



## TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Whiteness Public Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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### 1.0 Present:

Linda Tulloch (Co-Chair)	Moraig Lyall
Neil Leask (Co-Chair)	Catherine Hughson
Charlie Hodge	Ian Scott
Birgit Wagner	
Martin Randall	
Paul Stevens (Clerk)	

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### 2.0 Apologies:

Andrew Archer, Dilys Evans, Angela Sutherland, Patrick Ross-Smith, Roselyn Fraser.

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### 3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Linda Tulloch declared an interest in matters relating to Viking.  
Catherine Hughson declared an interest in matters relating to planning.

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### 4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Martin Randall, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

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### 5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- In response to a query, Pat Christie from SIC confirmed that there were allotments in Sandwick but had no knowledge of other allotments in Shetland.
- One person had indicated an interest in the Tingwall glasshouse and that they would take this forward.
- After two months, there had still been no response to the letter to the Director of Infrastructure regarding widening the Weisdale cemetery entrance.  
→ ACTION: Catherine Hughson to follow up on this.

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### 6.0 Decisions since last meeting

No decisions had been made by e-mail vote since the last meeting.

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### 7.0 Police Report

There was no police report at this meeting.

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### 8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 8th June 2022, was distributed to community council members.
  - The SIC CDF grant 2022-23 (£3,000) has now been received.
  - The grant application from Tingwall Institute: SWI (£75 for a monthly community hour) was approved.
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## 9.0 Correspondence

- A letter had been received from Cecil Eunson regarding the phrasing of TWWCC feedback on a planning application (2022/076/PPF). A response was sent on 31st May and there has been no further correspondence to date.
- A request had been received to publicise an online consultation on access to free period products.  
→ ACTION. Clerk to post the relevant information on the TWWCC Facebook page.
- A request had been received to publicise the NHS Share Health Research Database.  
→ ACTION. Clerk to post the relevant information on the TWWCC Facebook page.

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## 10.0 Planning

- One planning application was reviewed: 2022/143/PPF — Erect dwellinghouse with garage and air source heat pump, including access road, drainage and service connections.  
→ ACTION. The Clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.

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## 11.0 Viking

- In response to a letter regarding traffic confusing the service and public roads at the A970 Kergord junction, SSER / SIC confirmed that they would put up a set of 'goal-post' structures on the service road entrance to distinguish it from the public road.
- A letter was sent to SSEN: reiterating TWWCC's objection to the proposed Kergord-Gremista transmission line route; maintaining that buried cables would be a better solution with manageable cost; asking whether accommodating multiple cables on the same poles would be feasible; asking for assurances that the scheme will not disturb ongoing peat restoration efforts; and querying whether the end point of the route would steer clear of an ancient 'greenway' path. Sharon Powell responded that:
  - 1 The different cables represented both transmission and distribution systems and could not be accommodated on the same supports.
  - 2 There would be no access tracks through the Tait's Park peat restoration project, which is west of the proposed route. Along the transmission line route, a habitat restoration plan will aim to restore temporary damaged habitats to their baseline condition or better. No written feedback had been received from the peatland restoration team in response to the publicised route.
  - 3 While the 'green way' was not a "recognised heritage asset, core path or declared public right of way" but instead an agricultural access track, they would aim to minimise any potential impacts where practicable, with any damage being restored to pre-construction condition.

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## 12.0 SCBF

- Angela Sutherland was not present so no update was given.
- Two grant applications were considered:

180219 – Tingwall Parent Council £12,260. After discussion, it was agreed that there needed to be more community involvement in regards to both the fundraising and the construction aspects. The CC would therefore fund the cost of the polycrubb (plus delivery) at £7,160 and encourage the applicants to look at options for deeper community involvement for construction and additional costs.

  
→ ACTION. Clerk to inform Eleanor Gear.

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180253 – Shetland Amenity Trust £5,000. Members felt that, beyond the historical links with Kergord woodland, it was unclear how this application would have local relevance in the future, or whether the funds would be used to provide trees and plants for free to communities.

→ ACTION. Clerk to respond to Eleanor Gear asking for clarification and expansion.

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### **13.0 Footpaths**

Andrew Archer had circulated an email giving an update on Win Furt.

- There had been mixed feedback regarding the two chosen routes, including concerns that the school bus would be removed. It had therefore been decided to seek clarification from SIC regarding school buses, and to then carry out a consultation with the local community.
  - The Sustrans application work was progressing: Beatrice Wishart has promised a letter of political support and the stakeholder map was complete. The next task is the business case, for which the use of a consultant had been advised. This would be considered at the next Win Furt meeting.
  - Due to the above, the summer deadline for the Sustrans application was probably not feasible, with the next slots being in December/January.
  - Andrew had contacted John Scollay at TAGDA to give an update, and he will relay this to the TAGDA trustees.
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### **14.0 Community Council website**

The Clerk had circulated further information regarding a possible TWWCC website, confirming that no legacy site existed and giving options for domain name and hosting costs. After discussion, it was decided to obtain the domain twwcommunity.scot with a hosting package from the company dot.scot Domains, at an annual cost of ~£54.

→ ACTION. The Clerk to purchase the domain and hosting, and set up the website.

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### **15.0 Scalloway-Norway Friendship Agreement**

A draft of the Friendship agreement was circulated. Members felt that this was an important relationship for all of Shetland, and that the TWWCC would definitely like to be involved in the partnership. Members interested in attending the dinner on the 23rd June and the signing on the 25th June will contact Mark Burgess directly to confirm.

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### **16.0 Future of Nesbister Böd**

The Shetland Amenity Trust had indicated they were interested in hearing about CC involvement, and that the böd owners were open to the idea of community-led initiatives. Birgit Wagner was interested in community options but highlighted that there was limited access, no water supply, and toilet facilities were problematic due to the seashore location. There was some discussion of composting toilet possibilities, especially sealed units. Charlie Hodge stated there was a need to gauge interest in the local community, possibly via the new website, and suggested inviting a representative from the Trust to a CC meeting. Moraig Lyall saw possible parallels with the footpaths project regarding the need for a separate administrative body, and suggested Win Furt might consider taking on the böd as a future project. It was concluded that more information was needed concerning what options would be both feasible and practical, and that the topic should be kept on the agenda for future consideration.

→ ACTION: Linda to ask the Shetland Amenity Trust for owner contact details plus further information on potential options.

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### **17.0 Forwarding of SIC meeting notifications**

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Members indicated that they were happy to continue to receive agendas for SIC Service meetings. Birgit Wagner suggested that it would be useful to have a restricted CC area on the website where a repository/calendar of such meetings could be held.

→ ACTION. Clerk to investigate possible options as part of the website development.

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### **18.0 Councillors' Reports**

Catherine Hughson had been busy with various meetings and training sessions, before the summer recess. Ian Scott had been on holiday, and had no more Council meetings until 26th September due to the three month recess. Moraig Lyall had also been busy with meetings and training sessions. She had also recently been elected as Chair of the Environment and Transport Committee, and had just returned from a meeting in Yell regarding concerns over reduced ferry services, primarily due to Covid-related staffing issues.

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### **19.0 AOCB**

Dilys Evans had sent in a report on the most recent ASSC meeting:

- Due to the increased cost of running CCs, there was less money to share with the community from Core funds. As there had been no inflationary increases to CC budgets since 2017, all CCs agreed that a request be made to the Council for an agreement in principle to award an inflationary increase from April 2023.
  - A proposal was made for a redistribution of grants to CCs from the Council, with more work on the rationale and costings for redistribution of funding to make it more efficient and less bureaucratic.
  - There would be an advertising campaign, funded from the SCBF, to recruit new Community Councillors for the elections in October and November.
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### **20.0 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 20th July 2022, at Whiteness Public Hall (in the small hall).

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