

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes subject to approval at next Community Council meeting

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 18TH APRIL 2023 at 7.20 pm via Webex

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| PRESENT: | |
| Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair | Alec Priest – Tunnel Group |
| Cllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair | |
| Cllr Gilbert Irvine (Gil) | Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland |
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| APOLOGIES | |
| Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH) | Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF) |
| Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD) | Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI) |
| Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT) | Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA) |
| Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH) | |

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL chaired meeting and welcomed all.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

JL informed all interest in Voar Redd application from Whalsay Riding School

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

JL asked if all were happy with minutes. WP approved, Gil seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Current accounts was shared with members by clerk. New funding allocations was approved

ACTION: Clerk to put forward request

POLICE MATTERS

Dana Jameison informed all about the two incidents vandalism and damage of ladies public toilet. Discussion about the recent “ Coffee + Cop event “ which would be more publicised in the future. The request for patrols for the Whalsay Regatta was put forward for Thursday and awaiting approval.

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JL – recommended use of Livister for use for respite breaks for police

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow

The Old Dock and Grieves House

Update for funding and progress from Hazel Sutherland was pending

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

Whalsay Learning Centre - UHI

JL – updated all that funding was approved for a position until June 2024 and UHI was currently in the process of recruitment for this

ACTIONS: None

Roads

Cattle Grids – Saeter, Houll, Harledale Cattle grids outstanding .

ACTION: Ongoing and clerk asked to follow up

FENCE AT DUMP

WP – Highlighted road to old dump and asked for this to be sent to SIC for maintenance as it was full of pot holes, to clarify ownership and responsibility.

JL – asked clerk to follow up on fencing with Carl Symons email dated 23.11.22, as weather was improving.

ACTION: Ongoing and clerk to follow up

ROADS , STREETLIGHTS CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

JL/WP/Gil – There was a discussion around the state of the roads and number of pot holes which needed immediate attention due to the recent weather. Update on the proposed works from Active Travel was discussed.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up

FERRIES

JL – discussed Tall Ship week and events finishing after last ferry run and suggested requesting an extra ferry run during Tall Ship week so that locals could be included. The extra ferry run request would need to be additional to allocation.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up .

CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

Clerk informed all that all planning was in place and works could now progress.

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JL – discussed collecting sign for installation from Lerwick

ACTION Clerk to follow up

WHALSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (WCDG)

Alec Priest joined the meeting and shared his knowledge on setting up a Tunnel Group and the work/progress made so far. There was a discussion on the latest funding secured for the feasibility study.

JL – discussed setting up a local group in conjunction

All – felt that setting up groups was difficult as there was interest but getting members to form the group was the stumbling block. A future public meeting was put forward to include other Tunnel Groups and councillors for locals to support this project

WP/Gil – suggested meeting to include Alec Priest, Morag Lyall, Maggie Sandison

ACTION Clerk asked to follow up

NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked. Topics to include Participatory Budget, WCDG, Sign - on hold

JL – suggested including Tunnel Group

ACTION Ongoing

JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

Clerk informed all that John Daly was keen to engage in this matter.

All – approved all correspondence undertaken by WCC , could be shared with John Daly in this matter

ACTION Clerk asked to follow up

BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

JL – Reiterated the need for these shelters to be re-positioned as had received complaints from parents, and asked to follow up with Elaine Parks

ACTION On going

Dentist

JL – asked for progress and update

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up with Brian Chittick

Bu Water Road

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Clerk informed all the Gavin Steel from Scottish Waters was looking into this.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

Harsdale

Clerk shared the recent correspondence from housing.

All – discussion about the 5 empty properties and when works would re-commence

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up

AOB – Scottish Sea Farm North Voe Application - All reviewed and approved.

Meeting closed at 21.15

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 30th May 2023 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.