

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 21 April 2022 in Bressay Hall and by remote video conference

This minute is unapproved until adopted at the next meeting of BCC

Present:

Alistair Christie Henry
Shirley Gifford
Dee Henderson-Haefner
Amanda Sinclair
Richard Burrell
Malcolm Bell

In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)
Gary Robinson (Visitor by invitation)

Agenda Items

1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chairman opened the Meeting welcomed members and guest to the hall.

Apologies were noted from:

Stephen Leask
John Fraser
Michael Duncan
Pat Christie
Kevin Main
Rab Millar

2. Declaration of interest:

The Chairman asked for declarations of interest – none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 10 March 2022 and additional meeting of 15 March 2022, previously circulated to members. The minutes were approved, proposed by Dee and seconded by Richard.

4. Matters arising (actions not elsewhere on agenda):

AP1: Maintenance of Woodland site/Ownership of UHA hut – although there has been no response from UHA Chairman, Alistair has investigated further and could inform that he was advised that a 99 year lease for the site was signed by B. Anderson, in 1999 on behalf of the Bressay Up Helly AA Committee. He further advised that this is confirmed on the land register. Therefore it was concluded that the Galley Shed site is protected. He confirmed that according to the Land Register, SIC still retains ownership of the two adjacent sites.

Completed

AP2: Fuel project feasibility study and Bottle Bank, additional bins & Ferry Car Park Works – Chairman reported that he had not yet progressed the fuel project. He also informed that he was still waiting confirmation on the relocation of the bottle bank and the start of the Car Park works; however, he could inform the meeting that he would be able to ascertain more information next week when he is in meetings with the parties involved. Shirley could also confirm there was someone at the car park taking official photos last month.

Regarding additional bins, Amanda had been in touch with the SIC Waste Collections and Street Supervisor who had informed her there were no bins available. However, she said he was prepared to replace the bin at the ferry with a big bin and move the existing bin from the ferry to an alternative location. One of the historical problems was the bins didn't get emptied, however he had confirmed that if the bin was on the route of the refuse collection it would get collected with domestic waste. Some debate ensued on the feasibility of this solution and where to site the moved bin.

Members concluded that one bin was better than nothing, although it doesn't solve the problem of just one public bin on the island other than at the ferry, when we need one at each community council bench and dog waste bins at Voeseid and Glebe. It was decided in the meanwhile to accept the bigger bin at the ferry and moving that one bin, after checking the suitability of the bigger bin at the ferry, whilst making it clear that additional bins would still be required and the issue was not closed. The chosen site for the relocated bin would be at the Broch Loch as one of the biggest litter areas was at Noss Sound however Noss was not on the waste collection route.

1. Action Chairman

AP3: Anti-social team & Ferry Operations re waiting room:

Following the reply from the Executive Manager, Ferry Operations detailing actions which has been agreed to address the issues with the waiting room, Amanda confirmed a bin has been placed outside and signage posted detailing the room is for Bressay residents/ferry passengers. However, there were no details of who to contact in the case of issues either of use by teenagers congregating or littering. Last week there were a considerable number gathered in the waiting room, coming and going and on various occasions and accumulations of litter. The Ferry Crew lock the room up at night therefore it was mooted they should be doing more to ensure it was clean and perhaps signage on who to call if the room was not clean (as found in public toilets).

It was decided that if SIC did not display the information BCC would do so. Additionally clerk was instructed to publish on the BCC facebook page.

2. Action Clerk

AP4: Small allocation Quarry Cleanings: – no new information

3. Action Clerk

AP5: Clearing of grids:

Completed

AP6: New Members Forms:

Completed

5. Shetland Islands Council Election, Lerwick North & Bressay Ward.

Chairman introduced Gary Robinson, one of the prospective candidates for the forthcoming election, and invited him to address the meeting. Garry gave a brief summary of his experience as a former councilor and Council Leader, with Shetland Health Board and Lerwick Ports Authority; he then detailed his knowledge and stance on many of the issues facing our community and Shetland as a whole, with particular emphasis on fixed links.

5a. Future Meetings of BCC, Venue and attendance.

Members noted that this was the first fully face to face BCC meeting for some two years and during this time meetings have been closed to visitors. Following discussion it was decided

to resume open meetings but depending on circumstances, i.e. if aware of an upsurge of Covid cases would then take the decision to either postpone or hold the meeting in camera. To facilitate this future Agendas would be published (on the Facebook page and notice boards) 7 days before, time permitting.

6. Member & Visitor Report

Malcolm used the opportunity to address the meeting to express his thanks to the Community Council and the residents of Bressay for his time in office and his regret at standing down. Members thanked him for his service to the Community, his helpfulness to the Council and wished him well for the future.

Amanda and Malcolm left the meeting at 20:10 to attend to other business.

7. Infrastructure Update:

Previously discussed at AP2 and 5.

8. Planning Applications:

BCC viewed plans of a proposed new dwelling house on a derelict croft at Pettifirth. Members noted their approval, in agreeing and supporting the proposal members wished to point out to the SIC that the realignment of the 'Trowlands road' which serves as access to East Bressay and Pettifirth was still not progressed. Clerk to respond to SIC planning supporting the application but mentioning the outstanding works required. **4. Action Clerk**

9. Correspondence:

A number of emails have previously been circulated to members. Clerk passed on details of an email from the Scottish Community Councils Improvement Service with a survey on what support they needed. The Chair urged all to respond to this for everyone's benefit.

10. Financial Report and Community Benefit Fund:

The year-end accounts are being prepared and will be circulated to members for discussion prior to the next meeting, meanwhile clerk confirmed the full distribution grant and Project Fund for 2001/22 (£3000 + £1000) has been allocated.

SCBF Applications: A reply had been received to BCC request for clarification regarding the application from Ability Shetland for their Holiday Club funding. The reply this was read to the members, following which the grant unanimously approved.

The application to the Shetland Family History group for the digitilisation of monuments, previously circulated to members was also unanimously approved.

Next Year's Funding: Applications for first round SIC funding for Project Grants and the Distribution Fund closes tomorrow. In anticipation of this, clerk and Chairman lodged applications today for the full £3,000 Distribution Grant and for a £1,000 Project Grant. The project will be to purchase and install an additional defibrillator to be sited in the Kiosk at Ham. The full cost of this project is estimated to be £1,350 therefore £350 will be required from the Core fund. Alistair proposed that we ring-fence these funds from the 2022/23 budget now. This was by, seconded by Dee and passed unanimously.

11: Any Other Business

During the discussions on the planning application a discussion on broadband had come up. In his work capacity Richard has considerable knowledge on the subject. The Chair asked if we could tap into this, particularly with regard to funding and Richard agreed to investigate further and would report back at a future meeting. **5: Action Richard**

Shirley raised a query regarding the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee whether we could provide a commemorative item for everyone on the Island. A lively debate followed. A £5 coin was mooted, which would be quite costly for everyone on the Island so perhaps something just for children. It was pointed out this had been debated at a previous meeting where we decided we would not do anything ourselves but would support a Bressay group who may be inclined to do something and who would be eligible to apply to the BCC for financial support. It was noted that the Sports Club is hosting an event at the Sports Pitch and should they wish to approach us for funding for a commemorative item we could assist.

6: Action Clerk to discuss with the Sports Club Chair

12. Location and date of next meeting:

The next meeting of BCC will be held on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 7.15 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date

The remainder of this document does not form part of the public minute

Summary of new and outstanding action

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| AP1: Fuel project feasibility study.
Bottle Bank, additional bins & Ferry Car Park Works. | Action: Chairman |
| AP2: Anti-social team & Ferry Operations re waiting room. | Action: Clerk |
| AP3: Allocation of small quantity Quarry Cleanings. | Action: Clerk |
| AP4: Respond to planning application. | Action: Clerk |
| AP5: Investigation into Broadband provisions | Action: Richard |
| AP6: Discussion with Sports Club for Jubilee Commemoration | Action: Clerk |