

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

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx.

PRESENT:	
CCLlr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	Gilbert Irvine – new candidate (GI)
CCLlr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
CCLlr Anne Huntley (AH) joined 19.46	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD) via WEBEX
CCLlr Margaret Hughson (MH)	Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH) via WEBEX
APOLOGIES	
CCLlr Pete Gaines (PG)	Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland
Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT) via WEBEX	John Smith – Director Infrastructure Services, SIC (JS)
Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)	
Greg Maitland - Harbour Master SIC(GM)	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL welcomed Gilbert Irvine and all to meeting and chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

FINANCE REPORT:

None shown. Final Accounts still pending

Accessible Toilet Facilities

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.

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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.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up with timescales.

CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

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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.

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

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.

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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

Skip Hire scheduled for 28th Nov

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.

JL thanked AH for her support over the last 4 years and all for their attendance and contribution.

Meeting closed at 20.42

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 29TH November 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.