

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 19/06/23

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

Mark Burgess
Kenny Pottinger
Andrew Blackadder
Marie Williamson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Davie Sandison

2. APOLOGIES:

Lindsay Laurenson
Barbara Anderson
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Roselyn Fraser – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2023 were proposed by Kenny and seconded by Andrew with the following amendment:

Section 5 – Matters Arising: Andrew noted that he had passed the notes onto the clerk, and further action was to be taken from there.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Mark was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gibblestone Park: Andrew has taken action to writing to the Integrated Joint Board, to pass on what was discussed in the March meeting.

Street Cleaning: Andrew is still to organise a second meeting with Robina, which he will try to do shortly.

Blackness Pier: Mark spoke to the harbour, and confirmed that is against policy for litter to be swept off the pier into the sea. Provisions are in place for litter and waste on the pier to be cleared away, and it is against their principals for littering from the pier.

Voar Redd Up: The Voar Redd Up has passed, and seems to have been a success once again.

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Caravan Site: Davie informed the committee that the caravan park is now open, and the local community and businesses are being encouraged to advertise their goods and services with the park. The official opening being scheduled for 24th June, and invitations will be sent out shortly.

Recreate Scalloway: advertisement for a development worker, primarily to work with the feasibility study, but also to be a development worker for other SCDC projects, has now begun. Some interest has been gauged, with the deadline for applications being 22nd May.

7. ASCC UPDATE

The next meeting of the ASCC is scheduled for June.

8. ROADS

Concrete Slabs on Main Street: Roads had informed the clerk that the work has been carried out. Roads are to be contacted and thanked for their prompt attention.

Action: Clerk

Tingwall Valley Speed Limit: The contact for discussing speed limits was passed onto the clerk, and a letter discussing the possibility of speed management in some specific areas of the Tingwall Valley. It was noted that the pony tours had set up signage to alert traffic to slow down at this area, and it was felt that this could be implemented by the caravan park. The possibility of a bike lane was also discussed, and it was felt that whilst this would be difficult to implement, it would not be impossible. Marie noted that there are recycled plastic grids that can be placed over drains; concerns were raised as to this would be strong enough for cars if they were forced to pull off the road, and verges would need to be improved. It was agreed that a letter was to be drafted to the relevant persons, to discuss methods which could be taken to improve road safety, including road signage, and Marie would share the information that she had with regard to the plastic grids for cycling lanes.

Action: Clerk, Marie

Sycamore Avenue: a letter from planning was received and distributed from Planning, regarding a proposed prohibition of waiting at Sycamore Avenue. A parking restriction will be marked with double yellow lines and is intended to keep the area of road opposite the junction to the garages clear, such that larger vehicles as used by the emergency services and delivery companies can have sufficient space to turn in and out of the junction. Mark has been approached by constituents, who are concerned that they were not consulted by Planning, and that this may result in a loss of parking places for residents. Traffic management has been a continuous issue within Sycamore Avenue, with an assessment of the area being requested as the result of a child being hit. One suggestion was to demolish the garages along Sycamore Avenue, but there was disagreement between the residents to whether this should be carried out; those with garages wanted to keep them, and those

without wanted them demolished. A resident pointed out to Mark that if the proposal was carried out, then this would result in the cars parking elsewhere, which would result in poor visibility along the road elsewhere. The matter discussed, and it was decided that Planning would be contacted, to request an understanding of what prompted this prohibition proposal, and request a consultation if one has not been carried out

Action: Clerk

East Voe: at the head of East Voe, turning left onto up Hill Brae, a pothole has reopened. Roads to be contacted with regard to this issue.

Action: Clerk

Kirk Business Centre: Rubber on bollard at roundabout is still not repaired. Roads to be contacted regarding this issue.

Action: Clerk

New Street: Kerbs along New Street have broken and are trip hazards, and there are two potholes at the end of the road. Roads to be contacted with regard to this issue.

Action: Clerk

Nursery: Marie suggested that a special parking place at the nursery should be designated for mothers with small children using Hame fae Hame. Davie declared interest; it was confirmed that Roads was approached to make this a disabled parking space. General access has been considered, but there are concerns with how emergency vehicle access would be affected. Mark also wanted to know how permission to park in this space would be assigned, and how this would be arranged. It was decided that Assets and Property and Roads should be contacted to request this additional drop off space.

Action: Clerk

One Way System: the suggestion of requesting that Commercial Street be adapted into a one way street was raised at the meeting. It was noted that a one way system had been established in the 90s, but had been highly unpopular and was revoked. There are concerns as to what would happen with larger vehicles along areas not adapted for heavy traffic, and the lack of pavements and footpaths for pedestrians walking in these areas. This could also result in traffic speeds increasing, as the current 'choke' on the street results in drivers having to drive cautiously. Andrew noted that this issue was discussed during SCDC's Waterfront feasibility study, and other methods for traffic management were suggested. Alternative measures for road traffic management around Scalloway as a whole was discussed, and it was decided that Roads should be contacted and advised that the matter should be reviewed.

Action: Clerk

9. POLICE

The Police Briefing papers for April/May will be distributed and read out at the next meeting.

Road Collisions: The three road traffic collisions that were discussed in the previous briefing papers were from three separate events, occurring in different areas and on different dates. No further action to be taken.

10. FINANCE

Community Development Fund: The Scalloway Fire Festival have submitted a grant application for £1,000 for a Summer galley burning that will coincide with the Tall Ship Races; the money will go towards materials for the construction of a galley and torches. It was noted that the Fire Festival had been invited to receive funding for the 2022-23 CDF financial year, but had not submitted an application in time for this. It was noted whilst Scalloway is no longer a guest harbour [see AOCB], events being hosted around Shetland around this time will still be valued by visitors. There were concerns that the grant could have been more specific in what the funding was going towards; to reflect this, the decision was made to award full funding to this application, with an emphasis on the money only going towards funding the summer procession.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: Nothing further of note since the previous meeting.

Jamieson Trust: Nothing further of note since the previous meeting

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

View Point, Scord: A letter was received from a constituent, who has been maintaining the View Point area, ensuring that the seating and grass are in good condition, but feel unable to carry this work on throughout the summer. They wanted to know if the SCC would be able to arrange for somebody to cut the grass. The SCC commended the work that has been carried out by the constituent to ensure that the area is well maintained and a pleasant place to be visited. Whilst the SCC does have a gardener, grass cutting at this area is not in her remit. It was decided to thank the constituent for their work, but advise that the SCC already pays for a gardener out of the core funding, which are limited, putting us in a position where we are unable to afford to take on further areas.

Action: Clerk

12. PLANNING

2023/113/PPF and 2023/109/CAC: proposed demolition of existing Scalloway Galley Shed and construction of new steel shed. Due to the short notice that the

members of committee received the planning application (through no fault of the Planning Department), it was decided to discuss the two applications during the June meeting. Whilst there is no objection in theory, it is acknowledged that this is a major project for the Scalloway area. Questions were raised as to why two applications were made for the same project, and the decision was made to approach Planning to ask for an explanation for the distinction between the two applications and let them know that the committee hopes to discuss this further in June.

Action: Clerk

2023/116/PPF: Proposed demolition and rebuild of property at 17 Meadowfield Road, Scalloway. It was noted that 17 Meadowfield Road has been raised as an issue to the SCC at previous meetings, and the committee welcomes the decision that action will be taken which will allow for a fit for purpose house to be built in place of the current property. Planning is to be contacted and told of this.

Action: Clerk

2023/114/PPF: Retrospective application for the creation of hard-standing and lay-down area (class 6 storage) at Port Arthur. The works were carried out before an application was made was due to the applicant being unaware of planning permission being required. It was noted that the purpose for the hardstanding was relatively vague, and that part of the shore line had been developed. It was decided that Planning would be contacted, and informed that it is difficult for the community council to comment, due to the general classification of storage class making it difficult to determine if the area would require screening from the public.

Action: Clerk

13. AOCB

Tall Ship Races: it has been noted that Scalloway has pulled out of being a guest harbour for the Tall Ship Races; despite this, there are events coinciding with the races, including workshops being hosted by SYCC and the Fire Festival's summer procession. There are hopes that Scalloway will still benefit from extra visitors coming in for the event.

Wreath laying Event: Mark notified the committee that there would be a wreath laying at the memorial, and asked for a member of the committee to volunteer to lay the wreath. Davie offered to lay down the wreath in this instance.

Action: Davie

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 19th June 2023 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 21:30