

# Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 at the Mossbank Public Hall

## **2022/06/01 MEMBERS**

Mr A Cooper, Chairman  
Ms R Griffiths  
Mr J Milne  
Mr E Smith

Ms J Dennison  
Mr A Hall  
Mr B Moreland  
Mr W Whitrow

## **2022/06/02 IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Iain Park, Terminal Manager, Shetland Gas Plant, Total Energies E&P UK  
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

## **2022/06/03 CIRCULAR**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **2022/06/04 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mrs E Macdonald and Mr M Duncan.  
Mrs K Milne, Ms G Smith, Ms A Arnett and Mr T Morton were unable to attend remotely due to technical difficulties.

## **2022/06/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

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

The Chairman declared an interest with regards to planning application 2022/138/PPF.  
Mr J Milne declared an interest with regards to planning application 2022/145/PPF.  
Mr W Whitrow declared an interest with regards to planning application 2022/170/PPF.

## **2022/06/07 UPDATE FROM SHETLAND GAS PLANT – TOTAL ENERGIES E&P UK**

Mr Iain Park, Terminal Manager, Shetland Gas Plant, Total Energies E&P UK attended the meeting. He took over from Mr Andy Cripps at the end of April having previously held the position of OIM offshore.

In terms of safety, the Shetland Gas Plant continues to have the best safety in its class and is the safest site in the UK and one of the safest in the world. They have had 18 months with no incidents. In April they had one minor first aid case.

They currently produce 5 million m<sup>3</sup> of gas per day. 4% of the UK daily production goes through the terminal. They are working on a project to change the inner export compressors to drop the plant pressure.

Total are currently working on 2 big projects. One being the Glendronach which is located west of Shetland and they are hoping to begin work on this project next summer. They are looking to install a mercury recovery unit at the plant. Petrofac are ongoing with the engineering for this modification and were on site doing site surveys. The construction contracts are not in place yet. They aim to produce 4 million m<sup>3</sup> of gas per day for the next year to year and a half.

## MINUTE: JUNE 2022

### 2022/06/07 UPDATE FROM SHETLAND GAS PLANT – TOTAL ENERGIES E&P UK

Covid rules have begun to be relaxed such as social distancing and the wearing of masks. In June they stopped pre-mobilisation testing but they still test people going to see the medic. The long-term future is looking good. The projects over the next two years will make a difference.

Mr E Smith asked if the Shetland Gas Plant will be expanding and if there will be any employability opportunities? Mr I Park said that during the last 2 years there has been a lot of maintenance optimisation, mothballed equipment and a reduction in people on site. With the new developments, they may need to get equipment back up and running and employ more people.

The Chairman asked if there are going to be any OPITO apprenticeships this year? Mr I Park said that Shetland Gas Plant have good recruitment with a large number of OPITO apprenticeships and more than any other Total sites. It has been easier to have apprentices at the Shetland Gas Plant due to covid. They have a young team and apprentices coming through. There is an ongoing plan to continue having apprentices and their modern plant consists of lots of different aspects. They won't be taking on any new apprentices in September as they currently have a lot of apprentices who are in the middle of their training. During the pandemic they took on more apprentices than usual. They need supervisors available to train the current apprentices. They currently have four instrument technicians.

Mr B Moreland asked if the apprentices go to college for part of their training. Mr I Park said that they go to different colleges and short placements before they attend the Shetland Gas Plant for their two-year apprenticeship.

Mr J Milne asked if Total take on apprentices for a set number of years, then move them on? Mr I Park said that most apprentices at Shetland Gas Plant stay there. They don't always get a choice of where they work as it depends on where the vacancies are. They have a mix of Shetland apprentices and fly in/fly out apprentices. Mr A Hall said that he wants the Shetland apprentices to get the jobs.

Mr I Park said that now that covid rules have been relaxed, they can get involved in community engagement and events. They have been to the Anderson High School and Brae High School and had a family open day at the Shetland Gas Plant for apprentices families to see what they do.

The Chairman and Mr A Hall said that this sounds positive.

Mr I Park said that the UK production is important, particularly in the current climate.

The Chairman asked about the subsea manifold and if the technology has moved on since Laggan Tormore? Mr I Park said that the subsea manifold is not his area of expertise. Drilling, communication etc is evolving and moving on. Developments are tied to the existing infrastructure and modern design.

The Chairman asked if they are trying to be more green? Mr I Park said the overall CO<sup>2</sup> emissions have come down. In 2019 they produced 211,000 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>. Through a number of initiatives, including mothballing some equipment, CO<sup>2</sup> emissions have decreased by almost 40% to 134 kilo-tonnes. They burn their own gas and have a good safety and environmental culture. A lot of ideas come from employees at the plant who are looking for savings from small things like light circuits to larger things like by-passing equipment. There is an active constant pipeline of suggestions from the workforce.

The Chairman asked if they were involved with the Aurora project? Mr I Park said that they are to some extent. They want to keep what they currently have as steady as possible and work to get new developments online.

The Chairman said they would be less reliant on foreign supplies if using more green energy as this is more acceptable to the industry. Mr I Park said they are trying to produce the least amount of CO<sup>2</sup> possible, not too much fuel gas and they rarely flare.

The Chairman thanked Mr I Park for attending the meeting and providing Members with an update.

## MINUTE: JUNE 2022

### 2022/06/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 **School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.2 **Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – The Chairman said that BT are putting up telephone poles in Mossbank at the moment.
- 8.3 **Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.4 **Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – The Chairman said that there is work being done on the medium to long term usage of the site at the moment.
- 8.5 **Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.6 **Active Travel Strategy** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – The Chairman said that the traffic counters are in Voe at the moment.
- 8.9 **Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – The Clerk forwarded her e-mails to Mr Neil Grant, Director of Development Services which were originally sent to Mr Michael Craigie on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to ask if a bus stop could be placed at the end of the Wethersta road, and if so, what sort of timescale they would be looking at. Mr Neil Grant responded to apologise for the delay in responding and that he has asked Mr M Craige to reply with an update. Unfortunately, there has been no reply received from Mr M Craige. Members are disappointed with this and have asked the Clerk to write to Mr N Grant again and copy the e-mail to Ms Maggie Sandison, SIC Chief Executive. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.10 **Lack of White Lines on the Roads** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Proposed Bus Shelter near Voe Hall** – Mr W Whitrow said that the bus shelter is now in place.
- 8.12 **Potential Dog Park in Delting** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – The Clerk sent an e-mail to the Brae, Mossbank, Muckle Roe and Voe Halls and the Brae and Voe Youth Clubs to let them know we have secured £3,000 from the Distribution Fund and that this money is available for them to apply for. The Clerk is to send another e-mail to these organisations and they need to apply for funding by the 12<sup>th</sup> of August. **Clerk to progress.**
- The Project Fund has £1,000 to go towards a picnic bench at Mavis Grind. She has purchased a picnic bench from Marmax for a total cost of £640.80. It was delivered to Mr J Milne. He went to Mavis Grind with Mr B Moreland and Mr A Hall. Mr J Milne is going to speak to the landowner to check he is happy for the picnic bench to go there. The Clerk is to look into getting a brass plaque for the picnic bench to show where it has come from. **Clerk to progress.** Mr B Moreland is going to try and get a sign saying “please put rubbish into the wheelie bin provided”.
- 8.14 **Moorfield Play Park Fence, Brae** – Mr J Milne stated that this fence is very loose. The Clerk is to remind Mr Magnus Malcolmson about this. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.15 **Shetland Way – Stantec UK Ltd** – There was no update on this item.

## MINUTE: JUNE 2022

### 2022/06/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.16 ASCC Meeting** – Brief summary received from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Council Liaison Officer. Mr Chris Bunyan, Chairman of Shetland Community Benefit Fund attended and provided an update on SCBF plans to consult on the future use of its funds and answered questions.

A discussion took place regarding issues about parking in inappropriate places such as turning points and laybys and blocking roads. A number of ideas were raised to remind drivers.

There was a discussion about Community Council core funding which has not changed for a number of years. It was agreed that the ASCC contact SIC Finance in the first instance to request an annual increase in funding.

There was an update on plans to publicise the 2022 Community Council elections. A copy of the action plan was sent through and Members are encouraged to discuss local publicity and actively promote the elections locally over the coming months.

If there are any agenda item requests for the next ASCC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September, they need to be put forward to Mr M Duncan by 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

- 8.17 Safety on the Muckle Roe road and Unacceptable parking** – E-mail received from Ms Jane Johnson in response to Mr Neil Hutcheson's e-mail at the last meeting. She says it was good to get the passing place signs and the very much needed parking area at the south end of Muckle Roe last year. With additional visitors being encouraged by the SIC and Visit Scotland all year round to visit Muckle Roe, any measures to help road safety would be necessary and very welcome. There may be areas that are 5.5 metres that can be marked as "two land with arrows", but she believes many of the dangerous corners or blind summits will not meet the 5.5 metre width, but she is sure Mr Hutcheson will have a solution for these dangerous areas and looks forward to this.

