

# BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 25 July 2022 in Bressay Hall.

### Present:

Alistair Christie Henry  
Shirley Gifford  
Dee Henderson-Haefner  
Amanda Sinclair  
Richard Burrell  
Stephen Leask  
Arwed Wenger

### In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)

### Additional attendees:

Two members of the public

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chairman opened the Meeting welcomed members and guest to the hall.

Apologies were noted from:

Gary Robinson  
Michael Duncan  
Pat Christie  
Kevin Main

#### 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 26 May2022. The minutes were approved, proposed by Alistair 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 there had been no movement on the situation with the re-alignment of the ferry carpark, the relocation of the bottle bank or indeed the installation of the additional bins. The sighting of these had been designated during a tour with the responsible Council manager and himself. He escalated to Kevin Main and has now instigated a meeting with the Director of Infrastructure Services. He has advised Kevin that meetings are now scheduled for a Monday and he (Kevin) hopes to attend now the football season has concluded.

These issues also tie in with the absence of ferry parking on the Lerwick side. This issue was clarified for the benefit of those who had been unable to attend previous meetings. It was noted a significant component in providing parking would be the Lerwick Port Authority; however, it would be up to the SIC to negotiate with the LPA not BCC. Both attending SIC councilors agreed to monitor and support for issue.

**1. Action: Chairman**

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

The signage and bin are in place and no further incidences had been brought to our attention, however we will continue to monitor the situation.

**AP3: Small allocation Quarry Cleanings:** – it was clarified that this will distributed to householders with access tracks and turning points which were less than 50 meters and do not qualify for an allocation of quarry cleanings. And those who do qualify but had not received a recent allocation. Applications would be through the clerk but monitoring would be down to trust and honesty.

**2. Action Clerk**

**AP4: Investigation into broadband provision:** - The extended 4g rollout in Shetland has covered 4 locations, Scalloway, Foula and Skerries and SGRP intimates the current phase is fully allocated. It is claimed 4G coverage has been increased to 90% across the whole of Shetland however there is no plans for an increase in Bressay and no 5G coming to Shetland. One thing that could help residents would be mapping of the existing provision on the island and ascertain which providers offer the best coverage in each place. It is understood that Marvin Smith of Shetland Telecom would be the best to advise on this. Richard agreed to continue with this.

**3. Action Richard**

**AP5: Selecting/Sourcing a new Community Council laptop:** - a new laptop has been purchased, with software and within budget. It was decided the old laptop should be stripped down to be kept as a spare or for members/community use, e.g., should we have to return to zoom meetings and a member has no laptop.

**5. Member & Visitor Report**

Stephen and Arwed reiterated they would split responsibility for looking at ferry parking in Lerwick, meanwhile it was Council recess so little happening. Meanwhile Stephen had been notified by a constituent of a Ferry issue where they had been stopped carrying a pot of paint onto the ferry and was querying the carriage of "Dangerous goods" on the ferry. These included paint, fuel cans and gas bottles. A lively discussion ensued. All ferries have a safe container/designated area for passengers to use. In the Leirna it tends to be taken up with groceries. When a tanker comes on board it is placed in the area now delineated in red, where it can be pushed off the ferry if it catches fire. 25 passengers may be carried at the same time as a tanker. MCA rules have not changed however a change in personnel at Sellaness is now interpreting those rules in a different way. The Master can make pertinent decisions and apply their discretion; hence the other ferries may apply the rules differently. Other ferries have less foot passengers but the other islands have the facilities to purchase fuel, paint etc. in island. It was suggested we invite the Director of Infrastructure to a future meeting, however the Chair could confirm he was scheduling a meeting with him and would address the issue.

**6. Infrastructure Update:**

Most of the infrastructure information has already been covered; however, it was time to organise the infrastructure survey and note required repairs to roads etc. Alistair and Richard coordinated to fulfil this later in the week. Amanda asked what the situation was regarding dangerous monuments in the kirkyards: three years ago there was an inspection

of kirkyards and the SIC fed back to the owner of the mausoleum at Gunnista that it was in a dangerous condition and needed to be made safe and it was their responsibility to do so. In the meantime it was fenced off. Now the council has reinterpreted and seems to have changed their policy and is now to employ a mason to make good unsafe structures. Arwed was tasked to obtain more information.

**4. Action Arwed**

#### **7. Planning Applications:**

None

#### **8. Correspondence:**

A letter of thanks has been received from Shetland Family History Society as appreciation and thank you for their grant.

An invitation has been extended for any Community Council member to attend CAB's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and AGM.

Tingwall Agricultural Museum and Heritage Centre are applying for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund to build a facility to house Jean Sandison MBE's artifacts and would like a letter of support – Clerk to send this and also send to the History Group.

Shetland Table Tennis are planning a Regeneration Project and hope to employ a Development Officer and would like our support. This is to be based in Dunrossness, Cunningsburgh, Scalloway, Aith, Brae and Unst, if they could come to Bressay this would be a project which would best be directed to the Hall Committee – the Clerk to direct them to the Hall.

An email had been received from James Paton asking for the Community Council thoughts on building 100 to 200 houses in Bressay on land from the Garth Estate. Clerk to reply explaining this would be outwith the Community Council remit and budget and would be a matter for the Garth Estate and a property developer.

**5. Action Clerk**

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

The Distribution Fund of £3,000 or this year along with the Core Fund of £5,802. Has been received. No information has yet been received regarding the Project Fund allocation.

#### **SCBF Applications:**

- i) **Application for the Bressay Hall for funding for air source heating:** Dee declared an interest as she is a member of the Hall Committee. This application has been recalculated and resubmitted and now includes an element of fundraising to meet the cost as well as an application of a grant from the Distribution Fund. The Chair moved to give support and this was agreed unanimously
- ii) **Shetland Amenity Trust** – has applied for a grant to extend their tree nursery facility. This was unanimously declined. Clerk to send feedback to SCBF.
- iii) **Shetland recreational trust** – has applied for a grant to engage a staff member to promote fitness in area if the population not engaging in sport or fitness. This was unanimously declined as again there was no proposed benefit to islanders or removal of cost barriers for islanders to attend activities elsewhere. Clerk to send feedback to SCBF.

#### **Distribution Fund Applications:**

- i) **Application for the Bressay Hall for funding for air source heating:** Dee declared an interest as she is a member of the Hall Committee. This ties in with the SCBF application and was agreed unanimously.

- ii) **MS Society Fundraiser:** This was previously discussed and agreed in principle at the last meeting. An application has now been received (previously circulated). Members formally unanimously approved.
- iii) **Bressay History Group:** has submitted an outdated form for retrospective funding for Voar red-up in April 2021 and 2022. Clerk has already responded.

Chairman brought up that whilst we are unable to assist for previous years we are now in a position to set aside some of the distribution grant towards participants in this years redd-up, which has now been rekindled by SAT. Members agreed to set aside £200 to be distributed to the first 4 group to apply; as in previous years subject to confirmation from SAT that the group had participated. Chairman clarified that should less than 4 groups apply the grant to applicants would be increased proportionately.

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

It was noted that some verges has been cut, in a spasmodic fashion! We had been told this wouldn't happen until autumn and the random areas cut were where wild flowers were growing – although it was noted in many areas thistles had been left. It will be interesting to see if this happens more fully in the autumn.

It was also noted the cattle grid at the top of Cruister was full of weeds therefore it is probable this has not been completed satisfactorily and this needs to be fed back.

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

The next meeting is to be on 22 August, followed by meetings on 10 October and 07 November prior to the Community Council elections.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 and thanked those attending.

Chairman: *F A Christie-Henry*      Date 22 August 2022