

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 20/02/23

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

Kenny Pottinger
Mark Burgess
Andrew Blackadder
Lindsay Laurenson
Barbara Anderson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Davie Sandison
Michael Duncan
Roselyn Fraser

2. APOLOGIES:

No apologies for this meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2022 were proposed by Mark and seconded by Kenny, with the following amendment:

Section 6: Scalloway Community Development Company (Caravan site): It has been clarified that the meter for the caravan site has not been installed, but an agreement has been made with an energy company to have a meter installed later in the year.

4. WELCOMING OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

The SCC are pleased to welcome Barbara Anderson as a new member of the committee. After an introduction to the others in attendance, her application into the SCC was proposed by Andrew and seconded by Lindsay

5. 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. Michael made some suggestions as to how to proceed going forward, including the position being held for short amounts of time, or maintaining the temporary chair position for each meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Active Scalloway: Andrew notes that the meeting arranged with Robina Barton has been postponed until a later date.

Over 80s: a small number of the recipients of the vouchers for the over 80s scheme passed on their thanks for their vouchers.

7. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Recreate Scalloway: the physical copies of the feasibility study have not been received yet, but these will be distributed upon arrival. Andrew also confirms that there are plans to meet with SIC representatives to discuss a report for funding of the proposed projects.

Caravan Site: No further updates.

8. ASCC UPDATE

The next meeting of the ASCC is scheduled for 14th March, and a request for agenda items has been put out. Mark suggested that BT landlines would be something worth raising; BT have been enforcing digital landlines in place of copper lines, which resulted in communication being cut during power outages experienced during the poor winter weather. Whilst there are a limited number of providers that still provide this service, it is worrying that BT do not offer this service, and should be questioned. This will be a suggested item of discussion.

9. ROADS

Port Arthur: It was noted that a street light across from the college (close to Port Arthur) was in a poor state of repair, with live wires on display.

Ladysmith Road: There continues to be ongoing

Ladyfield Crescent: it was noted that the BT manhole cover appears to be ill fitted, and is loose.

For the issues mentioned above, Roads is to be alerted to the issue, to ensure action is taken

Action: Clerk, Ian

Phone Apps: the use of applications such as What3Words and Fix my Street was briefly discussed by the committee; What3Words is able to define the location of fixed items and faults, whilst Fix my Street is capable of directly contacting relevant departments with photographs. Moraig noted that these had been considered, and would look into whether the council still used these apps.

Action: Moraig

10. POLICE

The police briefing papers for December/January will be passed onto the members and read out at the February meeting.

11. FINANCE

Community Development Fund: It is acknowledged that the Fire Festival's application for funding towards their galley shed is still being considered, but more information is required for consideration to continue.

Special Project Grants: No further updates.

Jamieson Trust: No further updates.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

13. PLANNING

No planning to be discussed at this meeting.

14. TALL SHIP RACES 2023

A meeting to discuss events/activities is to be held on 18th January. Initially, those currently invited include the Fire Festival committee, SYCC representatives, and the SCC, with the aim of more members of the community becoming involved. It was suggested that representatives from the Scalloway Museum, UHI Scalloway and boating club also be invited.

Action: Clerk

15. AOCB

Winter Hardship Fund: Davie confirmed that a bid has gone into the Winter Hardship Fund, which could be used for those requiring help with food, fuel payments etc. This seems to have been well received, and there is hope that this will go through.

Free School Breakfasts: Kenny noted that the free school breakfasts for secondary schools, whilst beneficial for a number of students, is not able to properly be utilised by students from Scalloway, due to the time buses arrive at the Anderson High School. It was acknowledged that this concern was raised before the scheme was brought in. A similar scheme that has been run at the Scalloway Primary was well received, and was successful in offering support to students and their learning. It was decided to raise this issue directly with Helen Budge.

Action: Clerk, Davie

Community Council Members: it was acknowledged that there are still four places open in the community council. Mark pointed out that social media has not been utilised up to this point in recruiting members, and that this could be useful going forward.

Action: Mark

In Person Meetings: the topic of in person meetings was raised; it was acknowledged that whilst the ability to meet online would still need to be available,

combination meetings could be beneficial for members of the public attending meetings as well. This will be discussed again at a later date.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 20th February 2023 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm.