



**TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held at Whiteness Public Hall on Wednesday 30th November 2022

1.0 Present:	Andrew Archer (Chair)	Moraig Lyall
	Linda Tulloch (Vice-Chair)	
	Birgit Wagner	
	Martin Randall	
	Charlie Hodge	
	Neil Leask	
	John Clarkson	
	Paul Stevens (Clerk)	

2.0 Apologies:	Ian Scott, Catherine Hughson, Roselyn Fraser
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3.0 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair	This item was chaired by the Clerk. Andrew Archer was elected Chair (nominated by Birgit Wagner, seconded by John Clarkson). Linda Tulloch was elected Vice-Chair (nominated by Andrew Archer, seconded by Neil Leask).
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4.0 Declarations of Interest:	Linda Tulloch declared an interest in matters relating to Tulloch Developments, and John Clarkson in matters relating to Viking.
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5.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Linda Tulloch, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th October 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

6.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Christmas fund: School cards will be ready to send out a week on Monday. Linda Tulloch will print out the vouchers and send them off in a card to local residents aged 80 and over.
 - Peat slippage: a reply was received from SIC on 28th October and circulated to members.
 - Water supply at South Whiteness: currently awaiting a response from Scottish Water regarding the discrepancy in figures between community reported case numbers and the figures supplied by Scottish Water.
 - Tingwall Kirk meeting report: Andrew Archer attended the recent meeting. The Kirk is now under offer to-a an unknown buyer.
 - Cycle groups from cruise boats: There had been no reply to our letter to the Lerwick Port Authority (dated 27th September).
→ ACTION: The Clerk to write again, for the attention of Melanie Henderson (Cruise and Marketing Manager)
 - Covid memorial: A reply had been received from Shetland Arts suggesting any concerns should
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be directed to the Scottish Government, who had supplied the funding for the project.

7.0 Decisions since last meeting

None

8.0 Police Report

There was no police report this month.

9.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 30th November 2022, was distributed to community council members.
 - The accounts for 2021-22 had now been approved by SIC.
 - Andrew Archer outlined a rationale for specifying £1,000 as reserve funds, to cover planned expenses in the interim period between the end of the financial year and the following year's core grant, as well as a contingency for unexpected expenses. Members agreed to this.
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10.0 Correspondence

- Gott cattery: Two residents (Christine Henry & Judith Anderson) got in touch with complaints about noise from the neighbouring land, relating to the recycling of fish farm pipes. A retrospective planning application (2021/313/PPF) had been submitted by the land owners for the temporary storage of pipes but not for the recycling work. The noisy activities have now been paused. Should a future planning application be submitted relating to the recycling activity, the CC will consider it and comment as appropriate.
 - Participation in Infrastructure Stakeholder Engagement Survey: Information on this had been circulated to members.
 - Participation of an under-18 volunteer in clean up group: VAS had advised Linda Tulloch that anyone working with under-18s would need to join the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme. Birgit Wagner wondered how this might apply to volunteers working at their own discretion e.g., the Nesbister beach Voar redd up group.
 - Amanda Nisbet had contacted the CC to ask them to remind local people about pedestrian visibility and safety in the dark. John Clarkson suggested the CC could look into obtaining reflective armbands or similar for local residents.
 - ACTION: Andrew Archer will ask Elaine Skinley, the SIC road safety officer, whether any resources are available, and to post a safety message.
 - There had been concerns about an increase in dog waste in the Clach Na Strom area.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads about brightening existing or adding dog waste reminder painted signs in front of the waste bins.
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11.0 Planning

- Planning had responded to our letter querying the nature of application 2022/128/PPF, saying they were aware of this and had visited the site.
 - 2022/299/PPF Construct new external store building for existing bookshop: Kergord Hatchery, Brig, Weisdale
 - ACTION: No comment
 - 2022/246/PPF Change use of land from agricultural to garden ground and construct extension to
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existing dwelling: Bonhoga, Veensgarth, Tingwall. No action — submission deadline had passed.

- 2022/289/PN Upgrade and widen existing track: South of Burra Dale Wind Farm, Veensgarth. No action — submission deadline had passed.
- While there had been some leeway in the past, submission deadlines for comments had become stricter. Future applications with deadlines that fall between CC meetings will need to be considered offline
 - ACTION: The Clerk to highlight deadline on future PPs circulated to members, with online discussion of any comments to be submitted.

12.0 Viking

- Report on VCLG meeting on 15th November: Andrew Archer said that there had been presentations from SSER and SSEN which included mention of some cable installation problems — the details of which were unspecified due to commercial confidentiality — but the project was on schedule. Responses to advance questions were that:
 - plans for transporting turbine components will be given beforehand in January 2023;
 - operations at the batching plants were now complete, so mud on nearby roads should no longer be a problem;
 - the width of cable trenches was a function of the number of sets of cables and the required spacing between the cables;
 - the decommissioning bond was still not in place but SSE did not regard this as unusual, despite planning conditions specifying an advance agreement in this instance;
- Andrew had also received a written response to some questions raised by him and Neil Leask, about water quality in relation to the Burn of Lunklet. These had been circulated to CC members and to VCLG members.
 - ACTION: Andrew to pass these responses on to the members of the press who were present at the VCLG meeting.
- Water quality monitoring reports, which are released every 2 months, are now [available on the planning website](#). As report number 08 states that borrow pits 2 and 3 should be capped as soon as possible (or other remedial measures taken), it was unclear how this could be compatible with the pending planning application (2022/166/VCON) requesting an increase in material being extracted from one of these borrow pits.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to write to the planning department to add to our existing precedent objection to 2022/166/VCON, stating that taking more material is incompatible with the necessary remedial action required.
- Members indicated that they were happy for Neil Leask and Andrew Archer to continue as TWWCC representatives.

[John Clarkson had to leave the meeting at this point]

- Monitoring of reinstatement works: In response to a local resident's queries, Andrew Archer thought that it was likely to be the responsibility of the relevant landowner to object if insufficient remedial work had been carried out on their land. However, he suggested that the CC would benefit by having a better understanding of who is involved in the monitoring role. Members described instances where there were examples of good quality reinstatement, but there had been concerns that this was not always consistent across sites.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to write to the planning department to ask for more detail as to who is responsible for monitoring reinstatement according to SSE proposed specifications.

13.0 SCBF

- An update from Angela Sutherland was circulated on 10th November. Angela has stepped down as a CC member but is happy to continue as Director of SCBF if members wish her to continue. This will be reviewed once a full complement of the CC is achieved.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to issue a social media post about the current SCBF consultation.

- Application 180343 from Tingwall, Whiteness & Weisdale History Group for £500. Members felt that the groups exhibitions were popular and that the provision of equipment met legacy guidelines.

→ ACTION: The full amount of £500 was approved, with the Clerk to advise Eleanor Gear.

14.0 Footpaths

Andrew Archer gave an update. Liability insurance was now in place. The application for funding to expand the Systra survey was unsuccessful. More potential Trustees had been contacted. Drop-in sessions for the Win Furt launch will be on 21st and 28th January, and a leaflet will be distributed in January prior to these events. Website construction is also underway.

15.0 Members

- Acknowledgement of ex-officio members: These are Councillors Catherine Hughson, Moraig Lyall, Davie Sandison, and Ian Scott.
- Process to fill the two vacant seats: Members agreed that a follow-up on the original social media posts (30th October) was needed.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to post an encouragement to be co-opted on to the CC.

→ ACTION: Members to contact anyone who they feels might be interested.

16.0 Councillors' Reports

- Moraig Lyall had primarily been involved in budget seminars concerning reductions in the SIC budget. Charlie Hodge asked about what help was available for Ukrainian families who wanted to come to Shetland.

→ ACTION: Moraig to enquire what processes are in place to encourage families to come here.

17.0 AOCB

- Andrew Archer had been asked about the defunct defibrillator outside the Weisdale shop. Members agreed that new sponsors should be found, to allow for replacement of the battery and pads, and were open to the idea that the CC could act as the responsible party for ensuring its ongoing operation.
 - Linda Tulloch and other residents in Olligarth had seen rats eating from bins. People should report this to SIC if seen.
 - Birgit Wagner asked, given the new Scalloway community fridge and the Nesting foodbank branch, was there a similar need in the local area? Members felt that there would be an issue here with the lack of an obvious central distribution point but that previous voucher schemes had involved the community nurse. Neil Leask suggested contacting SSE about setting up or contributing to a hardship fund. Moraig Lyall reminded members that leaflets had been distributed to all residents indicating where help is available but wondered whether a scheme for pay-it-forward donations to
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electricity prepayment cards might be possible, Shetland having an above-average number of prepayment meters. Martin Randal felt that the first step should be to obtain accurate information on the most pressing issues.

→ ACTION: Birgit Wagner to contact the Community Nurse regarding her evaluation of local needs.

- 2023 meeting dates were confirmed to be on the third Wednesday of each month, these being: 18/01, 15/02, 15/03, 19/04, 17/05, 21/06, 19/07, 16/08, 20/09, 18/10, and 15/11.

18.0 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18th January 2023, at Whiteness Public Hall (in the small hall).
