

# Delting Community Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.**

## **2022/04/01 MEMBERS**

Mr A Cooper, Chairman  
Ms R Griffiths  
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor

Ms J Dennison  
Mr B Moreland

## **2022/04/02 IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

## **2022/03/03 CIRCULAR**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **2022/04/04 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Hall, Ms K Maggs, Mr J Milne, Ms G Smith and Mr W Whitrow.

## **2022/04/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

## **2022/04/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2022/04/07 MATTERS ARISING**

- 7.1 Shetland Community Benefit Fund – Appointing a Director** – This item has been carried onto the next meeting.
- 7.2 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.3 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – Ms J Dennison said that broadband speeds are poor in Muckle Roe. Downloading is okay but uploading is not fit for purpose. The Chairman said that BT and the Scottish Government have been slow with the roll out of R100. The SIC are looking at areas where there is no coverage so he is unsure if Muckle Roe will be included in that.
- 7.4 Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – The Chairman reported that the contractor is still on site so there is no access to extended parking at the moment.
- 7.5 Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.6 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – There was no update on this item.

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- 7.7 Litter Bins Overflowing at Mavis Grind and outside the Brae Co-op** – The Clerk contacted Ms Paula Nicolson, Waste Operations Officer with SIC Infrastructure Services. She is going to see if an even larger bin can be placed at Mavis Grind and if it can be emptied weekly. Ms R Griffiths asked if Members know when the recycling bottle banks in Mossbank and Brae were going to be emptied as they are overflowing. The Chairman contacted the SIC earlier this week about this and there has been issues lately due to covid. The glass should be collected fortnightly and they are hoping to get both bottle banks cleared this week.
- 7.8 Active Travel Strategy** – The Chairman said there is no update on this item and he hopes Mrs E Macdonald will be able to keep pursuing the need to get items such as the Sparl Road in Voe on their agenda.
- 7.9 Crash Barrier in Voe – To be repaired** – The Chairman reported that it is currently being fixed.
- 7.10 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – Members are keen for the traffic counters to be placed in this area in June. The Clerk is to check with Mr Colin Gair if this is going to be happening. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.11 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – The Clerk heard back from Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service today to say that Transport Planning set the budget for bus shelters and to contact them. The Clerk had sent e-mails to Mr Michael Craigie, SIC Transport Planning on 8<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December about this and received no reply. She sent another e-mail to him today.
- 7.12 Racist Graffiti on the Bus Shelter at the Brig of Brae** – The Clerk contacted Police Scotland following the last meeting to express Members concern with the racist graffiti on the bus shelter at the Brig of Brae and asked if there is anything they can do about this. Police Constable Francesca MacColl said they will look to carry out more patrols in the Delting area and look out for any kind of defacing to the shelters and pass it on to the SIC.
- 7.13 Lack of White Lines on the Roads** – The Chairman has seen the SIC doing some white lining but not the centre or sides of the roads in the Delting area this week.
- 7.14 Proposed Bus Shelter near Voe Hall** – There has been no progress with this.
- 7.15 Potential Dog Park in Delting** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.16 Dangerous Overtaking between Voe and Sandgarth** – The Clerk received an e-mail from Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service regarding Members request for double white lines on the road in this area so people know that they should not be overtaking in this area. Mr N Hutcheson said that double white centre lines are one of the few road markings where their contravention is an endorsable offence and is subject to penalty points under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, there are strict criteria controlling where they can be used. Double centre lines can only be installed where the visibility on bends or crests is less than 155 metres for a road such as this section of the A968 with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 56 mph. The exception to this criteria is for overtaking lanes such as the 3-lane section on the A970 to the north of Lerwick.

The crests on either side of the Collafirth junction have been checked previously and the available visibility exceeds 125 metres. This means that the double centre lines cannot be marked here. Instead, they marked a warning line where the mark is twice as long as the gap. The sizing of these on the A968, since it is a rural location, is a 3 metre gap between 6 metre marks. This was reinforced with warning signs with “hidden dip “plates. These should be sufficient to warn responsible drivers of the hazards on the road ahead.

The Chairman said that the issue is that the public has to deal with irresponsible drivers. However, if this is the law, there is nothing Members can do about it.

