

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 21/11/2022

## SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

John Hunter – Chair  
Kenny Pottinger  
Liz Walter  
Mark Burgess  
Andrew Blackadder  
Lindsay Laurenson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk  
Cllr Davie Sandison  
Cllr Ian Scott  
Cllr Catherine Hughson  
Cllr Moraig Lyall

2. APOLOGIES:

Michael Duncan  
Roselyn Fraser – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were proposed by Lindsay and seconded by Liz with the following amendment:

**Section 5 – Scalloway Community Development Company (campsite):** Should read as “John H noted that there are still delays to the completion of the caravan park, stemming from difficulties in having an electric meter installed. Lindsay offered to pass on booking terms and conditions from caravan sites in Scotland which he had received from recent bookings in 2022; John H confirms this has already been done.”

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

No matters arising.

5. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

**Recreate Scalloway:** Davie informed the committee that the initial report has been passed onto the members of the SCC, but notes that the document will need to be redrafted, to reduce the size of the current report and improve readability. The team that compiled the report have been contacted with these initial notes, and a request for an executive summary to be included. Before this is made accessible to the general public, a method of ensuring this is made accessible has to be developed. Davie notes that the projects that have garnered the most interest according to the report were predicted before the release of the report; namely the building of a

waterfront walkway and improvements to Fraser Park. It should be noted that any projects that are chosen will have to be self-contained, 'individual' projects, with further details of funding, organisations taking the lead on the projects, and land use being decided based on the projects selected. Andrew agrees that the report needs to be made more user-friendly, and hopes that a presentation based on the report will be organised for some time in November. Lindsay enquired if all of the local businesses had been contacted, to ensure that there are no objections/issues with selected projects; Davie confirms that many of the businesses along the waterfront have been consulted; however, he points out that many of the houses along the waterfront objected to possible developments more than the businesses. The next step will be to ensure that businesses, landowners and community members can get behind the report, to ensure that the community is able to work together.

**Caravan Site:** issues with installation of an electric meter are ongoing. The ombudsman have become involved, and a meeting with Ofgem is scheduled in the foreseeable future.

## 6. ASCC UPDATE

The meeting of the ACSS was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, and was attended by John and Mark.

**Planning:** Local Place Planning was raised, specifically focusing on the '20 Minute Neighbourhood'. Mark noted that the example of Brae being used for place planning isn't ideal for an area like Scalloway, which has already gone through the process of place planning in place, and raised this with the ASCC. Mark concludes that the people that were involved in visiting Shetland and championed place planning were not involved or aware of Scalloway's particular place plan, and that every locality will have a unique place planning development process.

**Northlink:** It was decided that Jim Anderson would make representations to the Scottish Government with regards to Northlink ferries.

**Community Council Review:** There were discussions regarding the two year term of the community council. Davie noted the difficulties surrounding the report that had been made to the community council, with few community council's having the opportunity to discuss the report beforehand. He felt that the two year term was appropriate, though there was minimal discussion during the ASCC meeting. Moraig agreed with Davie that there didn't seem to be enough room for discussion. The SCC briefly discussed the most recent community council nomination period and election, where it has been noted that there are only four members of the SCC for the next term, with no new members joining the SCC. This seems to be a Scotland wide issue, which will need to be addressed.

## 7. ROADS

**Neil Hutchison:** Davie has had a conversation with Neil regarding a few road matters. Firstly, they spoke about the Soundiebanks footpath, which is currently at the design stage. Once this is complete, the plan would be to reach out to

organisations such as Zet Trans, to try and secure funding. The other topic of discussion was the potential 20 mile per hour zone for the entirety of Scalloway seems to have gained traction, and a consultation is to be organised once further details are known.

**New Road, by Cornerstone:** the clerk had been advised by a constituent that the lights along New Road do not seem to be working; it was also noted that there is a lot of leaf residue along the footpaths that may be a slipping hazard for older and more vulnerable residents. Mark noted that there are road sweepers that clean the roads, but these are not designed to operate on the footpaths. Liz goes on to mention that when she saw the road sweeper operating along Houll Street, the refuse, including leaves, was not picked up along the footpaths, nor along the curb side where the machine could not reach. Ian notes that the footpaths are theoretically of higher priority to the road sweepers, and needs to be addressed. Lindsay mentioned that this could be vital to ensure that drains do not become blocked by leaves, ensuring less damage to infrastructure. It was decided to contact roads with regards to these issues.

#### **Action: Clerk**

##### 8. POLICE

The police briefing papers for August/September were passed to the members, and the Scalloway section read as follows:

*“There have been 10 incidents recorded for Scalloway, which can be summarised as follows; Assault; Concern for Person; Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit; Penalty Issued – No MOT (2); Minor Road Traffic Collision; Fail To Stop; Extortion; Dangerous Driving; Road Traffic Collision”*

##### 9. FINANCE

**Fire Festival:** it has been confirmed that the Scalloway Fire Festival applied for a grant for the construction of a galley shed, with the funding request for SCC being £5,000. This would not be possible from SCC's funds. Lindsay raised concerns with regard to the construction of the galley shed, wanting to know if this was a new build, or improvements to the current galley shed. Mark understood that the Fire Festival intended for a new build for the galley shed that is fit for purpose, though they are eligible for the current shed to be refurbished. Lindsay is concerned that if planning permission cannot be granted, this may be an issue with the SCC funding this project. Lindsay also wondered if the current site was going to be used for the new shed, or if the current shed would be sold and the purpose built shed would be built elsewhere; Mark was not sure of this, though it seems that they plan to use the original site. Davie suggested that the fire festival should be advised of other funding avenues, such as the CBF. It was decided that the clerk will inform the Fire Festival organisers that there are not enough funds for this project, as well as to clarify further details on the project plans (eg. New build/ refurbishment,

#### **Action: clerk**

**Community Benefit Fund:** as noted at the last meeting, it has been decided that decisions regarding CBF applications will be suspended until after the Community Council elections; this is to ensure that decisions will reflect the new members. This information will be passed onto those involved with the CBF.

**Special Project Grants:** Mark noted that memorial stones commemorating the lives and deaths of those executed during witch trials have been commissioned all over Scotland, with the most recent being a stone unveiled in Peebles. Mark is concerned of the wording that should appear on the stones, and suggested that these stones should be referenced to help guide the wording that appears on the Gallows Hill Stone. Mark will draft the text to appear on the stone, and this will be passed onto the committee members.

**Jamieson Trust:** Mark is still organising a time to meet with the engineer. He notes that the fire safety system for the hall requires an update as well, which will need to be arranged. It was suggested that another engineer may need to be recruited, which will be considered if the repair is not carried out shortly.

**Action: Mark and Ian**

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

**17 Meadowfield Road:** Grant Gilfillan wrote to the community council with an update on refurbishments made to this property. The members learned that there has been another delay to the development, and there is not a revised start date for this project. Design work is to be completed, and planning and building warrants submitted in the near future. The community council are disappointed with this turn of events, as the property would be a welcome addition to the limited housing market. It has been decided to acknowledge Mr Gilfillan's email, and note that whilst we appreciate the update, there is disappointment in the lack of progress made. Ian also mentioned raising this issue at the next ward meeting.

**Action: Clerk, Ian and Davie**

11. PLANNING

**2022/233/PPF:** application for the amendment of 2018/251/PPF, for the erection of four additional houses, taking the total number of houses up to 40 at Utnabrake, Upper Scalloway. (Note: previously discussed at the last meeting) Davie declared interest for this application. Ian raised concerns for this project, noting this could lead to overdevelopment in the area. Lindsay also pointed out that from the design, it appears to not lend itself well to further development. Andrew noted that there was potential for a foot/cycle path for the original planning application, which would be beneficial for the Astra camp/caravan site; ensuring that this is kept in place is vital. It has been decided to contact planning, to ensure that this is kept in place.

**Action: Clerk**

## 12. TALL SHIP RACES 2023

A draft to appear in the upcoming Tall Ships Races brochure has been drafted and submitted, with pictures to be submitted by Mark. The clerk has been put down as the co-ordinator, and will support the project throughout, though others may take the lead to prepare Scalloway as a guest harbour. Davie, as the lead during the last visit, has offered to advise, though notes that he would rather someone else take the lead on the project; he also noted that at least a dozen individuals would need to form a committee to organise the visit, which would need to be sourced from outside of the community council. Lindsay noted that whatever is organised, the members need to be prepared for less numbers of visitors than expected, due to weather conditions and the Lerwick harbour being the major port for visiting ships; this comment was based on the last Tall Ship Race. Moraig commented that the activities, events, etc should appeal to the local area, to ensure that the arrangements could still be enjoyed, no matter what visitors attended. Mark noted that the experience of the last Tall Ships Race was incredibly rewarding, and is worth the arrangements and organisation that goes into an event of this magnitude. It has been decided to contact some of Scalloway's other larger groups, to find interest amongst them for this project.

### **Action: Clerk**

## 13. AOCB

**Over 80s Voucher Scheme:** the over 80s voucher scheme is to be held once again; a list of potential receivers of the vouchers are to be passed onto the committee, to confirm if amendments are required, and to contact local businesses for donations.

### **Action: Clerk**

**Shetland Times:** Andrew noted that there have been some disappointing comments made in the Shetland Times regarding Re-Create Scalloway; he thought that a press release should be made to address these comments.

**Grass Cutting:** Ian is frustrated with how the grass in local areas is treated, in particular to how the cuttings are left on the areas that they are cut. Catherine has spoken to Carol Symons in the past regarding this issue, with graveyards being a major area of concern. There are also concerns that the gravestones will be damaged by trimmers, and the grass that is left builds up on the gravestones which can be distressing for family members. Lindsay acknowledged that the cuttings could have benefits for the grassy areas long term, but with the current length of grasses cut, this is not as advantageous.

It has been decided that the clerk will get in contact with Environmental --- and Ms Symons

### **Action: Clerk**

## 14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.26pm.