

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 20/06/2022

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:
John Hunter – Chair
Kenny Pottinger
Liz Walter
Mark Burgess
Lindsay Laurenson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Davie Sandison
Cllr Catherine Hughson

2. APOLOGIES:
John MacKenzie
Andrew Blackadder
Louise Davis
Michael Duncan – SIC
Roselyn Fraiser – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2022 were proposed by Liz and seconded by Lindsay.

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: Mark confirmed that the SCDC has received a draft of the completed Waterfront/ Town Centre Feasibility study, and this will only be a few weeks away from publication. The draft contains some potential outlines of projects that could potentially be pursued, which will be addressed once the report is published. Mark also noted that when pursuing funding, projects that have been planned out like in this case are more likely to receive funding compared to projects that are begun from scratch; this gives the potential projects a better chance of becoming actualised.

Caravan Park: Mark told the committee that things are progressing; however, Davie had received confirmation that the project is around a month behind schedule, and whilst progress may be made up in the summer months, the official opening of the caravan park is to be pushed back.

6. ASCC UPDATE

John H said that the next meeting will be in about three weeks from the community council meeting

7. ROADS

Hillside Road: Mark has heard from residents in this area that there is a general trend for road traffic in the area to travel in a fast and unsafe manner for the environment; residents have proposed that Hillside Road be made into a 10mph road. Whilst this would usually require a survey of the area, with speed cameras installed, a precedent has been set in Edinburgh that would allow speed limits to be lowered to 20mph without the requirement for traffic calming measures. Mark comments that there have been proposals to make the main village of Scalloway into a 20mph zone; Davie confirms this, as this came out of a recent consultation. Davie also noted that the national guidance on speed limits is no longer necessary at a local level. Moraig has spoken to Dave Coupe with regard to this issue, who confirmed that the reduction of speed limits seems to be likely. Whilst the 20mph could be implemented, it is noted that Hillside Road does not have pavements, and thus residents feel that 10mph would be safer for residents. It was decided that Mark would offer feedback to the Hillside Road residents, and that roads should be contacted on their behalf.

Action: Clerk

Meadowfield: clerk confirmed that this issue had been resolved

8. POLICE

The police report was requested, but not received before the meeting. Upon follow up, the police briefing papers for February/March were passed to the members, and the Scalloway section read as follows:

"There have been 15 incidents recorded for Scalloway, which can be summarised as follows; Fraud (2); Minor RT Offences (2); Concern for persons (2); [...] Breach of the peace (3); Theft; Dangerous driving; Careless driving; Extortion; Minor RTC; Abuse of police phone system"

9. FINANCE

Core Funding: John H notified the committee that that the SCC has been granted £7,258 in core funding by the SIC; John H broke down the budget as follows:

Administration	£6,258.00
Environmental services	£350.00
Grants to local/district groups	£350.00
Civic	£300.00
Roads	£0.00
TOTAL funding	£7,258.00

Grant Funding: The community council applied for £4,000 that the community council can then use to fund grant applications; the SCC has received £3,000.

Community Development Fund: The SCDC applied for £1,000 towards the cost of the visit by seven representatives from the Øygarden Kommune. Other community councils have been approached for funding as well, namely communities that were involved with the Shetland Bus; the Shetland Bus Friendship Society are also putting funding towards this visit. There is also a delegation of Norwegians arriving around the same time to present the Scalloway Museum with a cheque for £25,000 for the replica cradle/slipway restoration project, though these two visits are not related. Mark, Davie and John H declared interest in the application. Lindsay noted that the £1,000 requested would be 1/3 of the budget for local projects, whose projects may be seen as more beneficial to the community than the facilitating of a single visit. Mark notes that the visit will bring financial benefits to Scalloway, and that with the Friendship Agreement being renewed, this could encourage further investment from Norwegian visits. It was decided that £1,000 would be put forward as a cover for the visit; if other community councils contributed to the grant applications, then there would be a partial return of the money.

Community Benefit Fund: The youth centre applied for a grant of £7,860 to be funded over a three year period (£2,620 per annum) to help fund efforts to hire a part time centre manager from 2022 to 2025. As the CBF funding from this year has been used up, they were informed last month that they should apply once again during the next funding period; however, Sonia has contacted the SCC to request that the committee commit to funding this application once the time comes. Full funding is required before the position can be filled. The committee have chosen to offer their support to the youth centre, and ensure the funding is supplied when the finances are available; it was noted that the youth centre has grown in scope, and at this point in time is a vital resource for the Scalloway community.

Action: Clerk

The Shetland Bus Friendship Society (Scalloway Museum) have applied for £300 for the preservation and restoration of the replica ship cradle and slipway. John H notified the committee of a conflict of interest, and Kenny took over as chair. There was a debate once again on whether the slipway would be practical or decorative; it should be noted that the funding is being sought by the SBFS, and not Malakoff. There were also discussions of how beneficial this would be compared to other facilities that could be offered instead. John H told the committee that he had spoken with Dougie Stephens regarding the potential for making the slipway functional; Dougie had told him that to make this possible, the costs would be too high to make this a financially feasible. Mark pointed out the benefits that the Scalloway Museum offered Scalloway, which included the voluntary opportunities and the 20,000 visitors per year that come to Scalloway for the museum. Mark noted that as there are no funds left in this year's CBF funding; the SBFS is to be advised that SCC will not be taking any money from next year's CBF for the moment, but they are welcome to apply to the community distribution fund in the short term

Action: Clerk

Special Projects Grant: Mark told the committee that the funding for the interpretative boards, marker stone and materials for Gallows Hill has been extended to 2023; however, he has been advised that the project needs to be finished before another project is begun. With regard to money left over from this project, there have been a number of suggestions on how to use it, such as the provision of additional signage, benches for the area, or the erection of an interpretative board of local wildlife to be installed at the West Shore. Liz also suggested the repair and installation of styles, and improving access to the Gallows Hill, which was agreed on by the present council members. Mark is to raise this particular suggestion.

Action: Mark

Jamieson Trust: Mark notified the committee that the mechanism for the clock has been adjusted, and is ready to be installed. Mark and the engineer will organise a time to meet so that the installation of the mechanism can be carried out.

Action: Mark

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members. Mark has received a message through the SCC Facebook page from a representative of the Viking Angling Festival, a competition based in Scalloway in August, seeking sponsorship. This may be discussed at the next SCC meeting.

11. PLANNING

2022/109/PPF: application for the erection of a dwelling house with attached garage and heat pump at Sundibanks, East Voe. No Objections made to application

12. NORWEGIAN FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

[Further information can be found in Section 9: Finances]

Mark informed the SCC that an events subcommittee has been formed. Mark also gave a brief breakdown of what the visit of the Norwegian representatives will entail; which included an informal meet and greet, a civic reception, a walking and coach tour, and the signing of the revamped friendship agreement. There has been a suggestion of changing the name of the friendship agreement, due to the Sund community being incorporated into Øygarden, and the possibility that the friendship agreement will spread out from Scalloway as well. There has been a suggestion that it may be renamed to the Shetland Bus Community Agreement, which the committee agreed would be a suitable amendment to the name. Kenny wondered if there would be to ensure that the school was involved with the visit, which the committee agreed would need to be kept in mind.

13. FLAGS

Ian has assessed what flags were already to hand; there is a large Scalloway flag, a big and small Norwegian flag, a small union Jack and a big Shetland flag. It is £60 to design a flag, and £60 in addition for the creation of the flag. It was agreed that a Scalloway flag of an appropriate size should be printed, with the wording on the original flag design being removed. It was also suggested that a smaller Shetland flag be purchased, to

ensure that it can be flown on Shetland Flag Day. Ian is to order the appropriate flags as requested.

Action: Ian

14. AOCB

Telephone Box: Lindsay said that the telephone at Meadowsfield has been reinstated.

Blydoit Bus Stop: Liz had been approached by residents, who requested that a bin be placed in or around the bus stop. As this is an area where a lot of people seem to gather, there seems to be a lot of litter that gathers there. John H noted that there does not seem to be many bins in that area, so would be beneficial for the area as a whole. Ian offered to speak to waste services, to request a bin be installed at the earliest convenience.

Action: Ian

Head of the Voe: Liz informed the committee that residents have complained about the dockens, dandelions and weeds around this area, and wanted to know if a weeding/restoration project could be carried out. Roads will be contacted, to see if they are the relevant department, and if not, the correct department to contact.

Action: Clerk

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 20th June 2022 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 9.03pm.