

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th APRIL 2023 AT BRAE HIGH SCHOOL

2023/03/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Mr E Smith

Ms J Dennison

2023/03/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk
Ms L Hall
Local Police Officers

2023/03/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2023/03/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne, Ms R Griffiths, Mr B Moreland, Mr A Hall, Councillor E Macdonald, Councillor T Morton, Mr I Park, Shetland Gas Plant

2023/03/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2023 were approved by Miss J Dennison and seconded by Mr A Cooper

2023/03/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2023/03/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

2023/03/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Shetland Gas Plant – Attending a Meeting** – Mr Iain Park plans to attend one of our next meetings.
- 8.2 Active Travel Strategy** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.3 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – there was no update on this item
- 8.4 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.5 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – The clerk received an email from Mr M Duncan saying the SIC approved its budget of £71,000 for CDF for the next financial year. The new CDF bidding rounds are 28th April, 26th May and 30th June. The Clerk is to advertise this funding to the public and apply.

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- .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** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Sparl Road at Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **Speeding in Voe** – the Chairman mentioned the speeding issue in Voe to the Police officers in attendance. The police will feed back and put an action on for speed checks to happen in the area. The Chairman said the speed in Voe is still a concern if people are travelling at 50mph.
- 8.13 **Pathway in Brae Woods** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.14 **Low Water Pressure in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.15 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.16 **Laxabiggin Kirkyard, Mossbank** – SIC roads department are aware of this issue and will be scheduling it into their repairs programme in the near future. It arose after the power lines were down in the area earlier in the year when the repair vehicles couldn't see the road due to snow.

2023/03/09 POLICE REPORT

Two police officers attended the meeting and gave us an updated police report.

There were 29 incidents recorded for Delting which can be summarised as follows:

- Concern for Person (4)
- Disturbance
- Domestic Assault
- Licensing Act Offence
- Medical Matter (2)
- Sudden Death
- Theft
- Minor Road Traffic Collision (4)
- Road Traffic – Snow related (13)
- Take and Drive Away

The Chairman said there seems to be more concern for a person incident, it wasn't something that we used to hear about.

One of the police officers said that when someone raises a concern for a person, such as someone with a mental health problem, quite a lot of the time the Scottish ambulance service will deal with that but finding more and more the police are having to attend in the first instance to ensure the safety of the person and then Scottish Ambulance Service will take over. He also said a concern for a person could also have been related to the snow when people couldn't contact family members etc to check on them so would contact the police and it would be raised as a concern for a person.

The Chairman asked what like the police staffing is in Shetland at present. The Police Officer said it's not as bad as it has been, he thinks most teams are at full capacity at the moment so it is better.

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The Chairman mentioned the speeding issues going on in Voe and the action group that has formed to try and reduce the speed limit in the area, the police are aware of this and will feedback and put an action on for speed checks to happen in the area. The Chairman said the speed in Voe is still a concern if people are travelling at 50mph.

2023/03/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2023/029/PPF – Proposed new access road with internal/external alterations with level access at 3 Leaside, Firth, Mossbank by Shetland Islands Council. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/049/PPF – to site 28 steel storage containers for self-storage and general storage purposes (part retrospective) at Wethersta Industrial Estate by Dennis Thomson Building Contractor Ltd. Members didn't have any issues as long as they were set in an orderly fashion and well maintained so they don't become an eye sore. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/064/PPP – Proposed 2nr. Dwelling Houses (each semi-detached with 2 bedrooms) in Gary Couper Road, Brae. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

Cornerstone 30611200 – The clerk received an email with the pre-consultation letter and associated drawings for the Cornerstone. PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION UPGRADE AT CORNERSTONE 30611200, FIELNADRINGA SITE SHARE, LEA OF GONFIRTH (NC67883), NORTHERN CONSTABULARY SITE, B9071 GONFIRTH, SHETLAND ISLANDS, ZE2 9PY, NGR: E: 438723 N: 1161863. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/03/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall said the "Warm Spaces" in both Mossbank and Voe have come to an end. They were both very popular, mainly with the elderly, so they are hoping to keep doing something similar. She said that Mossbank Hall was really cold though, so she has been speaking to Mossbank Hall committee members about funding to sort insulation and heating in the hall. Ms L Hall said they found cares funding which will fund 80% and has said to the committee about applying for funding through Delting Community Council. It will be a lengthy process as surveys will need to be done of the building first but they are now at the beginning stages.

Ms L Hall said Mossbank are going to have a Mossbank Fun Day on the 22nd April, similar idea to the Come to Brae days. The hall will be open and the school will be open and there will be a variety of activities on.

Ms L Hall said the outcome of the ASCC meeting was that they had been asking Community Councils to think about resilience planning for the future if we get bad snow again another winter, what will we do as communities and what could the community council do to support people. She said who would be the go to person to communicate with, you could have a list of the local halls etc. The Chairman said the problem is the snow wasn't falling evenly over Shetland when we had our bad snow spell this winter. Some places didn't have much snow and had no idea that other parts of Shetland had a lot. He said one of the things we could do is provide the local knowledge of what's going on, not just for Delting as a whole but for the villages.

Ms L Hall said that there is someone at the Living Well Hub at the Brae Youth Centre who is a volunteer for Bereavement Support Services in Shetland and they are looking at having an afternoon teas type event for people who have lost someone, they had applied for funding through another group and didn't get it so Ms L Hall is going to suggest to them about funding through Delting Community Council.

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Ms L Hall said there is a community link worker who works for the NHS who is going to be based at the Brae Health Centre 2 days a week. The idea behind this is for people going to the GP with something that isn't necessarily a medical issue, someone that maybe wants more company for example, they could be referred to the community link worker and they could meet with them.

Nort Natters – Ms A Arnett emailed the summary report from the Nort Natters community engagement in the North Mainland. The Clerk shared this with the Delting Community Council members. The summary report provides insight into what people in the North Mainland love about their community and also what some of the challenges are. These insights provide an opportunity for individuals, groups and communities in the North Mainland to work with partners across the SIC and beyond to better understand how taking a 'place based' approach on local challenges could improve outcomes in the North Mainland.

A couple of the main improvements mentioned was:

- **Transition** - Lack of insulation is heightening cost of living pressures and preventing a net zero transition. Infrequent public transport in rural areas and a lack of safe walking and cycling routes is impacting peoples lives, relationships and opportunities.
- **Growth** - People value local schools and want more capacity and transport to make full use of these. While there are some great local shops, people want increased access to cheaper produce, career opportunities and digital connectivity locally.
- **Living Well** - People want more leisure and socialising options and better transport to get there. There are concerns about local health services' distance and staff turnover. There are some great community initiatives and a desire to help others but many don't know how to get involved.

2023/03/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – The Outpost, Burra** – They are applying Shetland wide for funding from the 16 Community Councils who are still accepting applications for 2022/23 funding for a disable toilet, running water and a safe car park for disability access. They require taps and a sink to be installed one the same side of the road as the Outpost and a toilet in place for members of the public with mobility issues to access and there are ground works to be completed to enable 4-5 car park spaces for disabled parking near the community poly tunnel and proposed disable toilet site. They are applying for £1000. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £1000. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 12.2 Grant Application Form – Brae High School, Primary 7** – They are applying for funding to offer and opportunity to take part in a residential school trip to P7 pupils. They would like to take the pupils to stay in the Gardiesfauld Youth Hostel in Uyeasound for 3 nights in May. A Grant would help them cover the cost of transporting the pupils from Brae High School to Unst and back. They are applying for £500. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 12.3 Grant Application Form – Brae Parent and Toddler Group** – they are applying for funding for a variety of things to help towards improving their group such as hall hire, new toys, baby changing unit, books and crafts. They are applying for £500. Members agreed unanimously by email to award the full grant amount of £500. **Clerk to Progress**
- 12.4 Grant Application Form – Brae High School Parent Council** – they are applying for funding to purchase 2 wheelchair accessible picnic tables for the Brae Primary and Secondary area. They are applying for £1399.98. Members agreed unanimously by email to award the full grant amount of £1399.98. **Clerk to Progress.**

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- 12.5 Grant Application Form – Delting Up Helly Aa** – they are applying for funding for installing a new torch storage container. They are applying for £1325.61. Members agreed unanimously by email to award the full grant amount of £1325.61. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 12.6 Voe Public Hall Invoice** – The clerk received an invoice for the hire of the Voe Public Hall for Delting Community Council’s January meeting. The total amount is £11.68. There were no issues with making this payment. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.7 Da Voar Redd Up 2023** – This year’s Voar Redd Up will take place between 22nd – 28th April 2023. Groups who participated in 2022 should have received information regarding registration and new groups can register online.
- 12.8 Shetland Recreational Trust** – Ms K Geddes is unable to attend the meeting with an update but plans to attend the next meeting.
- 12.9 Community Council Core Funding** – The Clerk received an email from Mr M Duncan regarding the Community Council core funding allocations. The council has approved a standstill budget for the Community Council core funding. Delting Community Council has been allocated £11,317.
To apply we must submit an email to Mr M Duncan with a written request to drawdown funding. This must also show how Delting Community Council wishes to split its allocation across the following 4 eligible budget headings – administration, environmental services, grants to local/district group & roads.

Breakdown for 2023/2024:

Administration	£6,266.20
Environmental Services	£350.00
Grants to Local/District Groups	£2,550.80
Roads	£2,150.00

2023/03/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 Crofting Commission Area Representatives Recruitment 2023** – The Commission’s Crofting Development Team is looking to recruit enthusiastic volunteers, from within the crofting counties, to apply to become a Crofting Commission Area Representative. They will act as a valued link between the Commission and their local crofting communities. Further information on the role and details on how to apply can be found on the Commission’s website [Crofting Commission Area Representatives Recruitment 2023 | Crofting Commission \(scotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/crofting-commission/area-representatives-recruitment-2023)
They also shared a poster and advert promoting these positions. The clerk circulated these around the local outlets.
- 13.2 Fund Launch: Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund 2023-26** – Michael Duncan forwarded on an email from Voluntary Action Shetland for this funding. This fund is being managed by Impact Funding Partners on behalf of the Scottish Government. This is an open and competitive fund for third sector organisations and community groups based in Scotland with funded activity taking place between 1st August 2023 and 31st July 2026. Grants of up to £72,000 are available across this period.

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The aim of this fund is to support projects and organisations to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build stronger social connections across Scotland in line with the A Connected Scotland (2018) strategy.

- 13.3 Scottish Water News Release** – Scottish Water seek customers' support in checking for burst pipes and leaks – especially in unoccupied buildings – during the period of severe weather and intermittent thaw.
- 13.4 Scottish Government's Improvement Service Workshops** – the improvement service are delighted to be working with Sustrans Scotland to offer a series of free online workshops for community councillors on the theme of community and active travel. The workshops will cover topics such as the impact of the cost of living crisis on our travel choices and behaviours, what the community organisations can do to take action on climate change and how cars impact on community life and how communities can help reduce car use in their local area. All workshops are scheduled to take place on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7.30pm. The email sent links to sign up to a specific evening for anyone interested.
- 13.5 Association of Shetland Community Councils Update** – the clerk received an email from Michael Duncan sharing an update from the ASCC meeting, this was shared with Delting Community Council Members by email.
- 13.6 Surface Dressing, Re-Surfacing and Reconstruction Programme 2023** – The clerk received a letter from the SIC roads department to make Delting Community Council aware of their proposals for surface dressing, surfacing overlays and carriageway reconstructions this financial year. They undertake to carry out surface dressing between May and August. There will be traffic management procedures in place, the surface dressing sites will be a 20mph speed limit.
- The Clerk shared this email with Delting Community Council members showing maps of the affected areas.
- 13.7 Constituency Surgery** – Alistair Carmichael and Beatrice Wishart will be holding a Constituency surgery in Mossbank Hall on the 12th April from 1645 to 1745.

2023/03/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 14.1 Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – Ms J Dennison was sent photos of how folk handled the Muckle Roe Roads in the snow, people were taking the corners quite tight. She was sent these by someone in the hope they could be passed on to help with the issues on the Muckle Roe Roads and to raise awareness on how blind the corners are and if you don't take the corners wide you could crash into an oncoming vehicle. Ms J Dennison is going to send on photos to the Clerk who will then share with Community Council members and SIC Roads Department.

2023/03/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank Primary School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 27th April commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman