

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in the Rankin Lounge, Aith on Monday 25 July 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs S Deyell
J D Garrick Mrs J Fraser
Ex officio: Cllr Liz Peterson
In attendance: Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker
Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Mr G Morrison, Mr M Bennett and Cllr J Leask.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs S Deyell, seconded by Cllr L Peterson.

BUSINESS ARISING: Police: The April/May Policing Report was received and had been circulated to the members.

Broadband: Nothing to report.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: Cllr L Peterson reported that the provision of the barriers is progressing.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: Mr M Bennett forwarded information to the meeting in which he states that the camera in Tresta was taken away on 16 July and a 'speed check' camera was installed/reinstalled earlier in the day.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: There had been a landslide in the Kames recently and it was caused by the contractor who had not followed guidance.

An amended copy of the minutes from the meeting of the Viking Community Liaison Group held on 19 April was received and circulated to the members.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) Advance Grant Scheme (AGS): An email was received from the Shetland Family History Society thanking the Community Council for the grant provided towards their Monumental Inscription Photographic project. They are on track to have all the Monumental inscriptions available to a wide audience very soon.

A further application was received and considered:-

180267 – Shetland Recreational Trust for their vision "Shetland more active more often".

The members can see the value of this project. However, Shetland Recreational Trust is a Shetland-wide group and, as a number of local groups are preparing AGS applications for bigger projects, it was agreed at our June meeting that our funds should be used to support local groups.

Update on grants: Investing in Communities Fund: The final meeting has not yet been held. The local group who were unable to carry out the work they had planned have deposited the £3,000 grant we gave them directly into our bank account.

Community Development Fund – Distribution 22/23: The CDF grant has now been paid into the Community Council's bank account by SIC.

Association: A message was received from Mr M Duncan, Community Liaison Officer, asking for items for the agenda of the September Association meeting.

Orion Project: On going.

Turning area at inner end of Sandsound road: Mr M Bennett had sent a message to our meeting saying that he had not heard from Mr N Robertson regarding the sign. He had talked to a visitor who had informed him that the staff in the Tourist Office had recommended the turning circle at the end of the Sandsound Road as being a pleasant quiet place to spend the night.

Speed of traffic passing Cake Fridge: The signs and road markings near the Cake Fridge will not be provided for a couple of months yet.

Brig at Burn of Lunklet: No reply yet from Mr N Hutcheson regarding the proposed repair of the brig.

Bin at Sand beach: Mrs J Fraser asked her friend who confirmed that the bin has been replaced. A message will be sent thanking the dept for this.

A new bin has also been placed at the inner end of the Sandsound road.

Unadopted roads: A number of applications were received and allocations agreed. The Clerk will advise the applicants of their allocations and grants.

Tingwall Agricultural Museum & Heritage Centre: A Letter of Support had been sent. It is hoped that the Committee will be successful in securing funding for this worthwhile project which has been in the pipeline for some time.

Initial Consultation on the use of the Viking Community Fund: The Chairman had taken part in a Briefing and Discussion Session organised by the IBP Strategy & Research team but said that the discussions are at a very preliminary stage.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The following planning applications were considered and decisions taken:-

2022/166/VCON Application to vary condition 14 of S36c consent 2018/335/ECUCON – Borrow Pits, Use of Materials

Mr M Bennett was unable to attend the meeting but had emailed his objections. The application was discussed further and the consensus of the meeting was that this Community Council will not make any comment.

2022/188/PPF 2022/188/PPF Erection of 9m 6kw wind turbine and associated cable at Verdahill, Twatt, Bixter by Mr & Mrs John & Jacqui Abernethy. No objections.

MODERN & SUSTAINABLE FERRY: A message was received from Ms Laetitia Jan, Assistant Clerk, Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee, saying that an inquiry has been launched into a modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland. There is a call for views and the deadline is 26 August.

The enquiry was discussed and it was agreed that it should be completed by individual Community Council members and that everyone should be encouraged to take part.

An email was received from Ms Beatrice Wishart MSP giving details of the above inquiry and encouraging everyone to take part. She also added that she and Alistair Carmichael MP are hosting public meetings in the Isles following their 'Tunnel Vision' event in February and listed the dates and venues.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Letters of Support to assist in financial applications were requested by

- 1) Shetland Citizens Advice Bureau for funding for "Community Based Energy and Benefits Advice"
- 2) Shetland Table Tennis Association towards their Regeneration Project and
- 3) Aith Hall to allow them to upgrade the main Toilets and Fire Doors.

The members agreed that these are all very worthwhile projects and Letters of Support were sent.

UPDATE TO WATER & DRAINAGE: A message was received from Mr Colin Smith, Planning Engineer, attaching a copy of the updated technical guidance document for drainage design which will soon be uploaded to the supplementary guidance page of the LDP (Local Development Plan) section of the Planning website. The update follows revised guidance from SEPA on climate change allowances that apply to Shetland. The previous allowances on coastal flood risk remain unchanged but the design rainfall figures have increased to a 40% uplift, compared with the previous 35% figure. The message had been circulated to the members.

KEEPING SCOTLAND HYDRATED – SCOTTISH WATER: A message was received from Mr Gavin Steel at Scottish Water containing information informing people how to keep Scotland hydrated in the hot weather.

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – 30th ANNIVERSARY: An invitation was received from CAB to their AGM and to celebrate their 30th anniversary on 18 August.

SMILEY FACE SIGNS: A message was received from Mr K Odie following an incident near the Wedding Shed in Aith, along with a photo showing the marks on the road which had resulted. Mr Odie requests that 'Smiley Face' signs be placed in the area for a few weeks and also a couple of 'slow down, blind corner' signs. The members agreed to contact the Roads Dept with these requests.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 12 September 2022 at 7.30pm following our August recess. The venue will be decided nearer the time.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
The meeting closed at 9.30pm