They have many instances where the through traffic has been obstructed by several vehicles parked on the worst blind corners, completely negating the purpose of the passing place. In these sort of instances a clear 'no parking' sign is required for the safety of all road users. She would be willing to meet with Mr Hutcheson in Muckle Roe and show him what concerns her most. The Clerk is to forward this e-mail onto Mr N Hutcheson. **Clerk to progress.**

The Chairman said that the regular problem with whale watchers and bird watchers parking inconsiderately is ongoing. If people park in passing places this is a police issue.

- 8.18 SIC Burial Services – Burial Ground Historic Structures** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.19 Place Plan for Delting** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.20 Come to Brae Days – Grant Application Form** – The Clerk sent a letter to Mrs D Robertson, Treasurer for the Come to Brae Days following approval from Members. They were looking for financial assistance towards the cost of planned activities such as yoga, bath bomb session, slime workshop, ceramic painting, zorbing and bouncy castle at the Come to Brae Days. They have been awarded £750.00 towards the cost of these activities.
- 8.21 Bench in Graven Kirkyard** – The Chairman has had a look at this bench and will follow this up.
- 8.22 Northlink Service to the Local People** – Members discussed ongoing issues with lack of available cabin space and car space on the boat for the local people wanting to travel to the mainland.

## MINUTE: JUNE 2022

### 2022/06/09 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for April and May 2022 was received.

There were 16 incidents recorded for Delting, which can be summarised as follows –

- Concern for person (3)
- Road Traffic Collision (car fire)
- Disturbance (2)
- Fraud
- Road Traffic (minor)
- Threatening and abusive behaviour (2)
- Assault
- Dangerous driving
- No insurance
- Speeding

The other incidents were of a routine and minor nature.

### 2022/06/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**2022/138/PPF – Change of use from guest house to residential, Drumquin Guest House, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9QJ by Mr Leslie Anderson** – The Chairman declared an interest. The rest of the Members have no objections regarding this application. **Clerk to progress.**

**2022/145/PPF – Erect dwellinghouse with attached garden, Plot, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9QJ by Mr Jon Ross** – Mr J Milne and Miss J Dennison declared an interest. The rest of the Members have no objections regarding this application. **Clerk to progress.**

**2022/170/PPF – Erect dwellinghouse with attached garage and air source heat pump, Plot West of Lynnside, Wethersta, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9QL by Mr Christopher Nicholson** – Mr W Whitrow declared an interest. The rest of the Members have no objections regarding this application. **Clerk to progress.**

**2022/166/VCON – Application to vary condition 14 of S36c consent 2018/335/ECUCON Borrow Pits – Use of Materials by Viking Energy Wind Farm** – Members discussed this and support this application on environmental grounds. **Clerk to progress.**

### 2022/06/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms A Arnett was due to attend the meeting remotely tonight but unfortunately the Clerk could not connect to the hall's internet.

### 2022/06/12 CORRESPONDENCE

**12.1 Cattle Grid, Busta Road, Brae** – E-mail received from Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service. This cattle grid is in urgent need of repair. However, it would appear that it is no longer needed due to fencing that has been done in recent years. This has been pointed out by a couple of nearby residents. The Community Council agreed to the removal of the grid.

**12.2 Postage Stamps – Burravoe Post Office** – The Clerk purchased 100 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage stamps for a total cost of £68.00. Payment approved. **Clerk to progress.**

**12.3 Printer Toner – Amazon** – The Clerk purchased two printer toner cartridges for a total cost of £32.59. Payment approved. **Clerk to progress.**

**2022/06/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

**12.4 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Shetland Amenity Trust** – The reason for applying to Delting is that there are community woodlands at the Brae woods, Burn of Valayre, Voxter and the Loch of Voe that they have developed and provided care for since it was established. The SAT mission is to safeguard, enhance and promote Shetland’s heritage and ensuring it is accessible to be enjoyed by all. This project is to expand their tree nursery operation at Staney Hill by erecting three polycrubs, enabling them to increase tree production and planting. The demand for trees has grown significantly in recent years and they were unable to meet demand from community groups, businesses, individuals and organisations. As they are the only provider in Shetland of trees of native provenance and which are adapted to withstand the Shetland climate, this demand will only grow. The result of this project will benefit the whole of Shetland. They are applying to the SCBF for £28,537 and applying to 15 Community Councils. They are applying for £2,500 from Delting Community Council. Members agreed to give them £2,500 for this worthwhile project and are prepared to consider giving them more if it is required.  
**Clerk to progress.**

