

# Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT VOE HALL

## **2023/01/01 MEMBERS**

Mr A Cooper, Chairman  
Mr A Hall  
Mr B Moreland

Ms J Dennison  
Mr E Smith

## **2023/01/02 IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk  
Ms R Griffiths  
Ms L Hall (Community & Development Officer)

## **2023/01/03 CIRCULAR**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **2023/01/04 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of J Milne, Councillor T Morton, Councillor E Macdonald, Mr I Park, Shetland Gas Plant

## **2023/01/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were approved by Mr A Hall and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

## **2023/01/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2023/01/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER**

Ms Rosalind Griffiths was proposed by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Mr E Smith

## **2023/01/08 MATTERS ARISING**

- 8.1 Shetland Gas Plant – Attending a Meeting** – Mr Iain Park was unable to attend the meeting to give an update to Members. He plans to attend the meeting in March
- 8.2 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.3 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.4 Active Travel Strategy** – there was no update on this item.

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- 8.5 **Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.6 **Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Potential Dog Park in Delting** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – There were no further grant application forms for the remaining £2,645.85 CDF funding. The Chairman said we will need to try use this by the 31<sup>st</sup> March otherwise we will lose it. Ms L Hall said she would try and get some groups to use it, Mossbank Under 5's are looking for money for new equipment so she will help them to apply. The Chairman said we would need the application in by the end of February so we can aim to spend it by 31<sup>st</sup> March before we lose it.
- 8.9 **Shetland Way – Stantec UK Ltd** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.10 **Safety on the Muckle Roe road** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Unacceptable Parking on single track roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **SIC Burial Services – Burial Ground Historic Structures** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **Place Plan for Delting** – 'Nort Natters' held a public drop-in event in Brae on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. They emailed an update from the meeting and plan to send out a full report. The clerk forwarded on the email to DCC members.  
Ms L Hall said they are planning phase 2 and phase 3 but not been involved in the meetings.  
Mr A Hall said a lot of the people in attendance were younger children, out of the 500 responses he said most of them were the children. It has given a false idea of what the response was as they advertised it as 500 responses in the community and the majority were children. The Chairman added that the council aren't really in a position to make the changes happen due to budgets, for example, housing changes or transport changes, the money just isn't there to make these changes happen.
- 8.14 **Bench in Graven Kirkyard** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.15 **Cattle Grid, Busta Road, Brae** – Ms J Dennison said there has been no change since December, they have removed the cattle grid but nothing further. The Chairman said it might be to do with tar.
- 8.16 **Hillswick Road, Brae** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.17 **Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item. The Chairman said they usually do a clean up in Spring so will look at it again then.
- 8.18 **Living Well Hub** – Various e-mails received and sent to Members. They have had various visiting organisations this month including Voluntary Action Shetland, Adult Learning, Social Security Scotland and Relationship Scotland.
- 8.19 **Paths for All and Outdoor Access Forum** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.20 **Bridge in Brae Woods – Shetland Amenity Trust** – there was no update on this item.

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**8.21 Community Council Elections** – there was no update on this item.

**8.22 Da Voar Redd Up 2022 – The Shetland Amenity Trust** – The Clerk sent the Voar Redd Up letter to Mossbank Primary School, Voe Bairns Parties and Voe Youth Club following the last meeting. The Clerk has contacted them for online banking details to make payment.

**8.23 Citizens Advice Bureau** – there was no update on this item.

**8.24 Brae Public Toilets** – there was no update on this item.

**8.25 Lack of Councillors in attendance** – there was no update on this item.

### **2023/01/09 POLICE REPORT**

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

The clerk contacted Ms F Maccoll regarding their lack of presence at DCC meetings. She said that they are unable to attend due to staffing levels.

The clerk checked back to see how many times the police were present at DCC meetings in the past year and had not attended any meetings in 2022.

Ms F Maccoll sent a police report after the January meeting took place.

There were 24 incidents recorded for Delting which can be summarised as follows:

- Concern for Person (4)
- Disturbance
- Licensing Act Offence
- Medical Matter
- Theft
- Minor Road Traffic Collision (3)
- Road Traffic – Snow related (13)

### **2023/01/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**2022/334/PPF – Erect dwellinghouse with attached garage and air source heat pump at plot 12, Culsetter Park, Brae by Tulloch Developments** - There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

### **2023/01/11 COMMUNITY WORK**

Ms L Hall attended the meeting. She thanked DCC for having her at the meeting. She has been going around all of the area. Everything she had to say had already been spoken about.

Ms L Hall asked if anyone had applied for the Household Hardships fund but the Chairman was not aware of anyone.

The Chairman said that Mr M Duncan mentioned Community Councils were subject to a review and said we need to prepare and be ready for this.

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### 2023/01/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Delting Badminton Club** – They are looking for funding to cover games hall costs for the remainder of their seasons Badminton sessions (January to April) so they can offer their sessions free to help support during the cost of living crisis. This will be for all of their players from P4 to Adult. They are applying for £500. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500 via email. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Sail Training Shetland** – they are applying for funding to support 4 Shetland Ambassador TSR placements, project materials and 7 local taster days aboard the Swan for up to 70 Shetland applicants. This will give trainees a taste of sail training and allow STS to select their 40 TSR trainees. They are applying for £800. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £800. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.3 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Shetland Youth Orchestra** – they are applying for funding to support for a summer school that will take place in 2023 where musicians will learn and perform together during a residential weekend with support from tutors and the players families. Up to 30 young musicians from across Shetland, 4 tutors and 2 parent/guardian volunteers will attend for a weekend of rehearsals and performance. They are applying for £196. Members agreed unanimously via email after the January meeting to award the full grant amount of £196. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.4 Grant Application Form – Brae High School** – They are applying for funding towards a trip to Orkney Music Festival which will take place between 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May. The students will be given the opportunity to perform in the St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall and gain experience of performing with other musicians. The funding would help cover the cost of transport, food and accommodation. They are applying for £2037. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £2037. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.5 Shetland Recreational Trust** – Ms K Geddes unable to attend due to another meeting but plans to attend in February or March. She said she has a meeting with the School, David Clubb and SRT staff at the beginning of February so will have more to say after this meeting has taken place. Ms L Hall is going to speak to David Clubb for more information and will pass on any information she receives.
- 12.6 Association of Shetland Community Councils Agenda Requests** – Email received from Michael Duncan requesting for CC's to come forward with any agenda items for the next ASCC meeting which will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Any requests must be returned by 12 noon 30<sup>th</sup> January. The Chairman said he didn't have anything to bring up at this time.

### 2023/01/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 Funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –**

**The Household Hardship Fund**, administered by Corra Foundation on behalf of National Lottery Community Fund provide grants between £500-£5,000 to local groups who will pass the money on in cash or vouchers directly to local families and individuals in need. More information can be found on their website – <https://www.corra.scot/grants/household-hardship-fund/>

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**Shetland Amenity Trust's Heritage Grant Fund** - Applications will be considered twice annually with closing dates of 31 May and 30 November

Shetland Amenity Trust may fund heritage initiatives which align with its strategic aims and can fund up to 90% of project costs up to a maximum of £5,000. Full details are available via their website

<https://www.shetlandamenity.org/grant-fund>

There is a small outstanding balance in the 2022-23 fund and the Trust will accept applications up to 31 January. Prospective applicants are encouraged to talk through their project ideas in advance and should contact Shetland Amenity Trust so they can be referred to the relevant officer.

The Chairman said that Vaxter House might come under this and they are looking for money. Ms L Hall is going to speak to Vaxter House about this.

**13.2 Online Banking/Change of signatories** – The clerk has completed and returned forms to the bank to set up online banking and to change the signatories. Still waiting on the bank replying to confirm all is set up. Have chased this so we can go ahead and make outstanding grant payments and any current.

**13.3 Water Safety Workshops** – email received about the possibility of bringing water safety workshops to schools in Shetland from Spring 2023. The workshops will work with primary school children inspiring the love of the water but also to learn to respect the water and keep themselves safe. The workshops are fun, interactive packed full of games, activities and worksheets. They train the children to become junior lifeguards. If they are able to get the funding to bring these workshops to our area, they will be back in touch.

## 2023/01/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

**14.1 Sparl Road at Voe** – The clerk contacted both Ms R Barton and Mr N Hutchison regarding the condition of the Sparl Road in Voe. Mr N Hutchison emailed to say it was one of over 50 locations the roads service has considered for improvements to encourage active travel, these locations have been prioritised and unfortunately the Sparl Road scores poorly under the criteria so is ranking low.

**14.2 Speeding in Voe** – a resident of Voe sent a message to one of the CC members raising her concerns about the current speed of traffic going through Voe. She shared a video (sent to CC members) as it was getting dark of traffic passing through while a truck was parked on the verge of the road at the shop with hazards on as traffic were passing and felt it was an accident waiting to happen. She would like members to view the video to see why the speed limit through Voe should be reduced. The Chairman said parking at the Tagon area is a danger zone. Ms R Griffiths said you cant see anything round the corner, Ms J Dennison added there are blind spots everywhere. The Chairman said to pass this message on along with the video to Colin Gair (Roads) and Fiona Johnson – **Clerk to Progress**

**14.3 Pathway in Brae Woods** – a CC member shared a video (emailed to CC members) of the current condition of the pathway in the Brae woodland area. The pathway has been weather damaged. Ms G Smith emailed to say that Shetland Amenity Trust have informed the council and the access officer so they are aware and she would update us with what the situation is regarding repairing the path. The Chairman said this is dangerous and to speak to the council safety officer as this area may need to be closed off. **Clerk to progress**

**14.4 Trucks transporting Windmill parts** – Mr B Moreland said that trucks were going to start running 3x daily with windmill parts which would stop traffic passing to allow them to pass. He questioned what provisions were in place for emergency vehicles passing. The Chairman said

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police will stop traffic for emergency services to pass if necessary, the police will be in close contact with the Emergency services

**14.5 Low Water Pressure in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison said the water pressure in Muckle Roe is very low, having a shower is like pouring a water can over you. She said the infrastructure would need looked at, the pipes are still the very old ones. There is a new build finished and a new build going up which is more pressure on the pipes. The Chairman said he has had a drop of water pressure as well back and forth. The Chairman said to contact Scottish water about Water pressure issue in Muckle Roe (James Anderson) – **Clerk to progress**

**14.6 Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – Ms J Dennison said that due to recent weather, drains have overflowed in Muckle Roe and the side verges need dug out. The Chairman said that drains are not taking the water away  
Mr E Smith added that the cattlegrid at Upperlea has also filled in with water due to recent weather. This is a bigger issue when the weather is colder as it ices over and makes the cattlegrid slippy. The water comes down towards this cattlegrid at some volume so always fills quickly. The chairman said to contact Neil Hutcheson regarding this. **Clerk to progress**

## **2023/01/15 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman