

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 23 January 2023 in Bressay Hall.

This minute is unapproved until adopted at the next meeting of BCC

Present:

Lindsay Tulloch
Shirley Gifford
Alistair Christie-Henry
Dee Henderson-Haefner
Richard Burrell
Amanda Sinclair
Margaret MacDonald
Kath Duffus
Gary Robinson

In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)
Andrew Inkster
Billy Mycock
Heather Christie
Amy Lambourne
4 Members of Park Run

Agenda Items

1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed guests and members to the hall.

Apologies were noted from:

Stephen Leask
Arwed Wenger
Michael Duncan
Joanne Fraser

2. Declaration of interest:

The Chairman asked for declarations of interest – one received from himself for an item later in the proceedings and Alistair gave a declaration of interest in respect of item no.11 Defibrillator Project.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman reviewed the draft minute of the meeting 19 December 2022 and sought their approval. Proposed by Richard and seconded by Alistair.

4. Matters Outstanding (actions not elsewhere on agenda or completed):

CAP1 Trowlands Road – action on Gary, no further progress, ongoing.

CAP2 Status of Goods Carriage on Ferry, Andrew Inkster could confirm the Ferries have now received a carriage of Dangerous Goods Certificate and there was a meeting on

Tuesday 24th where workable implementation would be decided. Andrew will provide an update on the meeting thereafter.

CAP 3 Island Broadband Provision – Richard could confirm Marvin Smith had not yet scheduled his visit; this was now looking as being late February. Gary suggested we get details of the Scottish Government refresh strategy – Richard will investigate.

AP1, 3,4,5,6, All Complete

AP2 Island Impact Assessment, the people responsible for this at the SIC were out of the office, the Chair will be following up with them when they return. **Action: Chair.**

5. Member and Visitor Reports:

i) Police and Anti-Social Behaviour: Billy Mycock could inform the meeting they had had a report from the SIC cleaner responsible for cleaning the toilets that there had been vandalism to the toilets at the Bressay side. Billy Mycock confirmed moving people on could be difficult but appreciated that passengers were intimidated and scared to go into the waiting room and it was difficult to see what else could be done. Various suggestions were made by members. Using the Police? At the moment the Police are not involved, so perhaps we could ask for an increase in police patrols – particularly if underage drinking was involved. Key fobs for ferry passengers? Monitored CCTV? The CC TV belongs to the LPA, Andrew Inkster has a meeting with them on Tuesday and would discuss. An alternative shelter outside? Speak to the School? Remove the Wi-Fi (however it was noted this disadvantages passengers). Sign saying CC TV permanently recording? The number to call if anti-social behaviour noted displayed on the outside so someone can call if they can't get in. It was asked if the ferry crews monitored the waiting rooms – Andrew Inkster could confirm some do and some don't – it is not written into their job description so it is at the discretion of the crew. Andrew Inkster will provide a further update on proposals for the ferry waiting room once he meets with LPA.

iii) Visitors Report:

Park-Run had come along to introduce Marie and Wendy as the new directors as Katie and Hannah were now standing down. They updated the meeting of the changes to the Park Run mustering area from The Maryfield Hotel to the Ferry car park although the start line is still on the road into Maryfield. This does create a potential safety risk – although runners are instructed to keep close to the side there is no pavement and a bad corner to negotiate just as cars are hurrying down to catch the 9.30 ferry. The lack of footpaths in general was a problem for park run and also at Sissie's corner, whilst the marshals kept runners to the side and warned any traffic it was a difficult area. A big mirror at Sissie's corner could help – Alistair could inform that there used to be one but it had rusted off and not been replaced. Gary responded that it was difficult to know where money for footpaths could come from as there was a lack of SIC funding available. Tingwall and Gott had set up a group to install footpaths using AGS funds. There was potential for Crown Estate funding and Active Travel funding. Shirley was tasked to follow up on potential funding. **Action: Shirley**

BDL - Heather and Amy had come along from Bressay Development to share their plans for a Bressay Development Plan Consultation. This could perhaps fit in with the 20-minute neighbourhood scheme. There was no update on the New Clinic – the NHS is waiting for a new person to take over the co-ordination post.

ii) SIC Councillors – Gary could share that there is currently a £5m shortfall in the Fair Ferry Funding – the SIC is engaging with Transport Scotland to fill the gap. The funds being allocated for the Fair Isle Ferry will help to ease funding however this does not negate the fact that we have the smallest grant increase in Scotland. The SIC biggest spend is on staffing and the budget plan is to stabilise spending. Part of this will be maintenance rather than capital spend/building. He was asked if there was a plan for the aging ferry fleet and could confirm that they were just looking at fixed links, the issue of tunnels fitting into active travel was noted particularly with the amount of foot traffic and cyclist in Bressay.

6. Planning Applications: None

7. Infrastructure (Roads, Transport, Communications):

Andrew Inkster will pick up on the Infrastructure Report in his meeting with the Director of Infrastructure and will request the report is updated and dates scheduled for the items agreed as urgent. A good start would be getting answers as to what can't be done and prioritisation of the remainder.

The disabled drop off parking at the ferry gate has been addressed with the crew and has now been passed to roads to implement.

The bottle bank has continued to be a problem. The existing one needs to be moved and a second added. In their reply to the infrastructure report the SIC had indicated it was up to BCC to find a site however this is not the case it is up to the SIC to do so – having it in a car park is far from ideal. It was also noted The Maryfield Hotel uses the bottle bank – they should have their own commercial bin. Previously we had been informed the Scottish Government returnable bottle scheme would supersede the need for bottle banks however there are other glass items that are out with this scheme and will still require a bottle bank. Meanwhile it would help if the existing one was emptied more frequently or to a set timetable that we were informed about.

The carriage of flammable items on the ferry – the Ferries have now been given a Certificate for Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Ferry Services are trying to organise a scheme that is workable for residents. It is noted that Andrew Inkster has promised a solution to be published in the next week.

8. Correspondence:

Emails have been circulated throughout the month. Communication has been received complaining about the bottle bank and the suggestion of CC cameras in the waiting room Bressay side to help prevent its use by youngsters.

We have been allocated four Community Ferry runs for the next financial year and a poster has been prepared advertising the two remaining ones for this year.

9. Financial Report and Grant Applications:

The Clerk shared the current financial position and explained the various sections. Currently the Distribution fund which started with £3,000 has a remaining balance of £1,450.

Grant Applications - SCBF Applications:

Sail Training Shetland has requested a grant of £800 for their Young Persons Training Scheme. This was unanimously approved. **Action: Clerk**

Distribution Fund Applications:

Bressay Boating Club would like partial funding for portable electricity units for the marina. They are applying for £1,836 however we have only £1,450 available in the distribution fund therefore it was unanimously decided to award them this amount and advise we would be open to an application for additional funding in the next financial year. **Action: Clerk**

10. NHS Project at Former School:

The Chair has had a meeting with Kim Anderson from the NHS who could explain the staffing and organization of this had been interrupted by Covid and the staff involved have now moved on. No decision has been made on how this was to be clinically supported. The Health and Social Care Directorate would like to consult with the community on what service is required for Bressay and would like to start by meeting with the community council. She is keen to have a meeting with us in the first two weeks of February – the suggested dates are

Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th February.

Action: Chair

11. Defibrillator Project:

Alistair declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The Chair had met with Michael Duncan who outlined the SIC legal position regarding the Community Council owning defibrillators. Essentially the Community Council could go ahead with the project however ownership and/or maintenance would have to be passed to a third party and who has appropriate governance structure in place – a legal entity with Public Liability Insurance. Kath suggested training in CPR was more important than a defibrillator – this had a greater impact before a defibrillator came into effect and would be a greater use of funds, some discussion ensued, eventually going to vote on a) to rescind the previous decision to source additional defibrillators or b) to source and get a third party (probably BDL) to maintain. The vote was carried 4 to 3 to cancel the project. The chair asked Kath if she would be willing to source training in CPR and the use of the defibrillator which she agreed to do.

Action: Kath

12. Bressay Groups Update: The Hall representative outlined the events going on in the Hall, BDL the Boating Club had already updated their happenings.

13. Any Other Business: Shirley asked if the small pick-up quarry cleanings had been allocated as someone had intimated to her they would like to buy some. It was explained we couldn't sell them as we were not a trading organisation and the clerk confirmed these were allocated in October/November however none of the recipients had collected yet presumably because of the bad weather. An additional 3 ton had been requested for the upkeep of the Gunnista Kirkyard road and these had been granted. The Clerk was asked to send out a reminder to recipients to collect asap.

Action: Clerk

14. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday 27th February.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date

