

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes subject to approval at next Community Council meeting

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 23RD Aug at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx. Changed from 9th Aug 2022

PRESENT:	
Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	
Cllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair	
Cllr Anne Huntley (AH)	
APOLOGIES	
Cllr Pete Gaines (PG)	Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland
Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH)	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
John Smith – Director Infrastructure Services, SIC (JS)	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT) via WEBEX
Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer
Greg Maitland - Harbour Master SIC(GM)	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL welcomed all to meeting and chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

JL asked if all were happy with minutes. JL approved, WP seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Clerk updated WCC

Accessible Toilet Facilities

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Ongoing since 26/10/21 – 8.08.2022 - SIC updated no contractors able to undertake work. Robert Shearer details given to SIC as available for works as George unable to undertake. No update since 26th Oct on waiting room refurbishment.

ACTION TAKEN:

Clerk asked to get date from Claire Christey

- **The Old Dock**

Condition of old docks was surveyed in August 2021 arranged by AI, no reports shared to date on findings of survey. WCC highlighted that subsidence was worse and becoming dangerous. 22.08.2022 Hazel Sutherland will bring up topic with SIC again and proposed visit to Whalsay.

ACTION:

Clerk to follow up and invite Hazel to next WCC meeting.

- **Dredging**

The dredging has been held up by unforeseen circumstances. JL requested that they be kept apprised of any potential developments in the Marina area. No update since 26th Oct 2021 , work still incomplete . RT would also follow up to see if new anchors can be replaced at the same time as dredging.

ACTION: AP asked for more details. Clerk asked to follow up

- **Roads**

Cattle Grids – Saeter, Houll, Harledale Cattle grids still not cleared and damaged one not replaced.

SIC put forward 30 MPH proposed works and approved. DA updated on 24.08.2022 that SIC engaged on other works elsewhere however will instruct workers to carry out temporary repairs by hand. Local resident sent video sheep walking over grids.

ACTION: SIC awaiting contractors to carry out works.

FENCE AT DUMP

No update since 26th Oct 2021 , work still incomplete ongoing. JL referred to the top fencing which is now in serious need to fixing before becoming worse. Hazel Sutherland from Amenity trust unable to find ownership and will follow up on visit to isle.

ACTION:

Clerk to follow up ongoing with Hazel at Amenity Trust.

ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS

Streetlight on North Beach

ACTION: Clerk to follow up ongoing , SIC waiting on Settlement Audit report and hope to reply in Sept

CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

19.01.2022 – Active Travel Consultation by Systra – DA asked to follow up with timescales for proposed works. SIC waiting on Settlement Audit report and hope to reply in Sept

Action: Clerk to follow up on dates for works.

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FERRIES

Xmas ferry schedule awaiting reply from SIC

DA informed WCC that Community Ferry hires are no longer fixed rates and fuel was calculated as an extra.

JL informed WCC that no wifi was now possible at most ferry terminals. AP suggested contact Morag on above for assistance and Robert Thomson

Request for a community ferry for the Voe Show prize giving was discussed in October, WCC approved community ferry to be used for this occasion as large number of Whalsay folk had won prizes.

ACTION:

Clerk asked to follow up on Community Ferry Hires and ask for cost breakdown

Ferry Forum next meeting to confirm date for WCC to attend -Clerk asked to find out

Clerk asked to follow up on the Wifi issues

Clerk asked to follow up with Morag and Robert on ferry issues.

Clerk asked to organise the Voe Show community ferry hire for the prize giving

CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

Latest design presented , WCC approved with following changes ;

1. Insertion of Artwork by Whalsay School Bairns
2. Lettering to be less angular

ACTION Clerk to follow up and inform Art Machine of changes

WHALSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (WCDG)

AP suggested getting Robert Thomason involved as he has been successful in delivering other projects on other isles.

ACTION Clerk asked to follow up with Robert Thomson and to invite to next meeting

NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked. Topics to include Participatory Budget, WCDG, Sign - on hold

ACTION Ongoing

JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

Awaiting reply from Mitchell as proposal sent to Tait and Petersen was not accepted

ACTION

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Clerk asked to share reply with Mitchell for advice.

BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

Elaine Parks visited isle for review. JL, WP, AD asked about the latest winter and summer distances needed for kids to be eligible for school bus travel and to revert back.

ACTION

Clerk asked to follow up on visit by Elaine Parks

POLICE MATTERS

Police was present at Regatta however WCC felt that more monitoring was needed. JL suggested perhaps more regular patrols.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up

SKIP HIRES

Skip Hire on 16th Aug was a success and JL proposed another hire towards the end of Nov and look at alternative week day subject to cost so that other folk are able to use the facilities as well.

ACTIONS:

Clerk asked to sort out

Other matters discussed

Tunnel Meeting was discussed and was attended by locals however it was noted that publicity for the meeting was poor and wider community were not aware of the meeting.

JL thanked all for their attendance and contribution. **Meeting closed at 20.33**

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20th September 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.