

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Skeld Hall on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs S Deyell
M Bennett Ms D Nicolson
J D Garrick
Ex officio: Cllr C Hughson Cllr T Smith
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Mr G Morrison, Mrs J Fraser, 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 March 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr M Bennett, seconded by Mrs S Deyell.

BUSINESS ARISING: Police: A message had been received from the Police Dept giving the details of the designated Police Officers for each Community Council area. PC Darnowska's email was listed for this area but the Clerk had tried to contact her without success.

Coronavirus: Ongoing.

Broadband: Nothing to report.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: The Chairman thanked Cllr C Hughson for contacting the Roads Dept and finding that there will be no need for a road closure for the barrier installation. The Chairman asked when Phase 2 of this project will go ahead and Cllr C Hughson agreed to ask for an update.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: Mr D Coupe replied to our enquiry saying that they have not been able to provide a fix for the system currently in place at Tresta to monitor the temporary speed limit. They have ordered a replacement system which will be erected quickly to allow monitoring to commence straight away. This will allow them to gather a baseline for the movements along the road before we move fully into the spring and summer season. The new system will not be permanently sited but it will come and go over the period of the temporary order to establish an ongoing snapshot of data that can be analysed. They will put out their traffic counting systems again sometime towards the end of the temporary period together the vehicle numbers and

speed data to assist with confirmation. As the speed limit signs have been in place since 10 December, members do not agree that baseline figures collected at this time can be classed as being correct. It was agreed that all the evidence will be kept and will be put together and circulated to the members of the Transport Committee prior to their consideration at the end of the 18 month trial period in March 2023.

Gritting Programme: Following the March Association meeting, Mr M Duncan forwarded a copy of the SIC's Winter Road Treatment Programme.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: The next Community Liaison meeting will be held on 19 April.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF): Applications were received from two groups and both were approved. Mrs S Deyell and the Chairman declared an interest in application No 180191.

No 180191 Skeld & District Public Hall for upgrading wind generator

No 180203 Shetland Family History Society to make accessible the Society's photographic record of tombstones within Shetland together with their transcriptions through a search facility on their members' section of their website. They are requesting funds from all Community Councils in Shetland.

Update on grants: Investing in Communities Fund: A meeting of the Working Group as held on 24 March. One of the groups has been unable to use their £3,000 grant and the finance is now being offered to the groups at the top of the 'unsuccessful project' list.

Community Development Fund – Distribution 21/22: It is hoped to apply for CDF grants this year.

Core Funding: All the grants for 21/22 have been paid. The Clerk had contacted Mr M Duncan and asked for drawdown of this year's Core funding and a Letter of Offer had been received and signed. A letter was received from the Skeld Pier Trust thanking the Community Council for the grants they had received.

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

Association: A message was received from Mr M Duncan asking for agenda items for the next Association meeting on 14 June. No items this time.

Mr M Duncan also asked for volunteers to serve on a short life working group to promote the 2022 Community Council elections.

Orion Project: On going.

Turning area at inner end of Sandsound road: Still hoping that the sign will be provided before the end of May.

Children at Play signs at Skeld: Signs collected but not yet erected.

Parkhall: A message was received from Ms Hazel Sutherland, Chief Executive to Shetland Amenity Trust saying they are placing an advert for expressions of interest in Parkhall. The property is a listed building with iconic status so any development would be subject to the normal statutory consents.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The following planning applications were considered and no objections were raised:-

2022/010/MAR To extend an existing salmon farm planning boundary to the North and East to enable longer moorings, Stead of Aithsness by Ms Kelsey Padgett of Cooke Aquaculture

2022/011/MAR Change of use of an existing consented salmon farm to a mussel farm comprising 3 x 220m twin-headline longlines at Bight of Braewick, Aith Voe by Ms Kelsey Padgett of Cooke Aquaculture.

FINANCIAL APPLICATION: Ms D Nicolson declared an interest in this application.

Application from Open Door Drama Group for help with funding for their forthcoming youth trip to perform at The Lowry, Salford. The members felt that this group do good work and are inclusive to all abilities. As one of the group involved in the trip lives in this area, it was agreed to grant them the £200.00 they requested.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT REVIEW FORMAL CONSULTATION: A message was received from Mr M Duncan saying that the closing date for feed back to this consultation is 15 April.

PLANNING AID SCOTLAND (PAS): Mr M Duncan forwarded a copy of some information from Planning Aid Scotland. He added that he hopes to organise another Planning training workshop with PAS after the 2022 Community Council elections have taken place, probably into 2023.

KEEP SAFE AWARENESS: A message was received with some information from Shetland Public Protection Committee (SPPC) on the I Am Me – Keep Safe project. Staff in SPCC are working towards rolling out this project in Shetland. Watch the Keep Safe Scotland clip to give you more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZS7h1FTaQk>.

SPEED OF TRAFFIC PASSING CAKE FRIDGE: The speed of traffic passing the cake fridge was brought to the attention of the members. As the Cake Fridge is on the edge of the road, it was agreed that Mr Neil Hutcheson be asked to check the road in this area and advise whether some sort of traffic calming signs can be placed nearby to advise drivers to be careful.

LIGHTS AT BIXTER PLAY AREA: It has been reported to one of our members that there are no lights in the Bixter Play Area. A message will be sent requesting that lights be provided in this area so that children can use it even in the darker months.

BIN AT SAND BEACH: The bin at the Sand beach is broken. A message will be sent to the SIC Cleansing Dept requesting that a new bin be provided. This is a very popular beach, especially in the summer time, and although the visitors are placing their refuse in the bin, it gets blown around the area.

ELECTION HUSTINGS: A Hustings will be held in Aith Public Hall on Thursday 21 or Monday 25 April at 7pm – 9pm. Mr J D Garrick agreed to organise and Chair the meeting and Mrs S Deyell will organise the Shetland Times advert, Radio Shetland, Facebook page and the posters.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Skeld Hall. This is a week later than normal.

PRESENTATION: As this was the final meeting of the SIC Councillors' session and neither of them are returning, partly due to the boundary changes, a small gift from the members along with a certificate giving details of their service to this area was presented to each of them. The Chairman thanked them for all the work they had done and wished them well. They will certainly be missed.

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