

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes subject to approval at next Community Council meeting

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 29th November at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx.

PRESENT:	
Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	
Cllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair	
Cllr Gilbert Irvine (Gil)	
Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH)	
APOLOGIES	Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH)
Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)	Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland
Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD)	John Smith – Director Infrastructure Services, SIC (JS)
Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT)	Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)
Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)	Greg Maitland - Harbour Master SIC(GM)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME and Appointment of New Chair and Vice:

Clerk welcomed all to the meeting and asked members to vote for the new Chair person. Jackie Leslie was nominated by Gil and seconded by MH. Clerk asked members to vote for the new Vice Chair person, William Polson was nominated by MH and seconded by Gil. Clerk then handed the meeting to JL the new Chair.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

JL asked if all were happy with minutes. Gil approved, MH seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Current accounts was shared with members by clerk. Final Accounts with examiners.

Accessible Toilet Facilities

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Ongoing since 26/10/21 – Works started on the disabled toilets but no timescales for completion given. JL reiterated the state of the existing waiting rooms and toilets and confirmed that AI/SIC was aware of this.

ACTION TAKEN:

Clerk asked to get date from Claire Christey for completion date. RTH kindly offered to bring up this concern with relevant parties.

- **The Old Dock**

Condition of old docks was surveyed in August 2021 arranged by AI, no reports shared to date on findings of survey.

Meeting with Hazel Sutherland was attended by local residents, harbour users, Historic Scotland and SIC on Whalsay and the conclusion was that there were three options demolish , fill it up or restore the Old Docks. Subject of establishing a local development group was also brought up to manage this project and source funding. Funding would be available from Historic Scotland and other bodies but the restoration project would need to be done specifically to their programme.

WP expressed concern that these options was not addressing an immediate need for the Old Docks to be made safe for the locals and public as currently placed barriers were not fit for purpose whilst a decision is being made. This area was dangerous and immediate works or temporary fixes was also needed.

It was felt that this would not resolve current deterioration of this area and setting up such a group would be difficult.

- **Grieves House** – meeting was done with Hazel Sutherland AH and options were discussed. Maintaining the building like Hanseatic Booth was discussed but it was felt that extensive works needed to be done immediately to preserve it.

ACTION:

Clerk to follow up with Hazel on both Old Docks and for options for Grieves House.

- **Dredging**

No update since 26th Oct 2021, work still incomplete. Copy of Hydrographic survey not received. WP when the works proposed for Spring 2023 for the replacements of the pontoons are done that the dredging could also be done as well.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up . RTH kindly offered to look into this matter.

- **Roads**

Cattle Grids – Saeter, Houll, Harledale Cattle grids still outstanding.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up

FENCE AT DUMP

No update since 26th Oct 2021 , RTH kindly offered to follow up with SIC

ACTION:

Clerk to follow up with RTH/SIC.

ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS

Active Travel document in place with scope of works and priorities.

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ACTION: Clerk to follow up with timescales.

CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

Active Travel document in place with scope of works and priorities.

Action: Clerk to follow up on dates for works.

FERRIES

JL asked if the new timetable could be changed to be for Vidlin services rather than Laxo as this would allow extra times as well as taking into consideration the probability of bad weather.

JL confirms that there is still an issue with WIFI connectivity. RF indicated that this was due to cables not being connected up however there was signal at Vidlin.

Members discussed new festive timetable and highlighted how unsuitable it was for everyone as there was only one ferry in the morning whilst there was three in the evening. It was proposed that 7pm service be removed and moved to 9am instead. This would enable workers working off isle, not to have wait until 11am for the ferry.

ACTION:

Clerk asked to follow up

CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

New sign was signed off

ACTION Clerk to follow up and source funding.

WHALSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (WCDG)

No progress to date

ACTION

NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked. Topics to include Participatory Budget, WCDG, Sign - on hold

ACTION Ongoing

JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

No update given by Tait or Mitchell

ACTION

Clerk asked to follow up

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BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

MH expressed the need for these shelters with the increase of children on the island and using the bus service. Current shelters are not located near to housing and found a number of school children having to walk a distance for bus shelter especially along Tripwell.

ACTION

Clerk asked to follow up . RTH kindly offered to follow up with Elaine Parks

POLICE MATTERS

JL suggested police coverage for the coming festive season especially on 4th night.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up .

SKIP HIRES

Done on 28.11.2022

ACTIONS:

None

- **Bu Water Road** – Build up of loose stones. RTH suggested contacting the owner of the road.

ACTIONS:

MH to confirm ownership of road.

Other matters discussed

Dentist – AH brought up the lack of dentist on the island. All agreed and asked clerk to write to NHS Shetland Director of Dentistry about lack of facilities.

New Meeting dates was discussed and the following was agreed, 24th Jan, 7th Mar, 18th Apr, 30th May , 27th June, 22nd Aug, 3rd Oct and 14th Nov for 2023.

All members agreed to keep above points open as no update since last week's meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.00

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24th Jan 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.