

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the Burra Public Hall on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. M. Fullerton
Miss N. Fullerton
Ms M. Garnier

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Miss A. Williamson
Mr. G. Laurenson
Cllr. M. Lyall
Mr. Michael Duncan
Mrs. Roselyn Fraser

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Hughson and Cllr. Sandison declared an interest in connection with the Planning Applications to be discussed in item 4(d).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 5th September were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Replacement of streetlights – Brough

Dave Coupe, SIC, advised some time ago that a contractor had been appointed and a programme of works had been agreed. He assured us that the scheme at Brough had not been overlooked and had asked that the scheme be placed earlier in the programme. The Clerk had contacted SIC Roads again and had been assured that these would be replaced this year.

(b) Access road to Playgroup

The Clerk had e-mailed Shona Thompson for an update and she replied on 26th September confirming that the business case had been written but the engineer is waiting to hear back from Assets re the land ownership and whether or not any land is likely to be required. Once he has this information then the business case can be presented to the Council for approval. She will keep us informed.

(c) Speeding at East Voe

Niall had spoken with Neil Hutcheson again on this and the 'smiley face' sign should be installed at East Voe this week.

(d) Parking at Minn

Niall and Brian had visited Mike Bailey to discuss the area of land which he has offered to give up to provide more parking at Minn. He will obviously need payment for the bit of land and there was a general discussion among the members on this. It was agreed that Niall and Brian should speak with Mike again on a possible figure. The Community Council would not be allowed to take ownership of the land but it was suggested that the Langsound Development Group could possibly take this on. They could then apply for funding from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund to move this forward. It was agreed that Niall and Brian should go and speak with Mike again in the first instance and we will also speak with Robert Laursen, from the Langsound Development Group, to see if they would be interested in doing this. It was also suggested that a sign could be put up at Minn meantime saying "Do not block access". Niall will inquire.

ACTION: Niall & Brian / Clerk

(e) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Robin Black advised some time ago that he is resigning as a director on Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) but said he would continue until someone takes his place on the Board. This has been discussed at previous meetings but as yet no one has been interested in taking this on. Niall said he would speak with Eleanor Gear, SCBF, about the vacancy and get more information. Brian said he would think about it but would only take it on if there was no one else in the community willing to do it.

ACTION: Niall

(f) Path on Ludi

Niall had spoken with Maurice Sutherland and WHD and they are both willing to provide quotes for the path on Ludi. It was agreed that we should ask for two quotes – one for tarring the path and another for Type 1. Brian and Niall will meet with them to discuss what is needed.

ACTION: Niall & Brian

(g) Burra/Trondra Signs

Paul Moar had e-mailed previously with 'mock-up' signs for Burra & Trondra showing the old Norse names. A number of areas already have these signs in place. It was agreed that we should contact the SIC in the first instance to see if they would be willing to put these signs in place.

ACTION: Clerk

(h) ASCC meeting - 20th September

Niall had attended the above ASCC meeting and gave a brief overview of the main items discussed.

(i) East Isle Road verges/Bridge link

With regard to the e-mail which Betty Fullerton had sent to Neil Robertson, SIC, and copied us in, it was noted that the verges are now being sorted on the East Isle. The Clerk will speak with Betty to see if she received a response about the bridge to East Isle.

ACTION: Clerk

(j) Speed's corner

It was reported at the last meeting that the road is breaking up again at Speed's corner. This has been repaired numerous times but there appears to be a spring which causes the road to break up and water runs from it across the road. This is also dangerous in freezing weather on this sharp corner. The Clerk e-mailed Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, but has not yet received a reply.

(k) Bin at Minn car park

The Clerk had received a reply from SIC Waste Management to say that the bin had now been replaced.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme Applications:

(i) No 180298: Mind Your Head

The above are applying to all 18 community councils. Project – continuation of the Wellness Programme over the next 12 months. The sum requested from our Community Council was £1,000 but the members agreed on a donation of £500 due to the amount of Shetland wide applications coming in at the moment.

(ii) No 180317: Shetland Island Games Association

They have applied to 16 community Councils and have costed the grant amount requested based on the participants from the area being applied to. The sum requested from our Community Council was £300 which the members approved.

(b) Promoting the Viking Community Fund – Advance Grant Scheme

An e-mail had been received from Eleanor Gear, SCBF, with information on promoting the Viking Community Fund Advance Grant Scheme. SCBF now have a Facebook page where there are updates on the scheme. They hope this will encourage local groups to apply where they may not be aware of the fund. A poster was also attached which has been printed off for the local shop and hall.

(c) Advance Grant Scheme – Improving Poverty or Welfare Criteria - 2nd Application

Another e-mail from Eleanor Gear advised that at a recent SCBF directors meeting, the current cost of living was discussed at length. A change has been agreed to the published AGS Guidelines for Applicants to allow a second application from applicants within 12 months from their last grant award where this would meet the criteria of improving poverty and welfare.

(d) Planning Application Consultation: 2022/232/PPF

Proposal – to build a single storey dwellinghouse with attached garage

Address: Plot adjacent to Akkeri, Bridge End, Burra Applicant: Mr. Dug Kay & Ms Charlotte Blandford-Newson

There were no objections to the above application.

(e) Community Council elections update

Michael Duncan had sent an update advising that the Community Council elections are going ahead and that it will be for a **two year** term of office. The Notice of CC Elections and the nomination form is now available on their website. The election period commenced 1st October and nominations can be accepted by post or email with the deadline of Thursday 20th October. The Clerk had printed off nomination forms and these were handed out to the members present who wished to stand again. (All existing members will continue until midnight on 23rd November 2022.)

(f) Age-related Macular Degeneration

Michael Duncan had sent on an e-mail from Claire Hurst, Group Leader of the Macular Society Shetland Support Group. They can give talks and presentations both in person and via Zoom on the above. This will be forwarded on to the WRVS group here in Burra who may be interested in this.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting:

- Scottish Government Planning Update
- Shetland Business Transition Fund and upcoming events

5. AOCB

(a) Token of thanks

It was noted the Colin Goodlad has once again done a great job strimming the grass verges in Burra over the summer months. As a token of thanks for the many hours he spends on this voluntarily, it was agreed that we should give him a voucher for £100 from Burra Motor Repairs.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Moss on pavements

It was reported that there is quite a lot of moss on the pavements in Hamnavoe – in particular at The Point. This can be quite slippery in places. The Clerk will contact SIC Roads to see if they will clean the pavements.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th November 2022 in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm