

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 9th January 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. R. Black
Mr. Mark Fullerton
Miss N. Fullerton
Ms M. Garnier
Mrs. C. Smith

Apologies

Cllr. D. Sandison

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair

The appointment of Vice-Chair had been carried over from the last meeting due to a number of members not being present. As all members were in attendance nominations were sought. Niall O'Rourke proposed Robin Black as Vice-Chair and this was seconded by Brian Adamson and all agreed. Mr. Black accepted the position.

2. Co-option

Niall welcomed Carole Smith to the meeting who had been in touch and was interested in becoming a Community Councillor through co-option. Brian Adamson proposed that she be co-opted on as a member and this was seconded by Niall O'Rourke and all members were in agreement. Carole accepted and completed the relevant co-option form for submission to the SIC. The members were delighted to have Carole join the membership. One vacancy still exists.

3. Declaration of Interest

None.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 5th December 2022 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

5. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Access road to Playgroup

Nothing further had been heard from Shona Thompson since she e-mailed on 26th September confirming that the business case had been written but the engineer was waiting to hear back from Assets re the land ownership and whether or not any land is likely to be required. Once he had this information then the business case would be presented to the Council for approval. She was to keep us informed but nothing had been heard since her e-mail in September. The Clerk was asked to contact Shona Thompson for an update.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Speeding at East Voe

Niall had been unable to get hold of Neil Hutcheson to request that the 'smiley faces' be put in place every 2-3 months to help reduce the speed of traffic in this area. He will also ask about the cost of these signs as it may be worthwhile purchasing one for this area. The Clerk was also asked to get in touch with Neil Hutcheson to see when speed counters were last in place at East Voe and request that these be put in place in the near future to record speeds. Cllr. Scott also mentioned that the pavement is to be extended at East Voe and Cllr. Lyall added that this is now at the design stage.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke / Clerk

(c) Parking at Minn

Niall had spoken again with Robert Laurenson, Langsound Development Group, in connection with taking on the purchase of the land for extra parking at Minn. Robert had checked with OSCR and they can only have one asset (which is the public toilets at Hamnavoe) unless they change their Constitution. Niall had also spoken with Adalene Fullerton who is involved with the Burra History Group to see if they would be interested but they are not in a position to take this on. After discussion it was agreed that Niall should speak with Robert again to see if they would re-consider and that the Community Council could assist with the drawing up of a new Constitution and any other paperwork necessary.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(d) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Robin Black advised some time ago that he is resigning as a director on Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF). No replacement has yet been found but Robin said he would continue meantime.

(e) Path on Ludi

Neil Nicolson, WHD Plant, had been and measured the area for the path some time ago but as yet no quotes had been received. Niall advised that Maurice Sutherland was along last week and will also price for the job. Two quotes have been requested – one for tarring and another for Type 1. Due to the high cost of materials at present the path will extend from the Boyne Grid to Hilary Conabeer's in the first instance.

(f) Burra/Trondra Signs

Paul Moar had e-mailed some time ago with 'mock-up' signs for Burra & Trondra showing the old Norse names. A number of areas in Shetland already have these signs in place. The Clerk had contacted Neil Hutcheson to see if they would be willing to put these signs in place. He replied stating that this could possibly be met from road safety budgets. Old Norse signs that are already in place would be described as 'village gateway' signs and are sited together with speed limit signs on the entry to a settlement. The intention being to reinforce the message that drivers are required to reduce their speed. Therefore, the Roads Service could provide 'village gateway' signs with the Old Norse for Burra at the 40mph signs at the east end of the bridge. He pointed out that there does not appear to be a suitable location in Trondra for 'village gateway' signs. He asked for the members thoughts on the provision of these placename signs for Burra albeit that they would have to be located slightly outside the isle. The members thought that this would be acceptable but would still like to have a similar sign in Trondra if possible. As there is a small 40mph sign on approach to the Trondra Bridge the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Hutcheson and see if it would be possible to provide a 'village gateway' sign at this location, and if necessary the Community Council could pay for the Trondra sign.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) Moss on pavements

The Clerk had contacted SIC Roads some time ago to ask if they would clean the pavements around Hamnavoe, but had not received a response. Another reminder had been sent and an e-mail received saying it had been forwarded to Michael Godden at Waste Services for his attention.

(h) Defibrillator at Burra Public Hall

Janine McDowall advised that the new case for the defibrillator had arrived and been installed and wired up by Charlie Arthur who had kindly offered to do this. The members were delighted to hear that this had been sorted. The Clerk will check with Valene Robertson to see that the one at the Outdoor Centre at Bridge End is up to date.

(i) Shetland Church of Scotland (Burra Community Garden Development Project)

An e-mail had been received from Mrs. Betty Fullerton advising that they had now laid new cables, installed sockets, lights etc. in the garden and were grateful for the grant received from the Community Council to enable this work to be done.

(j) Meeting Dates 2023

It was agreed at the last meeting that Community Council meetings would continue to be on the first Monday of each month during 2023. The members agreed that there would be no meeting in July when there is a break for the summer. This will be passed on to Michael Duncan, SIC.

(k) Bridge between East & West Burra

Colin Goodlad had mentioned previously that there is a very low section in the dyke at the bridge at Bridge End and was concerned for the safety of children. The members were unsure where this was when it was discussed at the December meeting and Mark Fullerton had circulated a photo to the members showing the low section. The Clerk was asked to contact the SIC to see if they could possibly heighten this by either extending the existing railings on the bridge or some other means.

ACTION: Clerk

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme Application (SCBF):

Application Ref No 180350: Shetland Youth Orchestra

The Shetland Youth Orchestra are applying to 8 community councils and have split the application to reflect the membership of the orchestra by number of players in each community council – Burra & Trondra 13%. Project – Summer School 2023 and the purchase of music stands & protective cases. The sum requested from our Community Council was £587 which the members approved.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Shetland Policing Report – Oct/Nov 2022

The above report had been received and circulated to the members for information.

(c) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and circulated to the members prior to the meeting:

- Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) for Shetland
- Household Hardship Fund – Opening Tue 10th January 2023

6. AOCB

Signal at Meal Beach

Some time ago when the mast at Meal was erected by Grieg Seafood, we were advised that they could possibly assist in getting wifi signal down at the Meal beach. The Clerk had sent an e-mail recently to Grant Cumming, who was dealing with it at that time, but the e-mail had been returned unsent. Grant Cumming is moving away shortly but Niall will speak with him to see how we should proceed with this.

ACTION: Niall

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on 6 February at 6pm.
The meeting ended at 7pm.