

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 15/05/23

## SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

Mark Burgess  
Kenny Pottinger  
Andrew Blackadder  
Barbara Anderson  
Marie Williamson

In attendance:

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

2. APOLOGIES:

Lindsay Laurenson  
Cllr Ian Scott  
Roselyn Fraser – SIC  
Michael Duncan – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were proposed by Andrew and seconded by Barbara.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Andrew was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

**Integrated Joint Board:** Andrew has taken action to writing to the Integrated Joint Board, to pass on what was discussed in the March meeting.

**Active Travel:** Andrew is still to organise a second meeting with Robina, which he will try to do shortly.

**Action: Andrew**

6. LITTERING AROUND SCALLOWAY/ VOAR REDD UP

**Gibblestone Park:** Barbara noted that the bin in Gibblestone Park did not have a lid, which has resulted in lighter rubbish coming out during windy weather. The garden is owned by Hjaltland, but maintained by SCC's gardener. It was decided to contact Waste Services to find out who empties the bins, and if replacing the bin would be feasible.

**Action: Clerk**

**Street Sweepers:** Barbara had heard anecdotally that there had previously been a street sweeper dedicated to Scalloway, who has since retired, and wondered if it would be feasible to bring another street sweeper in. Davie noted that there was a good service provided before, but this was removed about 11 years ago, during a time of major cuts made by the SIC. Services are still provided, but there are no rotas for when this work is carried out, and the service has been severely cut since then. The employment of a community warden has been raised as an alternative solution, with an individual being employed by a smaller organisation, such as the SCC, to carry out work to maintain the community. This would involve increasing the remit of the community council, as well as ensuring this project would have longevity. Mark noted that in addition to litter, the clearance of litter in areas that could be seen as visitor attractions also requires action. Davie noted that from a conversation that he had with Dave Coupe, executive manager for roads, it was not considered a high priority, which is not the result that SCC would hope for. The decision was taken to write to the council, to find out how many street sweepers attend Scalloway, and how often work is carried out.

**Action: Clerk**

**Blackness Pier:** Barbara had heard anecdotally that offcuts of rope and fishing nets are thrown into the sea rather than being disposed of correctly, and wanted to check if there was any truth to this claim. Mark agreed that a large amount of the litter found on beaches seems to originate from the fishing industry, but noted that the Blackness pier has a road sweeper to sweep up most rubbish on the pier, and that it would go against the pier's policies for litter to be thrown into the sea. It was decided that Mark would approach Ports and Harbours, and continue to encourage good practices when it comes to disposing of offcuts and aquaculture refuse, though this is not to say that those working on the Blackness Pier are the source of the litter that is found on Scalloway's beaches.

**Action: Mark**

**East Voe:** Barbara notes the lack of litter management along part of East Voe, as well as the general poor appearance of some of the areas, especially for tourists coming in. Barbara felt that the area would benefit from the planting of trees and flowers, and maintaining the area. Moraig pointed out that she had made similar enquiries regarding an area in Tingwall, and when she spoke to roads, they told her that whilst planning permission to carry out the work that Barbara described, but that Roads should be advised of planned action. It was decided that Barbara should contact Roads, to ascertain who owns the patch of land being discussed, to see if she could take action.

**Action: Barbara**

**Voar Redd Up:** It was noted that the Voar Redd Up would soon be beginning; Barbara wanted to know who would be tidying up the East Voe. She will be writing to the Amenities trust, to check who has volunteered to clear up that area.

**Action: Barbara**

## 7. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

**Caravan Site:** Davie informed the committee that the caravan park was receiving its finishing touches, with the electric meter being installed on the same day as this meeting. The caravan park will open on 1<sup>st</sup> May, with the official opening being scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**Recreate Scalloway:** a three year funding award has been granted for the development worker, primarily to work with the feasibility study, but also to be a development worker for other SCDC projects.

## 8. ASCC UPDATE

The next meeting of the ASCC is scheduled for June.

**BT:** Mark has drafted an official letter in response to BT's digital updates of their phonelines, and the consequences that this had on communications during the December power outages. The letter invites representatives of BT Openreach to attend an ASCC meeting, which will allow the community councils to voice their concerns. This letter is to be passed onto Michael Duncan, who will send the letter off on behalf of the ASCC. Catherine informed the committee that the Community Safety and Resilience Board have also sent a similar letter.

