

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of Northmaven Community Council on Monday, 5th June 2023, held in Urafirth Primary School and remotely, using Teams

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:

CCllr D Brown
CCllr R Doull
CCllr E Robertson
CCllr G Anderson
CCllr J Parry
CCllr R McGeady
CCllr B Wilcock

In attendance:

I Davidson – Clerk
Mr M Duncan - SIC
Ms L Hall - SIC
Mr W Mycock - SIC
Ms I Webb – Relationship Scotland

1. Apologies Submitted:

CCllr. D Robertson

Ex Officio Present:

Clr E MacDonald
Clr T Morton

The meeting started at: 19:30. CCllr D Brown Chaired

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest	CCllr J Parry for any SCBF-related business CCllr R McGeady for any HHA or NCDC related business
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes of Meeting held 15 th May 2023 were approved by CCllr R Doull and seconded by CCllr R McGeady
4. Police Report	No report this month
5. Matters Arising	<p>Eshanness Development No update</p> <p>Swarthoull No update</p> <p>NCDC RM updated members on his proposal for a redd up during 'Bruckland Festival'. NCDC Development Worker is to contact potential volunteers to request help in moving vehicles to Junction and Amenity Trust to uplift from there. It would likely be done during week leading up to BF. RD told members that SSE could probably volunteer manpower to assist and it was agreed that NCDC worker should contact her to arrange.</p>

A member relayed that they had been approached by a constituent who had seen that NCDC lunch club event had been postponed but hadn't seen any advertising for it being on in the first instance. Asked that this be fed back.

Action: Clerk to relay to NCDC

Hillswick drains

Although the repairs had been carried out, a member was informed that one of the drains was now blocked. Member to find out more detail

Abandoned Vehicles in North Roe

See NCDC update

Community Food Drop-off Points

No update

Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

See Item 6

Discussion of Amenity Trust Properties in Northmavine

No update

Regional Transport Strategy for Shetland

No response yet received

Nort Natters

Scheme still on hold

Shetland Gas Plant Update

Nothing further

Action: Remove from next minute

Recent Snow-Clearing in Northmavine

Nothing further

Action: Remove from next minute

Community Council Scheme Review

See Item 7

Burial Grounds Seminar

Information was put on Face book page but no responses had been received. Clerk submitted NCC view that boundaries should remain as Parish Boundaries and this was acknowledged

Action: Remove from next minute

Emergency Plan Templates

Nothing further

Action: Remove from next minute

Ollaberry Primary School

Chair confirmed that School Meeting had been held and that Ollaberry School was to become a one-teacher school. His proposal that reserved places should be increased from 1 to 2 had been put forward and was to be considered

Action: Remove from next minute

	<p>Ollaberry Housing Housing Dept. responded, stating that they would investigate Action: Remove from next minute</p> <p>Road Grants A few applications have been received so far, with another month or so left to apply</p>
<p>6. Presentation/Discussion on Antisocial Behaviour</p>	<p>The Community Council welcomed Billy Mycock from SIC and Ingrid Webb from Relationship Scotland who had kindly attended to raise awareness of the issues and efforts to tackle antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>BM began by stressing the importance of having a point of contact for people to discuss concerns. He referred to the earlier discussion around abandoned vehicles and the Community Council/NCDC's proposals to resolve this, praising the community for being proactive in dealing with such a problem and stated that his department could also help with this, if required.</p> <p>Broadening the discussion, he explained that they were there to look for input into how we respond to, or prevent, antisocial behaviour in Shetland. There are many forms of ASB, such as Bullying/Personal Safety; Community/Family fallouts; Noise; etc. and the SIC has a new ASB strategy in place to tackle these. The various points of contact to address concerns to were listed and these included Relationship Scotland, whose representative, Ingrid Webb he then passed over to.</p> <p>IW explained that RS deal with conflicts in all types of relationship, whether it be within a community, at work or in a family setting. Their aim is to encourage people to speak to each other and it was noted that, if both parties agree to mediation then the chances of a positive outcome are high. The mediators at RS are highly trained and act professionally and confidentially to strict standards.</p> <p>IW stated that this visit was to publicise who they are and what they can do. They are also visiting schools to raise awareness amongst younger people. She then went on to explain the various ways people could participate, including concurrent, but separate online meetings with both parties so that they can still mediate. There were also discussion groups for young people whose parents had separated so that they could talk about their issues among peers in a similar situation. It was also stressed that, although based in Lerwick, mediators could go anywhere in Shetland to facilitate discussions and they do attend the Brae Living Well Hub regularly.</p> <p>One member asked if there was a place, in Shetland, where abused men could go for help as this had been raised with them in the past. At that time, they could not go to Womens' Aid but IW assured that this was now available to them as well as Victim Support.</p> <p>Members were keen to help publicise the service and agreed to do so through both NCC and NCDC social media and by putting leaflets into local shops.</p>

	<p>After the Chair thanked both BM and IW for their attendance, IW left the meeting.</p>
<p>7. Community Council Scheme Review</p>	<p>DB welcomed MD to the meeting. He explained that NCC had begun to discuss the review previously but felt that they were lacking in detail to have a meaningful discussion. MD began discussion by offering some background. There had been no review for 20 years and planned one was delayed so option taken up to hold election in 2022 for a two-year term then holding consultations on review. Final scope for review going to council next week then there would be 2 x 8-week consultations, followed by a 4-week consultation to decide on the way ahead. The consultation would be across the board, not just within CCs, and among the areas being reviewed would be – number of Community Councils; the Recruitment Process; how to attract younger people to stand; levels of funding; levels of power/responsibility; etc. The final report will go to council in September 2024 and changes implemented from following elections in October/November 2024. Questions/observations from members included – many CCs (though not NCC) suffered from lack of numbers and would this be addressed in the review; would public meetings putting forward nominations be preferable to elections; would boundary changes be a possibility; wouldn't it be better to investigate ways to enthuse people to want to take part rather than make legal changes? In response to some of these, it was confirmed that consideration of numbers and locations was on the table and that there may be different solutions for different areas. The Chair concluded the discussion by thanking MD for attendance and noting that we always had good attendance from our Councillors so was confident that we would be kept up to date with developments</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p>	<p>Cross Party Group Poverty inquiry Beatrice Wishart has asked for submissions from Community Councils.</p> <p>Boundaries Scotland – Scottish Parliament consultation Does not affect Shetland</p> <p>Scottish Conference for CClrs. Online An online forum (10/06) to discuss if CCs should have more power and responsibility for local issues.</p> <p>Community Ownership Fund – Round 3 Funding opportunity available for Community Groups to take on assets and amenities at risk of closure Action: Share to NCDC</p> <p>Community Energy Scotland – Stakeholder Engagement Clerk reported that he had been to drop-in session regarding Community Energy/Transport Hub. The proposal was to consult with communities to ascertain what was wanted then to approach UK Gov for funding. It had been acknowledged that group=s such as NCDC and Nesting Dev. Co. were already supplying much of what was</p>

	<p>proposed so they planned to meet with NCCD staff this week. Action: Clerk to feed back to NCC at next meeting</p> <p>Community Research Event A workshop about Impacts of MPA Management Measures.</p> <p>Conference on Scotland's Infrastructure and Capital Investment in Challenging Times An online event which CClrs could attend</p> <p>ASCC Meeting Next meeting to be held 13th June. DB confirmed he planned to attend</p>
<p>9. AOCB</p>	<p>It was reported that rocks were falling into the drainage ditch from the rockface at the virdins quarry, just north of Mavis Grind and that it was only a matter of time before these would also fall onto the road itself. A repair had been made at Voxter for a similar problem and it was agreed that Roads Dept. should be notified and a repair requested there. Action: Clerk to write to Roads Dept.</p> <p>Several members highlighted the overflowing bins at Mavis Grind as well as at the north end of Mangaster straight and agreed to write to Environmental Health to request increased frequency of waste collection Action: Clerk to write to Environmental Health</p> <p>A member raised the plan by Scottish Govt. to make 10% of Scottish Waters subject to HPMA, meaning that no activity whatsoever could take place in these areas. This was considered by some members to be the most damaging proposal yet produced by government in relation to coastal communities. While the SIC had already responded to the proposal, NCC members agreed that they should also submit an objection. Action: Chair to draft response for Clerk to submit</p>
<p>10. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, 10th June at 19:30 in Ollaberry Primary School (TBA) EM and JP offered apologies in advance as they would be unable to attend</p>

The meeting ended at: 20:54