

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2023 AT MOSSBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023/02/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Mr A Hall
Mr B Moreland

Ms J Dennison
Mr J Milne

2023/02/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk

2023/02/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2023/02/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr E Smith, Ms R Griffiths, Councillor E Macdonald, Councillor T Morton, Mr I Park, Shetland Gas Plant, Ms L Hall (Community & Development Officer)

2023/02/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2023 were approved by Mr A Hall and seconded by Mr B Moreland

2023/02/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2023/02/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

The Chairman said it would be good to have members from Voe.

2023/02/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 **Shetland Gas Plant – Attending a Meeting** – Mr Iain Park will attend the March meeting.
- 8.2 **Active Travel Strategy** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.3 **Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – The Chairman said the issues of speeding in Voe have been taken over by a group of Voe residents. He said we are there to support them if needed.
- 8.4 **Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – there was no update on this item.

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- 8.5 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – There is £2,645.85 remaining in this fund.
Mossbank Toddler Group sent an application to use money from this fund, they requested £564.
The Clerk has put a post on Facebook to make people aware of this funding.
- 8.6 Unacceptable Parking on single track roads** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.7 Place Plan for Delting** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.8 Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.9 Citizens Advice Bureau** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.10 Lack of Councillors in attendance** – Community Council members are disappointed by the lack of councillor attendance at the meetings. There has been no Councillor attendance at a Delting Community Council meeting since August 2022.
- 8.11 Sparl Road at Voe** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.12 Speeding in Voe** – The Clerk passed the video on to Colin Gair to raise the concern and he replied to say himself or his colleagues could not identify where traffic approached at speed which was inappropriate or posed any risk. He said if there was any significant safety issue he would have expected the second vehicle to stop and address it as it was the police.
Voe residents met with Colin Gair to discuss the issues concerning Voe residents, a couple of the main points were a path along the Hillend towards the Voe Public Toilets and the speed limit on the main road through Voe. From this the decision was made to hold a public meeting in the Voe Hall on Thursday 16th February to discuss forming a road safety action group.
Active Travel held a meeting on 21st February after undertaking audits of walking, wheeling and cycling in areas over Shetland, Voe being one of them, to present their findings. Community Council Members were invited to attend. The Chairman arrived mid meeting and participated.
Lynsey Hall has made contact with the Voe Community Group regarding the Active Travel plans and road audit to let them know she is able to assist with any funding they may wish to apply for.
- 8.13 Pathway in Brae Woods** – The clerk received an email from Sandy Middleton (Shetland Amenity Trust) saying she contacted the council shortly after it happened to see if they could find a resolution to the flooding issue. She said they didn't want to repair the path for it to get washed out again in the next heavy rain. The council advised they couldn't do anything about the pipes under the road but they would make an effort to clear them more regularly to avoid flooding. It is mostly litter that blocks them. The council suggested replacing the current path with a more robust tarmac path which would be less susceptible to flood damage but unfortunately this is very expensive but Sandy and his team are looking into it and potential funding options.
The SIC Outdoor Access Officer and the Shetland Amenity Trust Ranger have been to make an assessment on the path and Sandy is waiting on an update.

Liam Drosso (SIC Outdoor Access Officer) contacted the clerk to say they are working with Shetland Amenity Trust to figure out a solution to get it fixed as soon as possible. He said they had not considered closing off the site but had contacted Shetland Amenity Trust to discuss if this was a suitable/necessary option. This email was received on 17th February.
- 8.14 Low Water Pressure in Muckle Roe** – The clerk contacted Scottish Water and received an email to say they have arranged for an operative to attend and investigate the water pressure issues in Muckle Roe further.
Hamish Hunter contacted the clerk to say that the issue regarding water pressure in Muckle Roe couldn't be raised by the Community Council. This would have to be done by residents

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individually. The way it is raised in their system is down against a particular home address rather than the area so he advised the more people that raise the water pressure issue in their homes, the more likely the issue will be looked at. Even just low pressure from a tap. He also said he wasn't aware of anything in the next 5 year plan to do anything with Muckle Roe pipes but if this became a bigger issue with more people raising it with Scottish Water, it could be looked at and resolved sooner. He is happy for anyone to contact him but the correct way to raise the issue is by doing so online

8.15 Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled – The Clerk contacted Neil Hutcheson regarding this issue and he has passed this on to the Area Maintenance Engineer for his attention.

The Chairman said the cattlegrid in Upperlea has been cleared and they have been digging out the drains.

2023/02/09 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report to pass on at this meeting.

2023/02/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

2023/02/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall sent an email to say Mossbank and Voe held a warm spaces event which was open to all ages and families. The event was free and allowed people to drop in for a hot drink, soup and a roll. They played board games, had books and magazines and also had support around the cost of living vouchers available. These events will be held throughout March. She said the first one went really well with over 10 people attending.

Mr A Hall said the event in Voe was really good.

The Chairman said we need to push for the Community Benefit Funding to be spend. The Clerk is to contact Ms L Hall to share around the Community. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/02/12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Shetland Youth Orchestra- they are looking for funding to contribute towards Summer School 2023 and purchase music stands & protective cases. A grant would enable them to book a venue and accommodation over a long weekend in Shetland in the Summer, pay for travel and food and drink and cover the cost of music hire. There will be approx. 30 students and 6 members of staff. They are applying for £196. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £196 by email. **Clerk to progress**

12.2 Grant Application Form – Mossbank Under 5's Group – They are applying for funding to purchase some climbing frame equipment and to replace some worn out tents and tunnels they have for their toddler group. They are applying for £564. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £564. **Clerk to progress**

12.3 Grant Application Form Amount change – Kamran Sheppard from the Brae High School contacted to say that the number of students planning to attend the Music Festival in Orkney from Brae had changed but asked if they could still have the full grant they applied for to reduce the cost further. Kamran sent the Clerk a breakdown of costs and it included 9 students from Aith. Members viewed the breakdown and agreed to pay the full amount, however, if numbers fall any lower the grant amount would be reduced accordingly. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £2037. **Clerk to progress**

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- 12.4 Funding still available** – There is still £66,579.64 remaining in the SCBF with another £50,000 to be added on 1st September 2023

There is still £3889.08 remaining in the DCC current account. This includes the money left from the CDF.

- 12.5 Shetland Recreational Trust** – Ms K Geddes is unable to attend the meeting with an update but plans to attend the March meeting
- 12.6 Association of Shetland Community Councils Meeting** – this meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th March in the Town Hall (Chamber) from 6pm to 8pm. Looking for members to attend, option to attend remotely. Need to confirm no later than 5pm Monday 6th March. The Chairman agreed to attend.
- 12.7 Nomination for director of Shetland Community Benefit Fund** – Eleanor Gear sent an email asking Delting Community Council to nominate someone as a director of SCBF. Nomination must be returned by the end of April at the latest but ideally as soon as possible. Members nominated Mr J Milne.
- 12.8 Salary Increase for Clerk** – The Clerks salary has been increased to £16.28 per hour.

2023/02/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 Funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development–**

The Household Hardship Fund – Another £1m has been added to the Household Hardship Fund, administered by the Corra Foundation. Grants of between £500 to £5,000 are available for voluntary organisations with a turnover below £100,000 per annum. Applicants can use the funding to pass on in the form of vouchers or cash to help individuals/families meet pressing bills such as food, fuel, clothing or essential household items. Groups already in receipt of funding from this Fund in December or January are not eligible to apply. Funds must be distributed by 30 June 2023.

13.2 Opportunity for Community Councils in Rural and Islands areas – Michael Duncan sent an email on from the Scottish Governments Improvement Service – they have been working with Scottish Rural Action to support community councils in rural and island areas. Part of this work involves working in partnership with Scottish Tech Army to provide rural and islands community councils with new websites that are easy to update and that meet accessibility legislation. They are looking for 10 Community Councils to take part in a pilot and provide their content to the Scottish Tech Army who will build the new websites and provide support along the way. These 10 websites are free. If interested in this opportunity Community Councils should get in touch via scottishccs@improvementservice.org.uk as soon as possible.

13.3 Settlement Audits for Active Travel – Zet Trans has appointed SYSTRA to undertake audits of walking, wheeling and cycling conditions in 8 localities in Shetland as part of the Active Travel Strategy delivery programme. They are holding meetings to present findings. Voe was one of the areas and this meeting was held on Tuesday 21st February between 2pm and 4pm.

13.4 Community Ownership Fund Round 2 – Michael Duncan shared an email with information regarding the Community Ownership Fund. He sent a link to the website on how to express interest in applying. The £150m Fund helps communities to take ownership of assets at risk of closure.

13.5 Clerk Training – Michael Duncan emailed with a number of training sessions being held for Community Council Clerks over the next couple of months. The Clerk is planning to attend them all.

13.6 Constituency Surgery in Brae - Alastair Carmichael MP will be holding a Constituency Surgery in the Brae Youth Centre on Friday 3rd March from 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

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2023/02/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 14.1 Unadopted Road Query** – Mr J Milne said a Brae resident who stay in Burravoe queried if her road was an unadopted road, there are about 5 houses in the street. They have to do all their own pot holes so he said he would ask the question. The Chairman said the road is unadopted and if it is more than 50 metres long then they can get a grant to fill the pot holes. He said 1 person could apply on behalf of all residents.
- 14.2 Update on lack of electricity** – Mr J Milne said it didn't happen. They got a phone call from Tyree to say they couldn't find the connection point to connect up the stuff. Mr T Dobson assured Mr J Milne that they are working on it. He added Phase 2 is going to start in April in Runnafirth and Havragord in Brae.
- 14.3 Laxabiggin Kirkyard, Mossbank** – The Chairman said someone observed that the verge is very soft so the council would need to come and have a look and fix it. He said it is quite serious. The clerk is to write to Infrastructure Services. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/02/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 6th April 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman