

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2022 at the Mossbank Primary School

2022/10/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Ms R Griffiths
Mr J Milne
Mr E Smith

Ms J Dennison
Mr A Hall
Mr B Moreland

2022/10/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A Arnett, Community Worker
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2022/10/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2022/10/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mrs K Milne, Mr W Whitrow, Councillor E Macdonald and Police Sergeant Lara McCabe.

2022/10/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2022 were approved by Mr J Milne and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

2022/10/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr J Milne declared an interest with regards to the Shetland Community Benefit Fund grant application forms, items 11.4 and 11.5.

2022/10/07 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Shetland Gas Plant - Total Energies E&P UK Ltd** – Mr Iain Park, Terminal Manager will attend the meeting scheduled for 24th November.
- 7.2 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.3 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.4 Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – The Chairman is going to speak to Ms Anita Jamieson at SIC Housing about this. Mr E Smith said that having a few more parking places would help.
- 7.5 Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.6 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.7 Active Travel Strategy** – There was no update on this item.

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7.8 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs – Following the last meeting, the Clerk sent the letters of concerns from Members of the public regarding the speed limit in Voe to the Councillors to ask if they can do anything about this ongoing issue. Councillor Tom Morton contacted both Mr Michael Craigie, Executive Manager of Transport Planning and Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service. Mr M Craigie responded to say that this is an issue that has been raised in consultation over the last couple of years and is a feature of plans for promoting active and sustainable travel. He copied Ms Robina Barton, Transport Policy and Projects Officer into his reply and said that there will be a formal update to the Environment and Transport Committee and to ZetTrans later in the month that will cover the strategic perspective.

Ms R Barton replied that there are eight settlements they will be auditing this financial year (last year they did Brae). The audit will identify barriers to walking/cycling/wheeling and suggest interventions ranging from cycle paths to dropped kerbs and speed limit reductions. There may be a recommendation to reduce the speed limit in Voe but there is a slight challenge in that the speed limits currently in place follow national guidance. It is just guidance so they are in a position to implement lower limits should it be deemed appropriate. In terms of supporting active travel, speed limit reductions are a potential quick win, given that they are straightforward and low cost to introduce, unlike developments of new infrastructure, which is much more time consuming and a costly process.

The Clerk is to ask Ms R Barton when the meeting is being held and if DCC Members can attend as stakeholders. **Clerk to progress.**

Mr B Moreland explained that it would be good to get the Hillswick Road in Brae included. The Chairman said that this has been ongoing since 1978. Mr J Milne said that there is ongoing speeding in the area. Mr B Moreland said that the area around Tagon Stores should be 40mph as vehicles are going through driving at 60mph.

7.9 Bus Shelter – Wethersta – There was no update on this item.

7.10 Lack of White Lines on the Roads – The Chairman has seen the truck in Shetland but the rainy weather has possibly hindered progress as the roads need to be dry for them to paint the white lines on the roads.

7.11 Potential Dog Park in Delting – There was no update on this item.

7.12 Community Development Fund (CDF) – There were no further grant application forms for the remaining £2,645.85 CDF funding.

Following the last meeting, the Clerk contacted Shetland Engraving again asking them to proceed with the order for a brass plaque 3” x 6” to go on the picnic bench at Mavis Grind which costs £49.50. This has not been received yet. The Clerk is to chase this up. **Clerk to progress.**

7.13 Shetland Way – Stantec UK Ltd – There was no update on this item.

7.14 Safety on the Muckle Roe road – There was no update on this item.

7.15 Unacceptable Parking on single track roads – The Chairman said that there has been an issue in Shetland lately with people going to see birds in Shetland. Ms J Dennison said there were killer whales in Muckle Roe recently and cars were parked in the laybys.

7.16 SIC Burial Services – Burial Ground Historic Structures – There was no update on this item.

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7.17 Place Plan for Delting – The Chairman attended a meeting on Monday night about this. It is being called 'Nort Natters'. He is unsure if they are going to achieve a lot but they have to do the process and feels it would be better to have an agenda for it. Ms A Arnett said that she has flyers to be distributed on Monday. They are engaging with the community from 31st October to 17th November to get the community participating and answering questions. There is a QR code on the flyers which people can scan on their smart phone which takes them to the survey on the SIC website. There are paper copies as well and hope to potentially get a group to push forward the Place Plan. It is open for all ages and user friendly. Answers can be written or drawn and inviting people to join in. The focus is on the whole of the North Mainland. Key groups including NCDC, CDCN and promoting and hosting events. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday consultants are up to do events. Mossbank and Brae schools are involved as are Youth Development who are doing Minecraft sessions virtually. The Fire Station is open in Brae on Sunday. People are to be encouraged to take cards and use the QR code to do the online survey.

Ms R Griffiths said she would do a piece for the 'North Notes' section of the Shetland Times. There is going to be a press release going out on Monday. The Clerk is to put the link to the survey on the Facebook page about this. **Clerk to progress.**

Ms A Arnett said that after 17th November they will look at the questions and information gathered, different themes, priorities, what changes are suggested, what could be done better and meeting the communities on 24th November. They want to let the people know what they have heard and look at the next steps of what the community wants to do.

Mr J Milne asked if there was any money available for change, such as bus travel to schools. Ms A Arnett responded that there is no budget for this engagement.

The Chairman highlighted housing as a big issue. It is more critical in the last few weeks with mortgage rates rising to 6%. Social housing is being looked for. Delting has a lot of housing but this is mainly occupied. Housing and transport are the big issues.

Mr A Hall said that he does not see any point in this when we know what we need.

The Chairman said that the HNSA works on people saying where they want a house. But there is a higher chance of getting a house in Lerwick, so they put that as their first choice, when their first choice may be in Delting, but they don't think they will get a house in Delting. There is a massive housing list for accommodation in Lerwick.

Mr A Hall is disappointed that lots of young people who lived in the Delting area are going to Lerwick.

The Chairman said that we don't ask the question in the correct way. If the question was 'where would you ideally like to stay?' A lot of people may complain that the young people are moving but businesses cannot get accommodation for workers.

Mr A Hall said that a number of houses in Brae are used for workers. He has spoken to SIC Housing about their being demand for housing outwith Lerwick for years.

Ms A Arnett said that the onus is on community led projects. The Rural Housing Fund has helped community groups to build their own housing schemes. She gave out the leaflets for 'Nort Natters'.

Mr B Moreland asked about Hjatland houses. The Chairman said that they are building in Brae just now. Hjatland gets more per house regarding Grant Aid compared to the Local Authority. Their rent is higher than the SIC but they are newer houses.

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- 7.18 **Bench in Graven Kirkyard** – The Chairman thinks this bench is okay.
- 7.19 **Cattle Grid, Busta Road, Brae** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.20 **SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Shetland Amenity Trust** – E-mail received from the Shetland Amenity Trust Woodland and Natural Heritage teams extending their thanks to all Members of Delting Community Council for supporting their development of Shetland's tree nursery. The support is essential in ensuring the improvement of Shetland's native tree stock for local projects and to set up their conservation work. They are thanking Members for their grant award through SCBF and the generous extension to the offer. The help is invaluable and this project would not have been possible without the input and support. They are now finalising the timeline and will start to implement the work soon. Once the works are complete, they will extend and invitation to all partners and funders to attend their open day, they hope to have the opportunity to thank Members in person then.
- 7.21 **Hillswick Road, Brae** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.22 **Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – There was no update on this item.
- 7.23 **Living Well Hub** – Various e-mails received and sent to Members. They have had various visiting organisations this month including Adult Learning, Housing Support Service, Voluntary Action Shetland, Social Security Scotland and Relationship Scotland.
- 7.24 **Paths for All and Outdoor Access Forum** – The Clerk contacted Mr Andrew Archer, Chairman of Tingwall, Whiteness and Wesidale Community Council regarding his e-mail about setting up a group to use the wind farm money that is allocated directly to their area to build some footpaths. Paths for All offers money and advice on projects like this and offer a one-day course called Managing Community Paths Projects. If they can get enough people interested (at least 15) then Paths for All would come to Shetland and run the course up here. Unfortunately, there has not been much interest expressed in this.
- 7.25 **Appointing a New Clerk** – The Clerk placed the advert for a new Clerk on the Shetland News website, DCC Facebook Page and Brae Community Facebook Page. The Chairman said that there has been a lot of interest and interviews are taking place tomorrow night with the hope of making an appointment tomorrow night.
- 7.26 **Bridge in Brae Woods – Shetland Amenity Trust** – Mr J Milne said that a brand new bridge is in place.
- 7.27 **Shetland Amenity Trust** – Ms Shona Fullerton, Administrative Assistant responded to thank Members for their interest in the Trust's work. The Trust has been conducting a review of how it operates for the past eighteen months and it is anticipated that this work will continue for a period of months yet. That said, any information from Board meetings that can be made public will be shared on the Trust's website or social media feeds. However, they do try to make news public as soon as possible on a continual basis so it may be that the website is not updated following Board meetings.
- 7.28 **Viking Energy Wind Farm – Key Stakeholder Meeting** – This took place on 4th October at the Stewart Building, Esplanade, Lerwick.

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- 7.29 Scottish Government – Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Project** – E-mail received from Mr Billy Mycock, ASB Co-ordinator with the SIC. He would like to visit all the Community Councils within the next six months and would like to know if there is a particular month that would be best. This is to discuss any concerns the Community Council may have around ASB or its prevention in the area. They have recently had a new ASB strategy approved as part of the process they are getting in touch with all the Community Councils. The Chairman said that there is not much of an issue with this currently in Delting.
- 7.30 Light Bollard in Skelladale, Brae** – The Clerk contacted Mr Mervyn Smith, SIC regarding a fault with a light bollard at the south end of the Skelladale scheme. The e-mail was acknowledged.
- 7.31 Moorfield Estate** – The Clerk received a letter from Ms Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager, SIC Housing confirming that it is not SIC employees who are carrying out the works on the Moorfield Estate and the work is contracted out. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that they meet the legislative requirements for the provision of staff welfare. The contractor has had difficulty in getting an electricity connection. The issue of the lack of utility provider connections has been well documented locally and the contractor has no option but to use a generator. Mr J Milne said that this is ongoing. The workers put a meter in and cannot get a power connection as no suppliers are willing to take them on as a customer. The Chairman said that even houses in Shetland are struggling to get power.

2022/10/08 POLICE REPORT

The Police report for August and September was received. There have been 22 incidents recorded for Delting, which can be summarised as follows –

Communications Misuse
Concern for Person (2)
Neighbour Dispute (3)
Theft
Threatening or Abusive Behaviour
Careless Driving
Minor Road Traffic Collision
Firearms Seizure
Public Nuisance (3)
Theft of Vehicle
Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit (3)
Minor Road Traffic Collision (2)
Fail To Report Collision (2)

2022/10/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

2022/10/10 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms A Arnett said that they are working with the Winter Achievements Fund alongside Economic Development which is sliced from the Coastal Communities Fund from the Crown Estate. This is to help with the cost of living for community groups. For example, if the Brae Hall wanted to have a club for the elderly, they could apply to get funding. It is for community acts above the usual to help vulnerable people. Warm spaces for people to come to. Open to any community group and she wants people to spread the word. Community Work can help groups with application forms and there is a quick turnaround. Folk can donate food.

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Mr J Milne explained that their carpet bowls group uses the Brae Hall and if they wanted to provide a meal and entertainment, would that be included as they are always looking for new members. Mr B Moreland said that the kitchen staff would need to be involved.

Ms A Arnett said that they could outsource catering and pay for someone to provide this service. Between £500.00 and £10,000.00 is available.

Ms R Griffiths said that the Living Well Hub in Brae is a warm space people could come to. They are open 10-2 Monday-Thursday and 10-4 on Friday. It could be a lunch time, even if only once per month.

Ms A Arnett is aware of some groups starting in Shetland. There is the St Ringins old library building opening up as a store with warm winter clothing for children, duvets, electric blankets and new electric goods.

The Chairman said that this could encourage people to go out and socialise. It collapsed with the covid pandemic but it would be good to get people in the habit of going out again.

2022/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 **Community Council Elections** – The closing date for nominations was 24th October. There are only 6 Members for Delting Community Council out of 12. Ms Rosalind Griffiths would like to be co-opted. The Chairman said that we need to try and get the numbers up.
- 11.2 **Remembrance Day Wreath** – The Clerk collected the wreath from the Royal British Legion and it cost £37.00. Payment approved. Ms R Griffiths will lay the wreath on behalf of the community.
- 11.3 **Shetland News Advert** – E-mail received with an invoice for advertising the Clerk's vacancy online for one week for a total cost of £54.00. Payment approved.
- 11.4 **SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Brae Christmas Party Committee** - They organise the annual Brae Christmas Party for over 150 children with an age range from babies to Primary 7. They get funding through local fund raising. They make all the arrangements, decorating the venue, organising food and wrapping presents. They are asking the Community Council for £500.00. Members are happy to award them the full grant award of £500.00. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.5 **SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Brae Fireworks Group** – They run the Brae community fireworks every year. However, due to the covid pandemic and people not carrying cash, their collection boxes have not done nearly as well as previous years. They are looking for £500.00 to assist with this year's event. Members are happy to award them the full grant award of £500.00. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.6 **Da Voar Redd Up 2022 – The Shetland Amenity Trust** – E-mail received to say that this year's event was delivered in its normal format. They sent through a list of survey results which shows the groups in Delting which confirmed their Redd Up was completed and if they wish to receive Community Council funding. The three groups that confirmed are the Mossbank Primary School, Voe Youth Club and Voe Bairns' Parties. Members are happy to award them £100.00 each upon receipt of their completed Voar Redd Up application form to the Community Council. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 11.7 Citizens Advice Bureau** – E-mail received from Ms Karen Eunson, Bureau Manager. They have received confirmation that they will receive the funding they applied for from the Costal Communities for a Community Based Energy and Benefits Adviser. She thanked the Community Council for their letter of support. She believes the strong community backing for this project was key to them securing funding. The funding starts on 23rd January and runs for three years. They will have to set up their community outreach from scratch again and at a time of very high demand for advice. They will be looking to work with community groups such as Community Councils and to work in partnership with the local authority and NHS. They will be in touch again in the New Year to let the Community Council know about their plans. Members feel it would be good if they could have a regular appearance at the Living Well Hub.
- 11.8 Sullom Voe Memorial** – Terry Mayes provided an update on the restoration of the plaque. The stonework has been cleaned, a new poster and polycarbonate film cover are ready and the wood has been received for the frame. Construction is underway and it should be ready in time for the service on 12th November. He is inviting the Community Council to attend the service at 12pm followed by soup and sandwiches at the Delting Boating Club. The Clerk is to e-mail this to Members. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.9 Grant Application Form – Delting Football Club** – They intend to purchase three litter bins and install them at the pitch. This would remove the problem of litter blowing around the place, and, hopefully, as they look more like bins, pupils and anyone passing or using the pitch would feel more like using them. They would be secured to concrete bases which the club's volunteers would install, eliminating the risk of them being kicked over or removed. The total cost is £740.91. Members agreed to award them the full £740.91. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.10 Delting Football Club – Summer Newsletter** – Noted.
- 11.11 Shetland Recreational Trust – Annual Report for 2021-22** – Noted.
- 11.12 VAS Volunteering Awards** – Noted.

2022/10/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 12.1 Funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –**

Shetland Charitable Trust has opened its Small Grant Scheme for applications. Constituted community groups in Shetland with an annual turnover below £50,000 can apply for grants up to £5,000. Applicants must demonstrate how their project promotes social inclusion and reduce inequalities in Shetland. The closing date for applications is 26th January 2023. For more information and an application form, see website – <https://www.shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

The Better Breaks programme from Shared Care Scotland provides 12 month grants to third sector organisations to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for disabled children and young people (aged 20 and under), and their carers (adult carers and/or young carers).

The programme funds a wide range of short breaks projects and activities including breaks away (i.e., overnight stays, residential breaks), days out, and/or shorter regular activities and sessions. Breaks should increase opportunities for disabled children and young people to engage in activities they enjoy, give carers a break from their caring role, and improve wellbeing for all involved. The maximum grant award for incorporated organisations is £35,000, and for unincorporated organisations the maximum is £10,000. The average grant award in previous years has been around £15,000. Applications close on 17th November 2022. For more information see website -sharedcarescotland.org.uk

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2022/10/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has developed a new grant programme entitled “Cost of Living Support Scotland” in response to the cost-of-living crisis. Voluntary organisations and community groups can apply for between £10,001 and £75,000 to deliver projects that help support individuals, families and communities experiencing hardship as a result of the increased cost of living. NLCF want to fund activity that means people:

- have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives
- are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living
- have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living

Eligible organisations can apply for funding for up to 12 months to deliver or tailor existing services, or to develop new activity. For more information, see website <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/cost-of-living-support-fund>

2022/10/13 CARRIED FORWARD ITEMS

The Carried Forward Items were discussed and forms an Appendix to the Minutes.

2022/10/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

14.1 Brae Public Toilets – Mr J Milne asked if there was any update on progress with the re-opening of this?

2022/10/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 1st December 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman