



**TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at Whiteness Public Hall on Wednesday 17th August 2022

1.0 Present:	Andrew Archer (Chair)	Catherine Hughson
	Dilys Evans	Ian Scott
	Linda Tulloch	
	Neil Leask	
	Charlie Hodge	
	Martin Randall	

2.0 Apologies: Angela Sutherland, Michael Duncan, Paul Stevens (Clerk).

3.0 Declarations of Interest: Linda Tulloch declared an interest in matters relating to Viking; Catherine Hughson in matters relating to planning; Andrew Archer in matters relating to Win Furt.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes were amended to include Ian Scott and Linda Tulloch as attendees at the Scalloway-Norway Friendship agreement signing event. On a motion proposed by Martin Randall and seconded by Dilys Evans, the amended minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th July 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Road surface reinstatement (fibre optic cable crossings): a reply had been received from the SIC Roads department and the work had now been completed.
- Tulloch's trucks: no reply had been received. Flagged as an ongoing issue for the next meeting.
- Peat slippage: Only an acknowledgement had been received from Planning and no reply had yet been received from SSE.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

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

7.0 Police Report

A report for April/May 2022 had been circulated to members on 25th June. Dilys Evans queried the unclear meaning of the term "concern for persons" used throughout the report. The apparent increase in incidents, especially road collisions and careless driving, was noted.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to contact police regarding: (1) the meaning of "concern for persons"; (2) Whether numbers of incidents are increasing or if there has been a change in the way incidents are being recorded.

8.0 Footpaths

Andrew Archer gave an update. Win Furt had a positive meeting on 4th August with Michael Craigie (SIC Transport Planning head) and Michael Duncan. Their view was that a cooperative effort was needed to reinforce each other's approaches. A second meeting was held on 10th August with Michael Craigie and Robina Barton, where they indicated that a successful Sustrans application would likely need to be more closely aligned with local and national Active Travel policies. This meant that a more comprehensive active travel consultation would be required than Win Furt had planned. Systra, a firm of consultants, are currently doing similar work for SIC as part of their active travel programme and Robina suggested that Systra's work could be rescheduled so that Tingwall and part of Whiteness and Weisdale could be covered at the start of 2023. The Win Furt trustees have agreed to this proposal. In the meantime, the Win Furt Trustees are keen to proceed with a public launch and membership drive, and to build on the enthusiasm of the local community by getting them involved with smaller projects that enhance the environment. To do this, they have applied to the TWWCC for a small grant to cover launch costs.

9.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 10th August 2022, was distributed to community council members.
 - The electronic banking requirement for two 'signatories' has now been set up. Neil Leask and Linda Tulloch are now in the process of becoming registered as online signatories, in addition to the existing signatories: Andrew Archer and the Clerk.
 - The grant application from Win Furt launch costs £1000 was considered. After the earlier discussion, members agreed that the application should be reworded slightly, given the likelihood that Systra Ltd. would now be carrying out the consultation. Subject to that change, the application for £1,000 was approved.
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10.0 Correspondence

- SIC energy consultation (emailed to members on 4th August): members were concerned that there was no mention of community consultation regarding the needs and desires of local people, or any mention of landscape preservation.
 - ACTION: the Clerk to respond (with input from Andrew Archer and Dilys Evans) asking about how people in community will be consulted on what they want and whether they support the proposed changes to Shetland's landscape.
 - Sale of Tingwall Kirk: Andrew Archer had informally talked to some local people who had links to the Kirk. Their feeling was that there should be some community use for it but could not think of practical ways to achieve this given the nature of the building. In the absence of any external indications of support, it was felt that the Community Council could not itself initiate any community scheme.
 - Stopping Up Order: The people who will be affected support the Order and the Community Council was not aware of any objections from other parties so no action is needed.
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11.0 Planning

- 2022/198/PPF Domestic property with air source heat pump, Wadbister.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.
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12.0 Viking

Andrew Archer gave an update:

- A site visit was confirmed for 6pm on 23rd August, at the Sand Water Compound.
 - The A971 resurfacing has been put back a week and is now due to start on 22nd August.
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- The minutes of the last Viking Community Liaison Group meeting had been delayed as a substantial number of corrections were required.
 - Charlie Hodge queried whether the cable route from Kergord to Lerwick had now been confirmed. Andrew replied that the Energy Consents Unit still had the route specifications listed as 'ongoing'.
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13.0 SCBF

Angela Sutherland had sent in a report:

- From the summary of applications, Andrew Archer noted that the rejected applications indicated that projects needing ongoing running costs tended to not be supported by the SCBF.
- SCBF Directors had obtained quotes from alternative legal and accountancy firms to ensure the current setup provided value for money.
- The advanced grant scheme review had been discussed and circulated to Community Council members on the 12th August.
- SCBF members had met with SIC regarding offshore turbines, with a view to get a better deal for Shetland by working more closely together.
- The next business plan subgroup meeting would be on the 16th August.

One grant application was considered: 180276 Shetland Golf Club for £10,000 towards the construction of an indoor practice facility. Members agreed that the efforts to include a large section of the community, and particularly young people, in the use of the facility deserved support and agreed to contribute £5,000.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to inform Eleanor Gear.

14.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson queried whether the Clerk had received the Road Safety Report she sent on 7th August for distribution to members.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to investigate.

15.0 AOCB

- Charlie Hodge raised the issue of the lack of Shetland-related leaflets on the ferries, Orkney information being much more available. He also questioned what advice was being given to groups of cyclists regarding allowing cars to pass on single-track roads.

→ ACTION: the Clerk to contact Steve Mathieson at Visit Shetland to query these points.

16.0 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st September 2022, at Whiteness Public Hall (in the small hall).