## 9. ROADS

**Concrete Slabs on Main Street/Kirk Business Centre Roundabout:** Roads had informed the clerk that the clerk that action was to be taken with regard to the concrete slabs on Main Street, and the rubber bumper on the roundabout by the Kirk Business centre. Mark noted that there has been an incident of a pedestrian falling on the slabs outside the SYCC, with the SYCC's staff being approached with regard to the incident. It was decided that roads should be approached once again, to highlight the incident that occurred.

### **Action: Clerk**

**Tingwall Valley Speed Limit:** In the response from roads, they noted that they were not responsible for speed limits and felt that a 20mph limit was unrealistic. Davie noted that the 20mph would have been too much to request, and that the clerk should have focused on passing on the concerns raised that explained why a speed limit was requested in the first place. Davie noted that with the caravan park opening, there would be more slow traffic using the Tingwall Valley, and that there would be more pedestrians and cyclists using the road between Scalloway and the park; this is of particular concern due to the road being single track, with areas of low visibility. There are also a number of tourist attractions around the area, which will further slow traffic. It was decided to contact roads, reiterate the points raised, and ask for the correct department to speak to in order to request a speed limit, though not to the extent of 20mph.

### **Action: Clerk**

## 10. POLICE

The police briefing papers for February/March 2023 were presented to the committee, and read as follows:

*“There have been 13 incidents recorded for Scalloway, which can be summarised as follows: Assault; Concern for Person; Neighbour Dispute (2); Road Traffic Collision; Road Traffic Collision with Minor Injury; Vehicle Defect; Communications Misuse (2); Domestic Incident Medical Matter (2); Minor Road Traffic Collision”*

Andrew noted that there were three road traffic collisions; he wondered if these were separate incidents, and if they were tied to a particular area. It was decided to get in touch with the Police, to see if there is cause for mitigating action to be taken by the SCC.

### **Action: Clerk**

**Coffee with a Cop:** Kenny noted that there are ‘Coffee with a Cop’ events occurring between May and June, in which constituents can speak to a police officer in a more casual setting.

## 11. FINANCE

**Community Development Fund:** The Scalloway Youth and Community Centre Submitted two grant applications to the community council; one application was for £579 for the purchase of a television for the premises, and another for £180 that would fund an art project that would be used by local bairns to celebrate the king’s coronation. Mark declared a conflict of interest with these applications. The applications were approved by the members over email between the March and April meetings.

### **Action: Clerk**

It was noted that TSB Junior Football Club had agreed to apply to the CDF rather than the CBF, applying for £600 rather than £500 as stated in the previous minute. As a result, the amount not spent from the 2022-23 CDF was £228.27. This is to be communicated to Michael, to see what steps need to be taken to return the remainder of the grant. The application for 2023-24’s CDF was also raised, with the first deadline falling on 28<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that £3,000 should be applied for. The clerk shall check with Michael to find out what steps to take.

### **Action: Clerk**

**Community Benefit Fund:** The Outpost applied for £1,000 to partially fund the installation of disabled toilets, running water and a carpark with suitable disabled access. Whilst the Outpost is outside of the Scalloway area, it was noted that many people from Scalloway have benefitted from attending the Outpost, and that their application would allow for the service being offered to be further accessible. The decision to fund their application in full was proposed by Kenny, and seconded by Mark.

### **Action: Clerk**

**Special Project Grants:** The SIC agreed to extend the deadline of the project to September. Mark notified the committee that the stone mason has submitted a quote for the marker stone, which comes to roughly £700. The text is to be confirmed before the work is carried out; Mark will communicate with the stonemason to confirm that the work is to go ahead.

### **Action: Mark**

**Jamieson Trust:** work is still to be carried out by the electricians, who still have other work to do in the hall.

#### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

#### 13. PLANNING

Catherine declared interest, as a member of the Planning Committee.

**2022/284/DCON1:** Discharge of top soil at Colroy, New Road, Scalloway. The SCC submits no comment to this application.

#### 14. AOCB

**New member:** Marie Williamson was welcomed to the committee as an official member, with Kenny proposing her co-option and Mark seconding

**Tall Ships:** the Fire Festival Committee spoke to Mark, with regard for funding for a galley to be used for the fire festival in Summer, which Mark will advise them on what steps to take.

### **Action: Mark**

#### 15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 20:41