

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 16/01/23

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th December 2022 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

Kenny Pottinger
Mark Burgess
Andrew Blackadder

In attendance:

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

2. APOLOGIES:

Lindsay Laurenson
Michael Duncan

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2022 were proposed by Mark and seconded by Andrew

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

A decision on the elected members of the committee could not be reached; Mark was nominated as the chair for this meeting, and the decision regarding a permanent chair and vice chair has been deferred.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Road Matters: Ian spoke to Roads regarding the signage at Blackness Pier, and confirmed that roads cannot take action for this sign. The signage at Hillside Road is being looked into, and arrangements will hopefully be made shortly.

Active Scalloway: Andrew notes that the meeting arranged with Robina Barton was postponed to a date in January; Andrew proposed meeting in the afternoon on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. Davie recognised that the study carried out by Active Scalloway did not cover the Main Street of Scalloway, as they didn't wish to replicate the findings of the feasibility study being carried out by Recreate Scalloway; this could result in a gap in the findings being presented by Active Scalloway. It is also noted that documents relating to this study have not been made accessible up to this point, which would be a useful resource to have before the meeting. It has been agreed that Andrew will communicate with Robina to reschedule the meeting, and secure documents for the committee members if possible. Moraig has also agreed to speak to Robina, to check if these findings have been shared with the council.

Action: Moraig, Andrew

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Recreate Scalloway: Davie confirmed that the Waterfront feasibility study has been launched, with roughly 20 people attending the initial meeting. As well as the report being presented, the SCDC AGM was also held online. The next step will be to ensure that copies of the report are accessible to constituents; this can be done digitally, with hard copies being available at places such as the museum and Youth Centre. In the near future, choosing projects and designing project plans will be discussed, to ensure that the findings can be used practically. The Recreate Scalloway newsletter has now been posted out, during the same week as the meeting.

Caravan Site: Davie confirms that an electric meter has been installed at the caravan park, which has been warmly welcomed.

7. ASCC UPDATE

There were no further updates for the ACSS as of this meeting.

8. ROADS

Hillside Road: Moraig has been approached by constituents, who have concerns with the amount of grit that is used on Hillside Road; due to its height and lack of footpath, it should be considered a higher priority. Moraig is to make enquiries as to what arrangements are made for this area during times of frost and ice.

Action: Moraig

Mill Brae: Davie has noted the presence of grey boxes at the side of the road, and would like to know their purpose. Moraig offered to make enquiries regarding these.

Action: Moraig

9. POLICE

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

“There have been 8 incidents recorded for Scalloway, which can be summarised as follows: Assault; Communications Misuse; Concern for Person (2); Neighbour Dispute; Careless Driving (2); Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit”

There was not a clear understanding regarding the use of the phrase ‘communications misuse’, which is to be enquired into.

Action: Clerk

10. FINANCE

Community Benefit Fund: As of this meeting, there were three applications for the CBF to be considered by the SCC; Mind Your Head, applying for £1,500 for the continuation of the delivery of the Wellness Programme; Shetland Island Games Association, applying for £300 to help provide travel and accommodation costs for competitors that would otherwise be unable to attend; and the Shetland Youth Orchestra, applying for £783 for the running of their summer school and equipment purchases. It was decided to fully fund all three of these applications in this instance.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: Mark confirmed that in addition to speaking to Brian Smith with regard to the Gallow's Hill marker, he hopes to discuss formal wording with Billy Moar.

Action: Mark

Jamieson Trust: Mark has appointed an electrician for work on the hall, who have agreed to work on the clock as well.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Ms Anderson: A constituent, Ms Anderson, contacted the community council regarding issues around Short Scord and Millbrae, including pot holes, construction waste, and potential development of a small area of land. Ms Anderson also enquired if there were any spaces in the community council, stating her interest in a position. Davie acknowledged that he was familiar with voluntary work that she has carried out within Scalloway, including efforts to keep areas of Scalloway clear of litter; as such, her presence on committee would be welcomed, and her previous work acknowledged.

For the small area of land that could be developed, this would not fall under the remit of the community council, though the SCC would not object to voluntary work being done in this area. A more detailed proposal would be recommended.

For Short Scord, there have been a number of issues, stemming from the long term nature of this issue. Davie suggested that this may be something to take up with Planning Enforcement; Mark felt that more information was required, with determining who owns the building before the next meeting to decide what action should be taken next.

For the pot holes, this would not be able to be actioned by roads; this would require voluntary work on the road in this instance, with potential funding options if there was interest.

Action: Clerk

12. PLANNING

No planning to be discussed at this meeting.

13. AOCB

Over 80s Voucher Scheme: the cards for the voucher scheme have been printed, and are ready to be picked up at the Scalloway School. Kenny is to pick up the cards, and pay £27.50 for the cards; this will be reimbursed by the SCC. It has been acknowledged that the state of donations has not been successful this year, and that new actions may need to be taken for Christmas 2023.

Action: Clerk and Kenny

Christmas Cup: Moraig has been around the window displays, and suggested that the winner of this year's Christmas Cup should be Harbour Knitwear. Ian volunteered to pick up the cup from the previous winner, and present it to the Harbour Knitwear staff.

Action: Ian

Tall Ship Races 2023: regular meetings have been set up by the Tall Ships committee; a representative of SCC need to be arranged for these meetings. The clerk has sent out emails to some local community groups to gather volunteers work out a plan for the Tall Ships coming to Shetland. A meeting is to be arranged in January, to begin planning on what event(s) will be held, organising a co-ordinator, and discussing possibilities such as fund raising.

Action: Clerk

Zoom: In place of the Zoom subscription previously held by John H to organise meetings, the clerk is to take this responsibility.

Action: Clerk

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 16th January 2023 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.58pm.