

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of Northmaven Community Council on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at Urafirth Primary School and remotely, using Teams

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:
CCllr. D Brown
CCllr R McGeady
CCllr R Doull
CCllr G Anderson
CCllr J Parry
CCllr K Scollay

In attendance:
I Davidson – Clerk

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr T Morton
Cllr E MacDonald

1. Apologies Submitted:
CCllr. E Robertson
CCllr B Wilcock
CCllr D Robertson
Mr M Duncan - SIC
Ms L Hall - SIC
Cllr A Manson

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
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes of Meeting held 9 th January 2023 were approved by CCllr R Doull and seconded by CCllr R McGeady
4. Police Report	No Police report this month

<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Eshaness Development NCDC Development Officer had sent enquiries about funding but was still awaiting responses. DB explained for benefit of new members that this was a proposal to create an official viewpoint between Zoar and the top of Greenfield, Eshaness with safe, offroad parking space for tourist coaches</p> <p>Swarthoull Nothing further. To be retained until promised action is completed. DB explained to new members that NCC had previously contacted the Roads Dept. regarding degradation of the main road at Swarthoull due to regular flooding from the seaward side. Last response (09/22) was that the shore at Swarthoull has recently been re-surveyed with no significant further deterioration evident. The coastal defences would now be designed and a business case prepared</p> <p>NCDC RM reported that NCDC had been successful in receiving funding from Scottish Land Fund for Phase 1 of the project to take on the old Urafirth School site and buildings. This would be used to cover the costs of a Housing Needs Analysis and to have plans drawn up. He explained that the previous HNA had been inadequate in its scope. He asked members to highlight people who could benefit and who would be willing to share their views. Cllr TM asked about the issue concerning current access but RM said that an initial meeting had been held with Planning to discuss this and the outcome had been positive. RM also reported that a plan to set up a Youth Board of NCDC was being pursued and that he would attend a meeting at Brae High School, with Northmavine pupils and youth leaders, the following day</p> <p>Hillswick drains An update had been sought from Roads Dept. but the response was that nothing further had been done at this stage</p> <p>Abandoned Vehicles in North Roe Nothing further. Vehicles still awaiting uplift.</p> <p>Community Food Drop-off Points Project was ongoing but no update was available</p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Mr Mycock had been invited to attend this meeting but had to decline due to another commitment. He hoped to attend the March meeting.</p> <p>Discussion of Amenity Trust Properties in Northmavine There was no update on this at the moment but RM relayed that NCDC hoped to raise the issue at its AGM in early March</p> <p>Winter Activities Fund Clerk reported that Lynsey Hall had met with NCDC staff and had formulated a plan to hold lunchtime events at each of the</p>
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available Northmavine halls. Logistics were still being finalised but it was hoped to have 2 events at each hall by early April

SCBF Consultation

The link to this had been forwarded to all members

Water Treatment Plant

There had been no further response from Scottish Water but members agreed that both issues seemed to have improved

Heylor Road to The Blade

Cllr TM reported that a local crofter would be happy to fill in the potholes himself but that this would require the agreement of the landowners

Co-option of New Members

SIC had been notified and acceptance papers completed, signed and submitted.

Action: Remove from next minute

Marine Planning Consultation

Action completed with response having been submitted

Action: Remove from next minute

Consideration of SCBF Application

Feedback form completed and returned

Action: Remove from next minute

Brig at Eshaness

Roads Dept. had responded that this was more a resurfacing job than brig repair and that it was intended to carry this out in Spring

Action: Remove from next minute

Round up of latest funding opportunities

These had all been shared

Action: Remove from next minute

Regional Transport Strategy for Shetland

Members discussed the report and it was agreed that it did not offer a realistic solution for a rural area such as Northmavine.

It was agreed that RM should draft a response setting this out

Action: RM/ID to submit response

Query regarding Memorial

No further detail had been received on this

NCC Members Info for Publishing

Action completed

Action: Remove from next minute

Proposed SIC cutbacks

Nothing further

Action: Remove from next minute

Eela Water Brig

Roads Dept. responded, thanking NCC for notification and stating that this would be inspected and listed for repair

	<p>Action: Remove from next minute</p> <p>Gritting Roads Dept. had responded stating that the vehicle tracker showed that this area had been done along with other roads in the area. Members felt that they thought the enquiry related to the Heogland road running past the shop entrance and not the “forecourt” around the shop, as was intended? Members suggested discussing with shop management to ascertain their understanding of who was responsible for gritting this area. Action: Clerk to discuss with Shop Manager</p>
<p>6. Consideration of SCBF Application</p>	<p>Members had one application from Sail Shetland to consider. This was a Shetland-wide application, with NCC being asked to approve a donation of £800 from their allocation. There was a brief discussion, with several members voicing enthusiasm for the project and all those present were in agreement to approve the application in full. Action: Clerk to complete and submit the feedback form</p>
<p>7. Correspondence</p>	<p>SGP Manager The manager of Shetland Gas Plant had requested an invitation to April meeting to provide an update on their activities. Members agreed to this and suggested some points to raise with him Action: Remove from next minute</p> <p>Heritage Grant Fund Notification had been received that this fund was currently available for heritage projects. It was suggested that this may be a worthwhile source of funding for both the meal brig near the Houbans and the Water Mill at Tangwick. It was further suggested that this may best be facilitated through Northmavine History Group. A CClr who was also a member of NHG agreed to take this to them. Action: Remove from next minute</p> <p>We Shine Brighter Together – Promotional Campaign This was shared to the NCC Facebook page as requested</p>

	<p>Action: Remove from next minute</p> <p>ASCC Meeting – 14th March Request had been received for suggested Agenda Items and confirmation of attendees. Members discussed and decided to defer confirmation until closer to the time Action: Clerk to issue reminder ahead of March meeting</p> <p>SCBF – Zoom meeting All CCllrs were invited but mainly aimed at new members to explain scheme – 15th February at 19:00</p> <p>Embers Aquatics – Water Safety Workshops This was sent to NCC for info and it was agreed that it should be forwarded to all Northmavine schools Action: Clerk to forward to schools</p> <p>Free webinar on Community Map Scotland This is available to Community Councillors and will assist in formulating a Local Place Plan. It takes place on Friday, 10th February at 14:00. Members agree that this should also be forwarded to NCDC Action: Clerk to forward email</p> <p>Scottish Rural Action Newsletter This had been forwarded to all members for interest</p> <p>Living Well Hub Updates Posted to Facebook page</p>
<p>8. A.O.C.B.</p>	<p>Scotland’s Deposit Return Scheme A member had been notified that this scheme which entailed an additional 20p per bottle/can being charged to hospitality businesses, would also include community halls. Items would also have to be counted and returned in order to claim the refund but it was unclear where to, for Shetland and, because of the nature of events at halls, it would be very difficult to keep track of the items. It was suggested that NCC write to the local MSP to express their view that the scheme is unworkable in this scenario. Action: Clerk to email MSP</p> <p>Demolition of derelict cottage at Heylor TM had been approached about imminent demolition. He had looked into it but it was not possible to prevent this. In an effort to at least preserve the history, he proposed commissioning some drone footage before it was gone. Members noted that NCC did not have the funds to do this but one member offered to get in touch with a contact who may do it as a favour. Given that the forecast was poor for the foreseeable, TM would try to get confirmation of the date, the demolition would occur. It was also suggested that Tulloch (the contractor) may have a drone themselves which could be used.</p> <p>Saltire Points A member raised the issue of Saltire Points, which are awarded to young people for volunteering achievements. He considered</p>

	that awareness of the scheme in Northmavine was poor and wanted to publicise which groups were/could be made aware of this. It was agreed to share details of the scheme on NCC's social media and to ask NCDC to highlight it in their next newsletter. Action: Clerk to share details
9. Date of Next Meeting	Monday, 6 th March at 19:30 in Ollaberry Primary School (TBC)

The meeting ended at: 20:25