

Sandness & Walls Community Council

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Minutes of a virtual meeting of Sandness & Walls Community Council held via Zoom on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.00pm

Present:

I Sandison (Vice Chair)
M Forrest
J Puckey
L Moncrieff
J Laing
J Haswell
Cllr L Peterson

In Attendance: D Forrest (Clerk)

1. Chairman's Welcome

I Sandison (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting and welcomed all those present.

2. Apologies

I Walterson (Chair), G Jamieson
(J Haswell joined the meeting.)

3. Declarations of Interest

M Forrest declared an interest concerning item 11 – SCBF Grant Application from the Island Games Association.

4. Police Report

No report was available for this meeting

5. Minutes from 6.9.22

The adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2022 was proposed by M Forrest and seconded by L Moncrieff with the following amendment: That line 5 of item 10 Air B&B/Short Term Lets New Legislation now reads, '*Existing premises can operate until 1st April 2023.*'

(Cllr Peterson joined the meeting.)

6. Matters Arising

Re: 17.4 of 4/22 Abandoned Boat Hull

Members were informed that the hull has now been removed.

Re: 13 of 6/22 Walls Public Toilets

I Sandison stated that the invoice for the work that had been carried out on the broken door has not yet been received and therefore she has not yet been able to submit a funding request to the Community Council.

Re: 8.2 of 5/22 Parking at Stove Cottages, Walls

The Clerk referred to an email that had been received from Grant Gilfillan indicating that a meeting between the Housing Department and the Roads Department personnel had been scheduled for 22nd September. However, no feedback has been received to date. Cllr Peterson stated that Mr Dave Coupe may still be on leave and it is possible that this matter will be addressed on his return.

Re: 10 of 9/22 Air B&B/Short Term Lets New Legislation

I Sandison pointed out that the Association of Shetland Community Councils does not have AOCB on meetings' agendas. Members attending can raise any issue for discussion at a future meeting, Because of this, she was unable to discuss the effects of the new legislation on Air B&B/Short Term Lets. Cllr Peterson provided an update on how the Environmental Health Department would deal with the inspections.

Re: 14 of 9/22 Dropped Kerb at Vagaland in Walls

It was noted that whilst access improvements have been made to a Vagaland property, the dropped kerb that was promised for the pavement opposite the entrance to Vagaland has yet to be installed.

Action: The Clerk to seek an update on the timescale for this work and copy in Cllr Peterson.

Re:14.1 of 8/22 Defibrillator for West Burrafirth Pier

The Clerk indicated that he had received an email from Cooke Aquaculture stating that the S&WCC funding request was being considered.

Re: 7 Of 9/22 Financial Update/Funding for War Memorial Wreaths

The clerk stated that the wreaths have been delivered to him and some are awaiting collection.

7. Housing

It was noted that work has yet to commence on the Hjaltland Housing site in Walls. Cllr Peterson pointed out that an advertisement will be placed in the Shetland Times inviting applications from those wishing to live in the houses. She went on to say that the possibility of any future housing developments in the area will be dependant on the number of applications received for the four units about to be constructed. Members felt that a range of sizes of houses was needed e.g. 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom properties.

Action: Cllr Peterson to liaise with Mr B Leask to get an update on the timescale for this project.

8. Roads

8.1 The A971 from the West Burrafirth Junction to Walls.

A brief discussion took place regarding the condition of the current road with members expressing their view that the quality of the road surface is getting steadily worse.

8.2 Papa Stour Roads

J Puckey stated that repairs to the Papa Stour roads were ongoing and that the contractors were hampered by the fact that they had to have more materials shipped in.

8.3 'Road Narrows' Sign on road between Vagaland and Stove Cottages

A Road Narrows sign between Vagaland and Stove Cottages in Walls has been blown over in a recent gale.

Action: The Clerk to notify the Roads Department.

8.4 Possible funding for Paths

The Clerk referred members to the September Scottish Community Council Newsletter which highlighted funding opportunities for paths and active travel. There was uncertainty as to whether community councils could apply for the funding or if it had to be other groups. It was decided to seek advice from Roselyn Fraser.

Action: The Clerk to discuss funding with Roselyn Fraser.

9. Future of Health Service Provision at Walls Health Centre

The issues raised at the recent meeting with Community Council members and a Health Board team were discussed. No clear-cut decisions were made at that meeting and members have been asked to meet with the Health Board team again when they have drafted a report regarding the future of health provision on the Westside.

10. Review of Community Councils

Members were informed that the SIC has decided to go ahead with Community Council elections in November but that the term of office will only be for two years by which time a full review of Shetland's Community Councils will have been carried out. Cllr Peterson informed members that when the report is made available, all SIC members will have a say on its outcomes.

11. Shetland Community Benefit Fund

An application from the Island Games Association for £300 towards the cost of sending a team to Guernsey was approved as was an

application from the Sandness Hall Committee for £6025 towards the costs of renovations to the Public Hall.

Action: Clerk to inform the SCBF of these decisions.

12. Financial Update

The Clerk provided an update as to the Community Council's current financial position. He stated that there were no current funding requests.

13. Correspondence (Including Emails)

The Clerk referred members to a recent email from Mr Billy Mycock requesting that he attend a Community Council Meeting to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. A discussion followed on the issues surrounding Anti-Social Behaviour in Lerwick and the needs of the young people in that area. It was agreed to invite Mr Mycock to a meeting after the new Community Council was established.

Action: The Clerk to email Mr Mycock to inform him that the members were willing to meet with him and that he would be contacted again when the new Community Council was established.

14. AOCB

Track to Littla Boust, Sandness

The fact that this track had been severely damaged by a recent storm was noted. Cllr Peterson advised members that she had been contacted by the residents and that she is actively seeking a more permanent solution to the problem.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The Vice Chair thanked all present for their attendance.

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 1st November.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

(Draft minutes of the October 2022 S&WCC Meeting subject to approval at next meeting)