**12.5 Hillswick Road, Brae** – E-mail received from Mr B Moreland asking for the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph to make it safer. The B9076 road leaving Brae towards Mossbank is classed as a 30mph road and there are two businesses on this road and no pavements and buildings on the sea side of the road, six houses facing the road and children walking through Moorfield to school.

Hillswick Road also has two businesses plus crofts which have access from the main road. There are at least three times as many houses on the upper side of the road plus seven houses on the sea side of the road. There is also a caravan park, marina and boating club which in the summer months is extremely busy.

The children have to walk or cycle to school. There are mothers with prams going to nursery and trucks passing very close to them, a young child could easily get sucked off the pavement onto the road.

Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service e-mailed the Clerk regarding this. He says that the appropriate guidance on the setting of local speed limits was published by the Department of Transport in 2004 in a document titled “Traffic Advisory Leaflet 1/04: Village Speed Limits.” This uses frontage development along the road being considered to determine whether a proposed limit will be effective in reducing vehicle speeds. It recommends that before a 30mph speed limit is introduced there should be “an average of at least 3 houses per 100 metres over the extent of the proposed limit” and “this minimum density should particularly apply for the first 100 metres of the speed limit at each end of the village, to reinforce the visual message for drivers.”

The length of the A970 in Brae between the Co-op and Busta Junction, that currently has a 40mph speed limit, measures 840 metres in length. There are 21 buildings along this road that meet the “frontage development” criterion giving a density of only 2.5 per 100 metres. Therefore, according to the “village” guidance document there are insufficient buildings to give a clear visual message to drivers as to why they are being required to reduce their speed to 30mph. In other words 40mph is considered to be an appropriate limit for this length of road based on the density criteria.

However, they will also consider current vehicle speeds on a length of road and make an assessment based on earlier guidance. This used the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, the speed at which 85% of vehicles on the road travel at or below, to determine the suitability of a speed limit. The criterion being that “if the observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is no more than 7mph or 20 percent higher than the desired limit, the limit may be introduced.” The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is used to assess the suitability of a speed limit because various accident studies have shown that it is the speed at which the safest drivers choose to drive.

**2022/06/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

**12.5 Hillswick Road, Brae – continued** – Vehicle speeds were measured at three locations along this length of road in May 2018, opposite “Dyke,” the Boating Club and “Linmond.” The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds that were recorded were 39, 40 and 38 mph respectively. Therefore, this length of road meets neither the existing or former criteria for a reduced speed limit.

The 30mph limit was introduced on the length of B9076 in Brae in August 1980. There is no record of the reasoning for this limit but it was introduced along with the 30mph on the A970 at a time when there were proposals to construct a significant number of new houses in Brae. For comparison the “frontage development” on the B9076 within Brae would be at most 2.3 per 100 metres.

The Chairman said this has been ongoing for years. The Community Council couldn’t even get speed reductions on this piece of road when the Total Gas Plant was being built. Mr A Hall said that its a shame it can’t be looked at by the SIC Roads Service under safety.

**12.6 Voluntary Action Shetland – Initial Consultation on the use of the Viking Community Fund** – E-mail received from Ms Lynn Tulloch, Executive Officer and Company Secretary with VAS. IBP Strategy and Research has been commissioned by the SCBF to undertake an independent programme of community consultation with the communities of Shetland to guide the development of a business plan for the use of the Viking Community Fund, to be delivered through the SCBF. This will be delivered over an 18 month period. They are holding Zoom online meetings on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm, 30<sup>th</sup> June 6-8pm and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2-4pm. Members would like to invite them to attend one of the Community Council meetings to discuss this. **Clerk to progress.**

**12.7 Living Well Hub** – E-mails received from Rita and Theresa and these were forwarded onto Members before the meeting. The latest things that have been happening are a meeting about a men’s shed in the north mainland and the following groups have been in attendance - Voluntary Action Shetland, Shetland Women’s Aid, Ability Shetland, Shetland Befriending Scheme, Adult Learning, Recovery Hub and Nature Connection. Ms R Griffiths said that the attendance is low. They are going to try to have coffee and cake days once per month to try and encourage more people to attend.

**12.8 Tingwall Agricultural Museum and Heritage Centre** – Letter received from Mr Harry Irvine, Chairman of Tingwall Agricultural Musuem and Heritage Centre. Their committee are preparing to submit an application for funding their project to the Heritage Lottery Fund now that Covid related restrictions have been lifted. Their aim is to build a suitable facility to house the extensive collection of agricultural artefacts belonging to the late Mrs Jean Sandison MBE of Tingwall, along with many other items from private individuals who wish to donate them, as there is no other museum in Shetland with the capacity to either store or display them. The Agricultural Museum, though based in Tingwall, would help to ensure that the history and heritage of agriculture in all the areas of Shetland is preserved and passed on to current and future generations to come. They are asking for a letter of support for their project in order to aid their application. The Clerk is to write a letter of support. **Clerk to progress.**

**12.9 Scottish Land Commission** – They had a Shetland virtual meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June through Zoom. The Clerk sent this to Members before that meeting.

**12.10 Voluntary Action Shetland – Annual Report 2021-2022.**

**12.11 SIC Planning – Updated Technical Guidance** – E-mail received from Mr Colin Smith, Planning Engineer with the updated technical guidance document for drainage design which will be uploaded to the supplementary guidance page of the LDP section of the planning website.

## MINUTE: JUNE 2022

### 2022/06/12 CORRESPONDENCE

**12.12 Citizens Advice Bureau** – E-mail received from Ms Karen Eunson, Bureau Manager. They are asking for a letter of support for a funding bid they will be submitting for “Community Based Energy and Benefits Advice”. They would like to develop Community Based Energy and Benefits Advice to better meet the needs of people living in rural communities and island areas. This provision would be available to all to avoid stigma, but would specifically target those most vulnerable to fuel poverty and its impacts: older people, those with disabilities and/or health problems, families and those on low incomes. Demand for energy and financial advice and support have been growing as a result of the huge increases in energy costs and the cost of living, which particularly impact on rural and island communities. They expect the demand for advice to grow further over the coming winter and they are trying to put the bureau in a position to be able to meet the demand. Members are happy to give them a letter of support and want them to get back into giving clinics in the Delting area. Members suggested they attend the Living Well Hub for a clinic. **Clerk to progress.**

### 2022/06/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

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

**CashBack for Communities** is a Scottish Government programme which takes funds recovered from the proceeds of crime and invests them into free activities and programmes across Scotland, largely, but not exclusively, for young people. CashBack has funded a wide variety of projects over the past 14 years including sports, arts, youth work and employability which provide extensive opportunities to raise the ambition and aspirations of young people.

- Support young people most at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour offending or reoffending towards or into positive destinations
- Provide person-centred support for young people, parents and families impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma
- Support young people to improve their health, mental health and wellbeing
- Support people, families and communities most affected by crime
- Projects lasting at least 2 years, between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026
- Applications of at least £150,000
- Capital expenditure is available – to 10% of project funding.

The fund is not open to local authorities, or schools or colleges receiving statutory funds. The deadline for applications is 12th August. For more information, see the website – <https://cashbackforcommunities.org/cashback-for-communities-new-funding-phase-launches-20th-june/>

**Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)** which will be managed by NatureScot with support from Crown Estate Scotland and the Scottish Government, can award grants to a wide range of projects. Applicants can apply for grants of between £10,000 - £100,000 for practical restoration projects in Scotland.

Examples of the work SMEEF could support restoring seagrass beds, creating new saltmarsh habitats, controlling non-native predators to protect breeding seabirds, and researching new approaches to the restoration of marine environments.

The Fund will only be accepting Expression of Interests until 12 noon on 4 July 2022. For more information see the website – <https://smeef.scot>

### 2022/06/14 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

The income and expenditure statement was sent to Members before the meeting and approved without comment.

## **MINUTE: JUNE 2022**

### **2022/06/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS**

**15.1 Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison said that the grass is so long, that it is difficult to see the headstones in the kirkyard. The road is not in the best condition, with grass and potholes. The Chairman will speak to Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, SIC Burial Services about this.

**15.2 Verges in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison said that the verges in Muckle Roe have very long grass and it is making it difficult to see oncoming traffic in places.

### **2022/06/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held in person at the Brae Public Hall with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman