Garrick, Cllr S Coutts, Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs S Deyell, seconded by Mrs J Fraser.

BUSINESS ARISING: **Coronavirus:** Still a high number of cases in Shetland.

Broadband: Nothing to report.

Road Matters: **Road past Garderhouse:** Phase 1 of the work at Garderhouse has been completed and the tarring carried out. The work on the barriers will start in a couple of weeks time. It is hoped that Phase 2 will start early in the next financial year. If the work could be done through the school summer holidays, the hours of work could be extended to 5pm as the school bus will not be required. Cllr C Hughson agreed to ask if the road requires to be fully closed while the barriers are being erected.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: It was agreed to enquire of the Roads Dept whether the software for monitoring the speed in Tresta has been received and, if not, ask that they inform us when it is in operation.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: The next Community Liaison meeting is planned for 19 April.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF): Groups still being encouraged to apply for grants from this Fund.

Update on grants: **Investing in Communities Fund:** The next meeting of the Working Group is planned for 24 March. Some of the groups have completed their projects and others are still working on them.

Community Development Fund – Distribution 21/22: The grants agreed at the February meeting will be paid soon.

It was agreed to apply for a CDF Distribution grant for 22/23 and also apply for a Project grant.

Core Funding: Grants agreed last month to be paid soon.

The Core Funding grant will be drawn down from the SIC. The Clerk will write to Mr M Duncan requesting the grant and detailing the different headings under which it will be spent.

Funding: Various funding information was received from Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer, including from the Crown Estate.

Association: The Association meeting was held on 8 March. The Chairman had not managed to attend.

Orion Project: On going.

Planning Dept: A message was received from Mr Iain McDiarmid, Executive Manager – Planning, saying they had a couple of officers starting in early March in Development Management. Richard McMichael and Richie Gillies will be working off island on a temporary basis. They both have a wide range of development management experience in several authorities. Obviously they will not be available for site visits so the more information that people can provide as part of the applications the better.

Turning area at inner end of Sandsound road: Mr M Bennett had received a reply from Mr N Robertson saying that it is hoped that the sign will be provided in April or May.

Planning application: 2022/002/MAR To develop a new mussel farm comprising of 6 x 260m twin-headline longlines. SE of Roesound Skerry, Seli Voe, Shetland by John Michael Laurenson. Reconsidered. The members felt that the site is very exposed. An objection was received and a reply will be sent saying that there is local concern in the community regarding this site.

Scotland's Census: Forms must be completed by 20 March.

Shetland Local Development Plan: Consultation now closed.

Children at Play signs at Skeld: Art Machine have made the signs, at a cost of £84.00. Mrs J Fraser will collect them this week and arrange to have them put in place.

SIC COUNCILLORS: All three of our present SIC Councillors are standing down at the election in May. The Chairman said they are all very competent Councillors and the members agreed. Only 2 Councillors will represent the westside in the next term.

PLANNING APPLICATION: The Chairman and Mrs J Fraser declared an interest in this application. 2022/057/PPF Erect single storey timber frame dwelling house with garage and air source heat pump, adjacent Kvernbakki, Aith, ZE2 9NB by Mr Duncan Fraser. Welcomed.

SCOTTISH GOVT – CORONAVIRUS MODIFICATIONS AND PLANNING LEGISLATION: Information received from Mr M Duncan.

SHETLAND WAY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: A message was received from Stantic UK Ltd saying they have been commissioned to support Visit Scotland, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, SIC, Nature Scot and Shetland Tourism Association by undertaking a feasibility study. The Shetland Way walking and potentially cycling route would run for circa 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.

CLIMATE CHANGE: An invitation had been received from the Climate Change Strategy Team to a community workshop to discuss climate change and Shetland. It had been held on 7 March.

NATURE CALLS: A message was received from Mr Gavin Steel at Scottish Water giving details of their campaign which is available on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hKJEMXeVti>.

SHETLAND TIMES DIRECTORY: An email was received from the Shetland Times asking for business numbers update for the Shetland Directory & Classified Business List 2023-24. This will be completed.

SPPC NEWSLETTER: A copy of their Newsletter was received from the the Shetland Public & Protection Committee.

SALARY SCALES: A copy of the Local Government Employees Salary Scale from 1 April 2021, re the Clerk's salary, was received from Mr M Duncan.

MSP'S BILL ON FLY TIPPING: A consultation document in relation to Fly-tipping Bill was received from Mr M Duncan.

SHETLAND MARINE PLANNING PARTNERSHIP & NEWSLETTER: Newsletter received saying advisory group meeting to be held in April.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.30pm, hopefully again in the Aith Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
The meeting closed at 8.45pm