

**GULBERWICK, QUARFF & CUNNINGSBURGH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2022
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING AT 7.30PM

A. THE CIRCULAR CALLING THE MEETING HELD WAS READ BY THE CLERK.

Nominations for chair were called for but none were forthcoming. Mr C Clark agreed to stand in as interim chairperson for the meeting.

B. PRESENT	Mrs L Johnston Mr R Skinley	Mrs M Davis	Mr S Douglas
EX OFFICIO	Mr R McGregor	Mr M Duncan	
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs K Geddes	Mrs A Arnett	
CHAIRPERSON	Mr C Clark (interim)		
APOLOGIES	Mrs S Wishart Dr A Armitage	PC M Macleod Mr B Peterson	Mr E MacPherson Mrs P Christie
NOT PRESENT	Mr A Duncan	Mr A Duncan	

Information – due to the Covid-19 Virus pandemic meetings are being held online.

C. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R McGregor declared an interest in agenda item 9 – Planning Applications.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29 March were approved on the motion of Mrs L Johnston and seconded by Mr S Douglas.

1. MATTERS ARISING

1. Dog Waste Bins

Mr Clark was able to report that all four bins were in place. He is going to get photos of them for sharing. They may need something attached to help secure the lids in the winter but he has already had discussions about this with the SIC. It has taken a while to get the whole project finished but thanks to the help of the SIC we are finally there.

2. Letter from Dennis Leask

Mr Leask wrote expressing his thanks for allowing his attendance at the last meeting when the subject of Active Travel and Sustrans funding was discussed and Mrs Robina Barton, SIC Transport Policy & Projects Officer spoke. He wrote of his frustration at the lack progress being made for Active Travel projects, especially in Gulberwick where he had helped to submit lots of detailed suggestions for the area.

No applications for funding for anywhere in Shetland have yet been submitted and the approach taken – to submit proposals for funding for Areas of Best Fit as defined in the Local Plan – mean that it is likely to be many more years before areas such as Gulberwick receive support from the SIC. The suggestion that applications can be made through other means, such as Local Development Companies mean more work for small communities and then stiff competition against the bigger bids submitted by the local authority.

He writes: "In conclusion it is extremely unfair that this carrot should have been dangled in front of CC when there was little prospect of submissions becoming reality within a decade, thus undermining CC ability to be seen to deliver for their communities."

Members read the letter and agreed with many of his sentiments, especially his frustration at lack of progress for the whole of Shetland and our communities in particular. The work of the Development Group may lead to some progress and is further down the agenda.

2. POLICE REPORT

The clerk read out details of the Police Report for February and March. Officers have been attending the Blackgaet junction at Gulberwick to remind motorists of the new speed limits. There was detail about how to safely share the road with horses and riders – for both drivers and riders.

There were seven incidents recorded for Gulberwick, Cunningsburgh and Quarff which were summarised as follows

- Minor RTC (2)
- Waterborne incident
- Internet safety
- Minor RTC
- Fraud
- Wildlife crime

ACTION: Clerk to send out the report to all members.

3. FINANCE

The bank statement on May 10th reads £3,255.35.

The road materials for the beach road at Quarff have been delivered and the bill to Garriock Bros paid - £571.07. The clerk's backpay of £138.72 agreed at the last meeting was also paid. The grant to the Cunningsburgh Village Club will be paid in the new financial year when the last documents required from the club are with the clerk.

Financial Year End

The clerk is preparing the accounts to go into VAS for independent verification.

Covid Relief Fund/Free Hot Meals Project

The monitoring forms for the last Shetland Charitable Trust Small Grants Scheme grant we were awarded is in, and when they have been reviewed the funds for the new grant will be released. The Cunningsburgh Hall has been paying for the meals using the GQC CC grant awarded. We still have a few grocery vouchers left for Mackenzie's and Sound.

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS & SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND UPDATE

The clerk shared that the issue with emails meant she has missed the first round of bids for the Community Development Fund but Mr Duncan confirmed that another round closes on Friday 20th May and that there are funds still available. No project ideas were forthcoming from members so the clerk will apply for the £3,000 Distribution Fund unless she hears differently before the bid goes in. Mr Duncan also shared that the core grant fund is now open and the same process as usual is in place. The clerk will apply for both funds.

There were two applications from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund Advanced Grant Scheme. Both were awarded the full amount requested:

The Shetland Family History Society - £500 towards website development

Shetland Junior Netball Development Group - £400 towards a netball final in Edinburgh

ACTION: Clerk to complete and return the paperwork for the SCBF and apply for the SIC funding as usual.

5. ROAD ISSUES/CAMPAIGN FOR REDUCED SPEED LIMITS

New SIC Councillors have just been elected but no one has been appointed to committees yet so there is not too much to report. Cllr McGregor vowed that whatever role he had going forward, he would continue to campaign for positive changes to road layouts and speed limits as led by the constituents.

Another serious road accident at the Black Gaet junction was reported and was discussed by members. It is hoped that some positive changes other than just the reduced speed limit would be seen soon.

A reply to the email again suggesting again extension of the 50mph speed limit in Cunningsburgh to encompass the road up to and just beyond Mackenzie's Farm Shop was received, with an answer in the negative. It was agreed to pass detail in the letter back to the member of the public who has been in contact about the issue.

ACTION: Mr Douglas to share the letter from SIC Roads with the person who contacted him.

6. GULBERWICK, QUARFF & CUNNINGSBURGH DEVELOPMENT GROUP UPDATE

Mr C Clark reported that following the meeting with Community Council Liaison Officer/Grant Officer Michael Duncan and Community Involvement and Development Officer Ana Arnett they have received further useful information and ideas. The next step is to meet up with the Scottish Community Development Centre and with VAS to gain extra insight on how to proceed. They are waiting on dates. Mr Clark thanked Mr Duncan and Mrs Arnett for their help.

ACTION: Mr Clark to keep everyone informed.

8. AOCB

1. Update on Live Meetings

Mr Duncan was asked when it was likely that we would be able to meet face to face again. He explained that there was a slow drift back to hybrid meetings with a few Community Councils meeting in person and using different technology to do so. Community Development are currently testing technology to support Community Councils to do that and it has gone well so far. He will keep us posted on when they purchase more of the kit and have it available to borrow. While members expressed a desire to meet face to face, they also recognised that attendance from SIC officials and visitors from other organisations has improved since the option to attend remotely has been offered – hybrid meetings seem the logical next step when the technology is available.

ACTION: Clerk to email school to find out whether they would be happy to have meetings in the building again. Mr Duncan to keep us posted about the technology.

2. HMI National Thematic Review of Community Learning and Development

Mr Clark attended this meeting about the Community Council's experience during Covid and any lessons learned. An email from June Porter, Team Leader – Community Development explained how the meeting went:

"To quickly recap, Wednesday's discussions aimed to focus on the role of CLD partners in supporting recovery from Covid-19 in local communities, and how well partners are

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prioritising and using effective CLD approaches to support those who are marginalised or at risk of being isolated in their communities. They were also interested in how the pandemic has affected the CLD landscape, including changes to the ways in which CLD is accessed and delivered.

Key feedback messages:

- Very positive picture of supportive partnership working
- Partners are taking the time to really think about how to do things in response to ever changing circumstances for individuals and communities, e.g. pandemic and cost of living
- The Shetland CLD Partnership is stronger and more equal as a result of these past 2 years, with a deeper understanding of each other's work
- There is some potential for duplication, as partners roll out new initiatives to meet emerging needs
- There is potential to further develop the sharing of good practice and joint training
- The move to online delivery has clearly been beneficial across the board in reaching both isolated and new participants
- Community organisations have a greater understanding of the needs in their communities as a result of the pandemic and are changing their focus accordingly
- The whole family approach to supporting families facing complex issues is positive, the challenge will be in how services align to this way of working
- Clear cultural expectations around volunteering contribute to the high number of volunteers and it is great to see celebrations of volunteering effort have continued
- Partners have a good handle on what is needed to support mental health, with a mix of specialised and universal offers encouraging self-reliance"

3. ASCC Meeting – 14th June

Mr Duncan explained that the next ASCC meeting is on June 14th. It was noted that this is the same night as our next Community Council meeting so there may be a change to the date of our meeting if we can not manage to have a representative at the ASCC as well as enough to be quorate at our meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate possible attendance at our next meeting and change the date if necessary.

7. PLANNING

--- Cllr McGregor left at 8.01pm ---

There were three planning applications which members were required to comment on. None of them had any objections or comments to return:

[2022/105/PPF](#): Temporarily site wooden clad chalet, North of Kenwood, Gord Road, Cunningsburgh

[2022/042/VCN](#): Application to vary Planning Permission Condition 2, Brindister Quarry

[2022/043/VCN](#): Application to vary Planning Permission Conditions 1, Brindister Quarry

Two other applications were on the planning website but did not require comment:

[2022/106/PN](#): Erect agricultural building, Fladdabister, Cunningsburgh

[2022/107/PN](#): Erect agricultural shed, Blosta, Cunningsburgh.

ACTION: Clerk to send responses to SIC Planning.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th June 2022.

Meeting Ends – 8.09 pm.

12. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

January 2021 - Torches for school children from Elaine Skinley, SIC Road Safety Officer. To be distributed when the schools open again.

February 2021 – Radicle Road – an SIC Roads engineer is to look at the road to see if any maintenance work can be done to the verges to improve the road for all users.

September 2021 – Heathery Park Path Clearing – a third meet-up to clear the last weeds off the path was unable to be organised. Members to look again in spring 2022.