

# BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Thursday 25 May 2022 in Bressay Hall.

### Present:

Alistair Christie-Henry  
Shirley Gifford  
Dee Henderson-Haefner  
Stephen Leask  
Gary Robinson

### In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chairman opened the Meeting welcomed members to the hall.

Apologies were noted from:

Amanda Sinclair  
Richard Burrell  
Arwed Wenger  
Michael Duncan  
Pat Christie  
Kevin Main  
Rab Millar

#### 2. Declaration of interest:

The Chairman asked for declarations of interest – none received.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 21 April 2022. The minutes were approved, proposed by Shirley and seconded by Dee.

#### 4. Matters arising (actions not elsewhere on agenda):

**AP1: Fuel project feasibility study and Bottle Bank, additional bins & Ferry Car Park Works** – Chairman reported that the fuel project was work in progress. He also informed that he was still waiting confirmation on the relocation of the bottle bank and the start of the Car Park works.

Regarding additional bins, the Chair could confirm he was meeting with an SIC representative on Friday to arrange the relocation of the bin from the Ferry terminal and position of the new wheelie bin there, plus an additional three bins which are also suitable for dog waste. He proposed these should be sited as follows: Southern end of Voesome, the Glebe next to the bus shelter and at the Hall next to the proposed bus shelter. All these are on the route for emptying by the bin collection staff that he was led to believe would be moving to weekly collection in the summer. Members were in agreement with the proposed locations. Hopefully in time more will become available. It was confirmed the bin at the

marina is now a wheelie bin.

**1. Action Chairman**

**AP2: Anti-social team & Ferry Operations re waiting room:**

The Chair had again discussed the waiting room with Ferry Operations and they had agreed to put up signage detailing the numbers to call and the hours these are operational.

Meanwhile no further incidences had been brought to our attention. The clerk will check next week that the signage is in place.

**2. Action Clerk**

**AP3: Small allocation Quarry Cleanings:** Still to be progressed.

**3. Action Clerk**

**AP4: Respond to planning application:** Outstanding action

**4. Action Clerk**

**AP5: Investigation into broadband provision:** - no update available

**5. Action Richard**

**AP6: Discussion with the Sports Club for Jubilee Commemoration:**

The Clerk approached the Chairman of the Sports Club offering support to provide Jubilee medals for all the children in the Island at their proposed Family Fun day. This was declined as the event was no longer taking place – participants had decided to support other events throughout Shetland, whilst the Family Fun day might take place later in the summer this would no longer be appropriate.

**Completed**

**5. Member & Visitor Report**

Stephen and Gary reported that the main thing this month had been getting Council appointments done following on from the previous week of getting the new Council organised. A big emphasis for the council was discussing the cost of living and fuel poverty with particular emphasis on distribution of assistance and how to do this so the government doesn't claw back as they did with the senior citizens winter payment. Currently they were looking at heating and insulation schemes delivered by local agencies rather than south contractors who install and run. Some work had already been done with housing stock, but more needs investigation. Hydrogen and electric ferries was also being looked at. All three councilors were positioned on committees with Arwed on the transport committee.

**6. Infrastructure Update:**

None this month

**7. Planning Applications:**

A planning application for a further two houses at Pettifirth has been referred to the CC. Chairman explained that planning consultation was one of the functions of each Community Council. In response to a question he explained where and how to view plans for the Bressay Community area. Members noted their approval for this planning application. There could be a problem with water pressure but that was the applicant's issue.

Members discussed the historic winter issue with the section of access road at the 'Trowlands bends'. Chairman informed new members that previous CC had for many years tried to have Roads Design and now Roads Maintenance redesign this section of road. Previous planning applications for properties accessed by this road had always been supported but highlighted the need to progress this road works as traffic density increased. Chairman informed that this works had been on Roads Capital Works programme list from many years ago but had never progressed. Clerk to write in support of the planning application and draw attention to the outstanding road realignment.

**4. Action Clerk**

Gary took on to investigate with Roads Maintenance into the feasibility of redesign and if it still survives on the capital program.

**6. Action Gary**

### **8. Correspondence:**

A number of emails have previously been circulated to members.

### **9. Financial Report and Community Benefit Fund:**

The year-end accounts are being prepared a copy was passed to members.

Following discussion and questions to Clerk Chairman requested that the minute show and confirm that the full £3,000 Community Distribution Fund had been spent; as had the £1,000 Project fund.

Members noted that with outstanding transactions concluded the Core fund will be underspent by £998. As this is under £1,000 it can be carried forward.

Clerk also confirmed the application for a £3000 distribution Fund for this year had been successful. Additionally the Core Fund of £5,802 had been granted and the Chairman had signed the documents here tonight. No information has been received regarding the Project Fund allocation.

### **SCBF Applications:**

i) **Application from Shetland Bus Friendship Society:** Stephen declared an interest therefore took no part in the discussion. Clerk was pointed out the Shetland Bus links to Bressay The request for the full amount of £300, to part fund additions to the Shetland Bus museum, was awarded unanimously.

ii) **Application from the Bressay Hall to fund air source heating:**

Dee declared an interest as she is a member of the Hall Committee.

The Chair moved to give support and considerable discussion ensued as to the magnitude of that support. It was pointed out that essentially The Hall was asking the Community Council to approve that SCBF fund the entire cost of the air source heating. Bressay Community Council have generally expected applicants to fund some of a project themselves; particularly pertinent as two recent Hall events has supported external charities. Whilst being supportive of the proposal Chair expressed his disappointment that according to the application there was no plans for the Hall to raise funds for the project nor to apply some of their cash reserves. He wondered why for such a worthwhile project some effort should could not be made to support their own project and not just expect 100% external funding. With a split between full funding and partial funding it was pointed out the decision would be inqurate, therefore the Clerk was requested to feed back that no decision had been reached, and why, and suggest they resubmit, reducing this request with some details of in-house funding and also ask for an alternative grant from the Community Distribution fund of up to £1,000.

**7: Action Clerk**

### **11: Any Other Business**

The Community Council laptop is slow, dies and requires factory resetting on a regular basis and is generally unfit for purpose. The Chair suggested we allocate some of the underspend form 2021/22 to provide the clerk with a new laptop. This was unanimously agreed with a budget of around £500 and a preference for this to be sourced locally.

**8: Action Clerk**

Shirley raised a query regarding parking for the ferry at the Lerwick side. The Bressay Ferry is the only Ferry Terminal that has no allocated parking suitable for leaving a car while, for example, nipping back home for lunch, etc. Parking in Lerwick is generally poor and more so now the cruise ships has started up again. With the increasing costs of fuel and expensive ferries this is very pertinent. Historically Bressay commuters were stopped from

parking at the marshalling area and no alternative was provided. A suggestion was to negotiate with the Harbour Trust to allocate some parking at the Old Fish Market. It was suggested this could be passed to Arwed in his role on the transport committee.

The Clerk passed on details of a letter received from Elizabeth Edwards giving details of a forthcoming function being planned in aid of the MS Society asking if the Community Council would be able to sponsor the supper part of the evening. Consensus was unanimous and the clerk will send her details and an application form for a Distribution Grant of up to £250. Chairman will organise a phone around when the application is received so a decision can be made in time for the event. **9. Action: Clerk**

Shirley asked why Community Council meetings were held on a Thursday, would it be possible to move them to another day of the week? Previously the Hall was booked on Wednesdays by cards and on Mondays by the badminton club, but this does not seem to be running now. Members present were willing to try meetings on Mondays for a trial period.

**12. Location and date of next meeting:**

As the Chairman and other members have commitments for the next scheduled date the next meeting of BCC has been moved to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.15 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20 and thanked those attending.

Chairman: *F A Christie-Henry*

Date 25 July 2022