

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 1st May 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Ms M. Garnier
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. M. Fullerton

Apologies

Miss N. Fullerton
Mrs. C. Smith
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. R. Black
Cllr. C. Hughson

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. D. Sandison
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

PC Crawford and PC McCall attended the meeting. The police report for February/March 2023 had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. They advised that there were two incidents recorded for Burra & Trondra which was the vandalism to the public toilets in Hamnavoe and also an attempt to possess drugs by post. The only item of concern reported to the officers was the speed of traffic through Trondra. PC Crawford said that during the month of May they will be out on the roads and speed checks will also be done at this time. Another question raised was with regard to sheep worrying. It was noted that there had been an incident at the Meal beach recently where two dogs not on leads had attacked a sheep in a park but thankfully the dogs had been chased off and the sheep survived. The officers stressed that this is a criminal offence and dogs must be kept under control at all times. PC Crawford advised that there had been a similar incident in Lerwick recently and there should be information coming out in the media soon regarding sheep worrying. As there were no further points raised the Chairman thanked them for taking the time to attend and they left the meeting.

1. Declaration of Interest -

Cllr. Sandison declared an interest with regard to the Planning Applications to be discussed.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 3rd April 2023 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Settlement Audits for Active Travel – Hamnavoe

No further information had been received back on this since they gave their report at our meeting in March via Zoom.

(b) Access road to Playgroup

Waiting for the improvement works to commence as this has now all been approved.

(c) Parking at Minn

Still looking to purchasing the area of land from Mike Bailey which he is willing to sell for additional parking. Roselyn Fraser to be contacted to see if she can assist in any way. We may have to set up a Development Group in order to raise funding etc. Niall to contact Roselyn. **ACTION: Niall**

(d) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Robin Black has now done his three years as a Director and a replacement is needed. It involves attending one meeting a month via Zoom and these are usually an hour in length. This will be kept on the minutes until a replacement is found.

(e) Path on Ludi

No further progress on this due to the high cost involved. It was suggested that we could possible do some of the work ourselves but this will need to be given some more thought. (No sign of the traffic counters being put in place by Neil Hutcheson, SIC.)

(f) Burra/Trondra 'Village Gateway' Signs

Neil Hutcheson ordered these signs some time ago and advised that they would be put in place early this financial year.

(g) Moss on pavements

Mr. Michael Godden at SIC Waste Services had replied saying their pressure washer is now fixed so will look to get these jobs done within the next month or two.

(h) Signal at Meal Beach

Richard Darbyshire, Scottish Sea Farms, had replied looking to meet up to discuss the situation with the signal at Meal beach. This will be looked into.

(i) Pavement crumbling – Muckle Road, Hamnavoe

Barrie Scobie had been contacted regarding the pavement and advised that this has been looked at and will be sorted shortly.

(j) Speeding in Trondra

As this had already been discussed with the police there was nothing more to add. Cllr. Scott did point out however that while away in Perthshire he had noticed that some rural villages had the 'smiley face' signs up as a permanent fixture and thought this might be something to be considered in areas here in Shetland where problems exist with speeding.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Application Consultation: 2023/051/PPF – Applicant: Mr David Coe

Address: Plot 2, Bridge End, Burra Proposal: construct recreational hut to be used for occasional over-night accommodation for friends and family as well as for short-term lets
This was discussed by the members who had no objections.

(b) Marine Planning Consultation Ref: 2023/008/MAR – Applicant: Kenny Pottinger

Address: Langsound, Burra Proposal: To extend existing mussel farm (planning permission ref: 2013/030/MAR) by siting an additional 2 x 240m twin-headline longlines to the west of the existing longlines (retrospective)

After discussion it was agreed to request that the following conditions are met:

- The two mussel lines to the east of the site are moved to within the site boundaries;
- Anchor positions should not be marked with buoys or loose lines (existing buoys to be removed);
- Pontoon associated with the site is either moved to within the site boundary or removed (currently lying outside the South West corner of the site).

(c) Community Consultation – Reimagining Burials in Shetland

An e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan attaching a letter and seminar slides addressed to all Community Council Chairs from the Council's Burial Services regarding the above who were consulting with Community Councils. This had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting for information. No comments were made regarding this consultation.

(d) Planning Aid Scotland – Planning Training 25 March

Michael Duncan had e-mailed through materials from the Planning training event which had been held online and delivered by Planning Aid Scotland (PAS). He had also sent an e-mail with a YouTube link to the training session for information. This had been circulated to the members. Michael stressed that the link is not to be shared outwith the Community Council membership.

(e) Community Council Core Funding 2023/24

An e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan advising that our core funding allocation for this year is £5,998.

(f) Various correspondence

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

- Transport Scotland Smart Travel Survey (from Robina Barton, SIC)
- Police Report – February/March 2023

5. AOCB

Sheep worrying

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted about sheep worrying in Burra. Dog owners are walking their dogs without leads through the scattald, and also parks, and reports have been made of dogs chasing sheep. As this had been mentioned earlier with the police for clarification, it was agreed that signs should be put up at the Meal beach and other areas to ask that dog owners keep their dogs under control at all times. The Clerk will look into getting signage.

ACTION: Clerk

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th June 2023 at 6pm.