

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

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx.

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

**MINUTE TAKER:** Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

**WELCOME:**

JL welcomed Hazel Sutherland and 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. WP approved, AH seconded.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Clerk updated WCC. Accounts to be sent to Ailidh Risk for validation.

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**Accessible Toilet Facilities**

Ongoing since 26/10/21 – 8.08.2022 – Clerk asked to send in more current pictures and ask for update.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

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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. Hazel Sutherland attended meeting and discussed the state and ownership of the Old Docks and was in agreement that works are needed for it to protect and preserve and acknowledged its historical importance for the Isles. HS explained that due to changes in funding and with Shetland Amenity SA to preserve this asset a new strategy was needed.

WP emphasised that the deterioration was worsening with the washes from the larger ferries and this area was dangerous and immediate works or temporary fixes was also needed. JL asked to see a copy of the survey that was done but to date WCC still have not received a copy. JL suggested setting up a Development Group to access the necessary funding for restoration as possibility. HS proposed a dedicated meeting with SIC, onsite meeting and using this to highlight the deterioration, safety and repairs needed in the Old Docks. HS suggested also inviting Harbour users and Historic Scotland to the meeting to discuss future proofing the Old Docks. HS will organise meeting and confirm with WCC in the coming weeks.

HS – asked WCC if Greives House would be considered as a community assets as some of these camping bods need to renovated and the upkeeping and costs was making no longer an asset that SA want to maintain. HS suggested contacting the Blue Plaque for guidance on the ongoing upkeep costs. WCC to revert back to SA after consultation.

**ACTION:**

Clerk to follow up with Hazel.

- **Dredging**

No update since 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 , work still incomplete and held up.

RT requested copy of the Hydrographic Survey and received no reply or received any plans for dredging. AP reiterated that the dredging is needed and highlighted how the rescue boat was stranded in this area recently. JL asked RT to find out why this survey cannot be shared or at least the results shared with WCC.

**ACTION:** AP and JL 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.

Active Travel documents incorporates works to be done.

**ACTION:** SIC awaiting contractors to carry out works.

**FENCE AT DUMP**

No update since 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 , HS confirmed that this area does not belong to SA and suggested contacting SIC for the necessary works needed.

**ACTION:**

Clerk to follow up with SIC.

**ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS**

Active Travel documents incorporates works to be done.

**ACTION:** Clerk to follow up with timescales.

**CYCLE & WALKING PATHS**

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19.01.2022 – Active Travel Consultation by Systra - Active Travel documents incorporates works to be done.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up on dates for works.

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### FERRIES

JL asked why they still not have been approached about the timing for the Xmas ferry schedule as WCC would have expected SIC to have finalised this by now. Also, need to know if community hires need to be used due to any shortfalls on service. RT approached Transport Planning and suggested that the local councillors are approached for advice on timing.

WP asked if there was any increases in any of the ferry services needed by Whalsay. WP restated again that current services was not adequate for the community and some services needed extra runs or capacity and has been an ongoing issue for several years now. RT asked to follow up and advice.

JL asked RT for any update on the WIFI issues at the terminals and RT confirmed that there was an issue and this was due to new upgrades being done. RT is confident that a solution should be forthcoming.

### ACTION:

Clerk asked to follow up on Community Ferry Hires with SIC.

Clerk asked to follow up with RT on WIFI issue.

Clerk asked to organise the Voe Show community ferry hire for the prize giving and do posters for distribution.

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### CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

1. New design not ready for approval
2. WP proposed Rescue Boat for funding and JL suggested SBF

**ACTION** Clerk to follow up and source funding.

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### WHALSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (WCDG)

RTH expressed help in getting this started and would join in the next dedicated meeting. JL asked to set up meeting with the locals and invite RTH.

**ACTION** Clerk asked to follow up

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### NEWSLETTER

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

**ACTION** Ongoing

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### JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

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Reply from Mitchell recommends sending a letter to Tait & Peterson to initiate engagement.

### **ACTION**

Clerk asked to follow up with Mitchell.

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### **BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS**

RT forwarded reply from Planning with new proposed works that will be undertaken. Robina Barton Email dated 20.09.2022 confirmed that funding needed to be applied for.

### **ACTION**

Clerk asked to follow up on timescales.

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### **POLICE MATTERS**

Nothing was discussed.

**ACTION:** Clerk asked to follow up on more regular patrols on Whalsay.

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### **SKIP HIRES**

New Skip hire was proposed for 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 same timing as last one.

### **ACTIONS:**

Clerk asked to sort out

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### **Other matters discussed**

AH – discussed WCC sending a letter of support to ensure that Learning Centre would remain open after Ruby retires. WCC agreed support and clerk asked to send letter.

JL – build up of stones near to the road up to Bu Water , needs to sorted out possibility of being tarmaced as it is ongoing problem which dangerous. Also, the road near to Ian and Maggie's house. Clerk asked to follow up with SIC.

JL thanked all for their attendance and contribution. **Meeting closed at 21.00**

**Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.**