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- 7.17 Meetings in person** – The Chairman said that the covid guidelines are changing from the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Mrs E Macdonald said that she recently attended a hybrid meeting, she attended in person and the Chairman attended online and it worked well. She also said that meetings in winter with the option to meet remotely will take pressure off people attending in person. The Clerk is to find out what the position is across the Council and Community Councils from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.18 Community Council Core Funding** – The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council has received their allocation of £11,317.00 from the SIC.
- 7.19 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – The Clerk applied for £3,000 from the Distribution Fund to go towards the Youth Clubs in Voe and Brae and the local halls in Brae, Mossbank, Muckle Roe and Voe. She also applied for £1,000 from the Project Fund to go towards a picnic bench at Mavis Grind. The closing date was 22<sup>nd</sup> April and she has not heard back from SIC Community Planning and Development regarding this as yet. Mr B Moreland said that Rearo Supplies Ltd make and deliver picnic benches. When the Clerk hears back from the SIC regarding the applications, Members can decide on the way forward.
- 7.20 Moorfield Play Park Fence, Brae** – Mr Magnus Malcolmson, SIC Sport and Leisure went to Brae to look at the fence opposite 9 Runafirth, Brae which was very loose. Unfortunately, he looked at the wrong fence and he e-mailed to say he will look again next time he is in the area.
- 7.21 Brae Public Toilets** – The Clerk checked with Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development regarding CDF money for this type of project. The Community Council cannot apply to CDF Project funding. Any projects that Delting Community Council apply for must be projects they are going to undertake themselves. CDF project grants cannot be handed over to a third party to spend. They can however apply to the CDF Distribution Fund for funding as this is advertised inviting groups to apply to it.
- 7.22 Vandalism at Voe Wood** – The Clerk contacted the Shetland Amenity Trust about this. Mr Paul Goddard from Shetland Amenity Trust said that they cleared up the remaining rubbish and took away the road sign. They tidied away the broken branches, fortunately there wasn't too much damage to the trees and most of the branches were dead, or were left from their pruning/cutting back, but it was quite a mess. As a community woodland, they would encourage people to use it for all sorts of activities, but leaving so much rubbish for other folk to clear up was inexcusable. They would like the Community Council to let them know if there are any further problems and one of his colleagues is looking into funding to upgrade and reroute the path.
- 7.23 Shetland Way – Stantec UK Ltd** – There was no update on this.
- 7.24 Income and Expenditure Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022** - Ms Lynette Nicol, Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) has audited the accounts. She e-mailed the Clerk yesterday. The Clerk has sent the accounts summary to the Chairman for signing and will send a copy of this to VAS when she receives it back. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.25 Unadopted Road Grants** – The Clerk said that the advert was in the Shetland Times on 8<sup>th</sup> April. She sent the forms to the local shops and post offices and the closing date for applications is 19<sup>th</sup> May.

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### 2022/04/08 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for February and March was received. There have been 18 incidents recorded for Delting, which can be summarised as follows –

- Minor road traffic collision (6)
- Concern for person (4)
- Minor road traffic offence – (1) MOT, (1) Insurance
- Breach of the peace
- Driving when disqualified
- Domestic incident
- Extortion
- Fraud
- Drink driving

The Clerk received an e-mail from Police Scotland. The designated Police Constable for the Delting area is Police Constable Francesca MacColl.

### 2022/04/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

However, an e-mail was forwarded on from Mr Michael Duncan, it was from Mr David Wood, Planning and Policy Manager with Planning Aid Scotland (PAS). They offer a free, impartial and confidential advice service to help with any planning issues. They can provide an informative overview of planning in Scotland from their planners either face-to-face or online. They can provide training to Community Councils on the Scottish planning system. They would like to hear from the community and have a short survey for completion.

Mr Michael Duncan is hoping to organise another Planning training workshop with PAS after the 2022 Community Council elections have taken place. It will probably be sometime into 2023.

### 2022/04/10 COMMUNITY WORK

There was no update from Community Work.

### 2022/04/11 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 Revocation of a Disabled Parking Space at Sandside, Firth by the SIC** – The Clerk is to let the SIC know that Members are content for the disabled parking space to be revoked but the map shows Leaside, not Sandside. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.2 The Shetland Times Ltd – Invoice** – Advert for the unadopted roads maintenance grants which was placed in the Shetland Times on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The total cost is £42.00. Payment approved.
- 11.3 Living Well Hub – Brae Youth Centre** – E-mail received. They have set up an e-mail group to let members know what is happening on a weekly basis. Relationship Scotland, Ability Shetland and Adult Learning have been at the Hub this month. During May they will be using the Brae Hall Clubroom as exams will be taking place at the Youth Centre. They are also organising a meeting to see about starting a men's shed in the North Mainland.
- 11.4 ASCC Meeting** – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The next meeting is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone has any items they would like added to the Agenda, he needs to know by 29<sup>th</sup> April.

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**11.5 Grant Application Form – Mossbank Primary School** – They currently have a school roll of 41 and nursery roll of 14. They are applying for funding towards the cost of day trips during 2022/23. These include project linked school trips, the music festival and sports events in Brae. This is a total cost of £980.00. The Clerk reported that they still have £412.00 remaining from the Community Council grant awarded in 2019/20. This would leave a balance of £568.00. Members decided to use the remaining Delting Transport funding which totalled £307.13 and £160.87 of the DCC grant funds giving them a total grant award of £468.00. This leaves them with £100.00 to fund themselves. **Clerk to progress.**

**11.6 Shetland Community Benefit Fund – Grant Application Form** – The Clerk received a form from the Shetland Family History Society (SFHS). They have applied to all 18 Community Councils for an equal share of the application. Their main activities are to promote the study of family history and genealogy in Shetland and worldwide. In the late 1990's/2000 SFHS transcribed all the Monumental Inscriptions throughout Shetland and organised this work into 30 printed books in order of the Parish the grant was attached. They require to update this work online and add a photo of each gravestone. The work of photographing and visits to all the graveyards around Shetland is all voluntary work at no cost. This involved many people from various Heritage and History/Community groups around Shetland.

The aim of the project is to make available to the membership of the Society and other partners, regardless of geographical location, the Society's photographic record of tombstones within Shetland together with their transcriptions through a search facility on the members' section of their website. They require assistance with funding for the construction of an underlying search engine to accommodate their heritage. They will revamp their website and members area using a single platform to include the database development within this project for monumental inscriptions. Graves deteriorate, so to have the writing and a photo really help families and genealogy.

The total project cost is £21,600.00 They are asking for £500.00 from each Community Council and would like to begin and complete their project in June 2022. Members said there are kirkyards in Muckle Roe, Voe, Brae, Scatsta and Laxobiggin in the Delting area. Members think this is a good idea and awarded them £500.00. **Clerk to progress.**

**11.7 Shetland Community Benefit Fund – Grant Application Form** – The Clerk received a form from the Shetland Junior Netball Development Group. They are applying to each Community Council that have members within the team. They provide opportunities for girls aged 11-18 to play netball in Shetland through local clubs training and competition. There are 7 junior clubs throughout Shetland coached by volunteers and open to any girl in Shetland to join.

They have recently had a number of girls selected to trial for the Scotland U17 team. The weekend is to be played in Edinburgh as a finale to the season, where all teams from across Scotland will meet to play 2 matches gaining their final place within Scotland. They have already played 2 matches against each of the other North teams (Perth and Kinross, Orkney, Dundee, Aberdeen and Angus) over the 2021-22 season to gain their placing for the finals day.

They want to take their selected U15 and U17 teams to represent Shetland at this finals day which takes place at the Oriam in Edinburgh on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. There is one player from the Delting area. They are applying for £200.00 from Delting Community Council. Members are content for them to get the money as it is important for young people to pursue sport, be enthused by playing, have competition and learn new techniques and ways of doing things. Members are happy to award them £200.00. **Clerk to progress.**

**11.8 Employers Liability Insurance Certificate** – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. This certificate covers from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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**11.9 Safety on the Muckle Roe road and Unacceptable parking** – E-mail received from Ms Jane Johnson. She would like to follow on from her previous concern of safety on the Muckle Roe road. She would like to ask again for arrows to keep cars left at blind corners as discussed at the meeting with Mr Neil Hutcheson, and the addition of white lines to define the two sides of the road at the worst blind areas. They also asked Mr Neil Hutcheson for 'no parking' signs to be added to the passing place signs on the blind corners and summits. All these things would help with the increasing volume of traffic and help to address careless driving and the unacceptable blocking of passing places especially on the blind corners and blind summit. The ridiculous behaviour of an increasing number of motorists will lead to an accident on this road. With Muckle Roe constantly being promoted, the least the Community Council could expect is to be shown some support and the appropriate body to act as soon as possible. Members asked the Clerk to refer this onto Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service and ask what he can do to help us. **Clerk to progress.** The Chairman said if the Police were in attendance at the meeting Members could have asked them for input.

Ms J Dennison said that there are passing place signs in Muckle Roe now. There has been an issue with people parking in laybys whilst whale watching in the area. The Chairman said that there are issues throughout Shetland with inconsiderate parking of vehicles by whale watchers, bird watchers and people going fishing at the lochs.

Some people can get carried away and forget to respect the other road users and create havoc with the travelling public. Although this can be frustrating for the local people in the area, they have to remember to stay within the law and not say anything which could be taken as racist comments or take photographs of any of the visitors. The Community Council cannot condone anyone breaking the law.

Members asked the Clerk to complete an ASCC agenda item request form regarding the issue of vehicles parking inconsiderately by groups whale watching, bird catching and loch fishing and blocking roads and laybys. As this is a Shetland wide issue, Members would like an island wide solution to the problem. **Clerk to progress.**

**11.10 SIC Burial Services – Burial Ground Historic Structures** – E-mail received from Ms Yvonne Scott, Burial Services Officer. The following burial grounds contain historic structures which will be netted shortly for both safety reasons and to preserve them until they are able to commence remedial works in the coming years. The areas are Gunnista, Balliasta, Lund, Cullivoe, Mid Yell, Voe and Pupil. It is possible that more will follow as part of the Burial Ground Asset Investment Plan and their overarching objective of preserving as much as they can 'as is'. They would note that without netting they cannot guarantee user safety in close proximity to the structures when visiting their burial grounds or attending a funeral. The netting will also help preserve these historic structures until such time as they can carry out essential maintenance to make them safe. In some cases they may need to do this for an expected period of approximately 60 months.

The Chairman said that there is an issue with the tombstones in the Voe kirkyard and he is unsure of the status of the old Voe kirk's structure which adjoins the kirkyard. The Clerk is to ask Ms Yvonne Scott what the status is of the old Voe kirk and find out if it is the old Voe kirkyard they are referring to. **Clerk to progress.**

**11.11 ZetTrans Regional Transport Strategy Case for Change** – E-mail received from Stantec. The consultation is due to close on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Comments can be sent to <https://www.zetrans.org.uk/about/consultations> The Chairman and Mrs E Macdonald have looked at this.

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**11.12 Scottish Community Councils** – E-mail received from Mr Brian Davey, Communications Officer. They have set up an online survey to hear from Community Councillors in rural and islands communities to find out what additional support they need to engage with each other and with other local organisations. The Chairman said that there is a good rapport between the Councillors, Community Councils and the ASCC in Shetland.

### 2022/04/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

**12.1 Various funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –**

**The Creative Breaks programme** provides 12-month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for carers of adults (aged 21 years and over), and young carers (caring for children or adults), and the people that they care for. Short break activities can be for the carers, for the people they care for, or for both the carers and the cared-for people to enjoy together. To be eligible for Creative Breaks funding, projects must be able to evidence how their activities will benefit both the carers and the people they care for, by providing a break from their normal routine. To apply, visit the website <https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/creativebreaks> The deadline for applications is 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Shetland Business Start-Up Grant**, funded jointly by Shetland Islands Council's Economic Development Service and Highlands and Islands Enterprise is open for applications. A grant of up to £2,000 can be awarded, with additional supplements of up to £1,000 available to applicants under the age of 30 and to projects which demonstrate a direct contribution towards Shetland's transition to net zero. Grants can be awarded towards capital, marketing and training costs, but not for any costs already incurred. More details can be found online at <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/grants/shetland-business-startup-grant> To apply, prospective applicants should contact us in the first instance by email at [businessgateway@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:businessgateway@shetland.gov.uk) or by phoning 01595 707451

### 2022/04/13 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

**13.1 Place Plan for Delting** – The Chairman would like the Community Council to start a place plan for Delting in August or September. It would be a lot of work and the community would need to engage in it. It could draw people together and benefit all areas in Delting. He feels that the Community Council would need to start it, but the community to take the identity of it. Scalloway has a place plan and have done a good job in their area. It would help tourism in the area. Brae has all the facilities and Mossbank, Firth, Voe and Muckle Roe don't. All these areas need to engage as a whole and work together instead of having separate identities. He wants things brought into all the areas, not just Brae. Mrs E Macdonald said that the soft play and café are coming to Voe which will make Voe a more focal point and create jobs in the area.

It would be good if Ms Sonia Inkster could attend a meeting to explain what Scalloway did and how they engaged with the community. Their place plan was based around what the public wanted.

### 2022/04/14 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held in person or virtually through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman