

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25h MAY 2023 AT VOE HALL

2023/05/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Ms R Griffiths
Mr B Moreland
Mr E Smith

Mr A Hall
Ms J Dennison
Mr J Milne

2023/05/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk
Mr L Flaws, Delting Football Club
Ms H Sutherland, Shetland Amenity Trust
Ms A Moncrieff, Shetland Amenity Trust
Ms L Hall, Community Involvement & Development Officer

2023/05/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2023/05/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor E Macdonald, Mr I Park, Shetland Gas Plant

2023/05/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2023 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison

2023/05/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr A Cooper declared an interest with regards to the Road Maintenance Grant Applications forms, item 2023/05/14.

2023/05/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

2023/05/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Shetland Gas Plant – Attending a Meeting** – Mr Iain Park was due to attend the meeting, however had to send his apologies last minute and will hopefully make the next meeting.
- 8.2 Active Travel Strategy** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.3 Speeding in Fograbrek, Voe to the 30mph signs** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.4 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – there was no update on this item.

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- 8.5 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – May bidding closing date is 5pm on Friday 26th May. The Clerk is to submit the application form. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.6 **Unacceptable Parking on single track roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Place Plan for Delting** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.9 **Citizens Advice Bureau** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.10 **Lack of Councillors in attendance** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Sparl Road at Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **Speeding in Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **Pathway in Brae Woods** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.14 **Low Water Pressure in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.15 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.16 **Laxabiggin Kirkyard, Mossbank** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.17 **Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.19 **Testing at Scatsta** - Delting Community Council are now on the mailing list and will be informed of any planned events due to take place. The Clerk will advertise any planned events via the Delting Community Council Facebook page. Members would be interested to observe a rocket at Scatsta. The Chairman is going to look into arranging this.
- 8.20 **Windfarm Development Concern** – The person the Chairman was going to contact to arrange a visit for Delting Community Council members is leaving so he is unsure who to arrange this with now. He suggested waiting until we know more about what is happening within the Delting area. Members were still keen to arrange a visit, would be good to get up close and get an idea of the scale. The Chairman is going to try and find out who else to contact to arrange a visit for Delting Community Council members.

2023/05/09 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report to pass on at the meeting.

2023/05/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2023/097/PPF – Siting of two portacabins for business use for a temporary two year period at the land adjacent to the ferry terminal in Toft by My Andrew Barrie. **There were no objections to this planning application. Clerk to progress.**

Disabled Parking Space – Lingapund, Brae – any objections to be emailed by 9th June 2023. **There were no objections to this planning application. Clerk to progress.**

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2023/05/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall attended the meeting.

She asked if anyone attended the Community Energy Scotland Consultation at the Brae hall, no one from Delting Community Council was able to attend.

Ms L Hall is looking into Poly Tunnels at Busta. They can't get funding and would like a Poly Tunnel to grow their own fruit/veg so they can offer customers home grown local produce. Ms L Hall has received emails about help for business so she is going to speak with Busta and look into it. Mr A Hall suggested the Barn possibly helping them out by growing produce for them.

Ms L Hall suggested Delting Community Council apply for the additional £1000 Community Development fund grant to repair the fencing in the Brae Woodland Area. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/05/12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Feedback Form – Delting Football Club – they are applying for funding towards a better mower for the school's grass pitch. For a round 10 years Delting

Football Club have maintained the school's grass pitch. During the summer this involves cutting the pitch at least 1-2 times per week. With the mower they currently have it takes a volunteer 2-3 hours to cut the grass plus time to do the pitch lining. The mower they are using is no longer suitable to the job. They have done research into the right kind of mower for the grass pitch and will reduce the time it takes down to around 20-30 minutes. They are applying for £9,500. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £9,500. **Clerk to Progress.**

12.2 Grant Application Form – Mossbank Primary School – They are applying for funding towards the cost of transport for a school trip in June to Breckon Farm and Strawberry Polycrubs in Yell for P1 to P7. They are applying for £525. This is in addition to £410 remaining in their previous grant from last financial year which is to be used on another trip booked in June for early years. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £525. **Clerk to Progress.**

12.3 Kissing Gates in Brae – The Clerk received an email from Mr M Smith to say that following a recent audit for active travel, it has been brought to their attention that the kissing gates in the grass area in the centre of the Moorfield Housing Scheme (Toytown) are a hindrance, particularly for cycling and advised that consideration should be given to remove them to promote walking and cycling. Mr M Smith visited the site and noticed some of the gates had already been removed so he is seeking the views from Delting Community Council members in relation to the removal of the remaining gates. Some of them are wide enough that bollards would need to be put in place to prevent vehicle access if gates were removed. Members had no objections to the removal of the kissing gates. **Clerk to progress.**

12.4 Who stands for the Council – Mr M Duncan shared an email from SIC about the work the Council has been doing over the years to encourage more and a more diverse set of candidates to stand for election. As part of this, two high calibre speakers are coming to Shetland on Monday 19th June and were thinking it would be a great opportunity to run a session in the evening with partners, community council representatives, some business reps and MSYPs. They would be delighted if a representative from Delting Community Council could attend the event at the Lerwick Town Hall between 7pm and 8pm on Monday 19th June. The Chairman has agreed to attend. **Clerk to progress.**

12.5 The Shetland Times Invoice – The Clerk received an invoice from the Shetland Times for the Unadopted Roads advert. The total amount is £48.00. Payment Approved. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 12.6 A4 Paper Reams** – The Clerk requested to purchase 5 reams of A4 printer paper at a cost of £22.99. Payment approved. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.7 Postage Stamps** – The Clerk requested to purchase 50 2nd class stamps at a cost of £37.50. Payment approved. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.8 Draft Annual Accounts 2022/23** – The Clerk shared the Draft Annual Accounts spreadsheet for 2022/23 with members and they have approved. The Clerk will email the spreadsheet to Delting Community Council members before taking the accounts to Voluntary Action Shetland for auditing. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/05/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 Shetland Amenity Trust** - Hazel Sutherland (CEO and Alison Moncrieff attended the meeting to explain what is going on with mainly their property portfolio. Shetland Amenity Trust has had some financial challenges over the years and have a 4 year business plan that they are working with to try and get back to a good state of health and some of the things they are looking to do to try and resolve this is to see if they can use their properties in a different way. They have a big portfolio of properties and as the workforce reduced and the amount of money they had to do the maintenance reduced they have found themselves spread a bit thin. Some places had to shut due to COVID and the amount of work that needs to go into them to up to a good standard again means they might not be able to do everything the same as they used to do it. They have also been looking at whether or not it is appropriate for them to be in some of the business they are in with some of the properties and the low cost accommodation was one of the things they have been looking at, like the Camping Bods. These were an opportunity for people to come to visit Shetland on a low budget and the accommodation was basic. The Camping Bods seemed to work well but the way legislation is changing in terms of being registered for accommodation with air b n b's, the standard people expect has changed hugely so the amount of money that needs to be put into the Camping Bods to get them up to a good standard is quite a lot of money. Shetland Amenity Trust have been going around working with the different communities in Shetland to see if any of the communities would want to use some of the properties for some sort of community need. That way the communities could get funding from other organisations to do the work required to get accommodation up to standard so Shetland Amenity Trust would be prepared to release the properties to the communities if this is something they were interested in.

The property that falls in the Delting area is the Sail Loft Camping Bod in Voe so they are looking at what this could be used for in the future. Other communities have had open days to get ideas for what the properties could be used for in their area. For the Sail Loft in Voe there has been expressions of interest to put it on the market to sell it but Shetland Amenity Trust wanted to speak to Delting Community Council first to see how they would like to take it forward because they are keen to work with the Community to find a good solution rather than just put it on the market. They are up for ideas such as releasing it for community use if they can.

Mr A Hall said the one that springs to his mind is the Voe Pier Trust. The Chairman asked if it was released to community use, would Shetland Amenity trust still have title to it. Ms H Sutherland said they have different models throughout the communities with how things can work but the cash receipt from a sale would be to the good of the Shetland Amenity Trust but there are other options and they are open to discussions. The Chairman said he would be more inclined to see it stay in community ownership. He is going to speak to the Voe Pier Trust and see if taking it under their wing is something they would be willing to do. He added that we have the Shetland Community Benefit fund available for funding as we get £50,000 per year. Ms H Sutherland said if the assets are going to be released for a similar purpose for what the amenity trust is then they don't need to take full market value for it because it is being passed on for the same purpose but if it was going to be sold privately for an individual to develop it into something like a hotel then they would have the challenge of getting the full commercial value for it. Ms A Moncrieff said the

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key point is that there is no option that is off the table, this is a starting point. They wish they had the money and funds coming in to be able to do something with it but unfortunately they don't. Ms H Sutherland asked if it would be possible for them to apply for funding through the Shetland Community Benefit fund because it does need work done to it. The Chairman couldn't see any reason why they couldn't apply, as long as it's following the guidelines. He said it was something worthy of them exploring to see if they can get it back up and running themselves and he will speak to the Voe Pier Trust and see if it was something they would be willing to take on.

The Chairman asked if the Delting Memorial was in any way under threat, Delting Community Council put it up but Shetland Amenity Trust look after it. Ms H Sutherland said no, they have a range of memorials they look after and it has never come up as being an issue. Ms A Moncrieff said it might be worth refreshing the paper work for this.

The Chairman also mentioned the Brae Woodland Area. Mr J Milne said that parts of the fence in this area are broken and becoming a bit of an eye sore. There are quite a few broken bits of fence now. Ms H Sutherland over the years the Amenity Trust has taken on to look after and maintain things like this but without money coming in they can't do all the repairs that may need done as they are working with a low budget. The Chairman mentioned the Shetland Community Benefit fund to help with funding for things in the Delting Area.

13.2 **Emergency Plan Templates & Examples** – Mr M Duncan emailed further to his email dated 20th March regarding the ASCC meeting with a range of templates and example emergency plans for information, the Clerk email these on to Delting Community Council members. He added that the

SSEN Resilient Communities Fund is due to open for its final bidding round sometime in the next month or two; funding opening date and deadline still unknown at this time. However, it is known

that applicants with an emergency plan will have a better chance of accessing funding from the Resilient Communities Fund so if anyone is thinking to apply, please prepare a local emergency plan as soon as possible. He said we may want to consider developing a local emergency plan and link up with other local partner organisations and/or facility providers i.e. the local hall, health centre etc. The plan should also identify what resources are required when responding to an emergency. This could be equipment such as generators or smaller items – gas cookers, torches, batteries, blankets etc.

13.3 **Viking Community Fund Consultation – Input from Voluntary and Community Groups** – Shetland Community Benefit Fund is undertaking a consultation on the priorities for use of the funding that will become available when the Viking Wind Farm becomes operational. The consultation is being managed by external consultants, IBP Strategy & Research. Some have already taken part in earlier exploratory stages of the research but the consultation is now being extended to cover a broader range of residents and stakeholders. This includes a specific survey of Voluntary and Community Groups, which asks for views on the main issues and challenges

facing Shetland and about the priority outcomes that could be addressed through the Viking Community Fund. They are hoping that as many voluntary and community groups as possible will take part in the survey and so have agreed to circulate the link to it. The survey can be found at <https://ibp.eu.com/vcfconsultation/take-part/> with a closing date of 31st May 2023.

13.4 **Heritage Grant Fund** – Shetland Amenity Trust operates a small grants scheme to support good quality heritage initiatives, funded by investment from an endowment fund. They are seeking applications for 2023-24 in two tranches with closing dates of 31 May and 30 November.

13.5 **Cross Party Group Poverty Inquiry** – Mr M Duncan shared a press release received in connection with a Cross Party Group Poverty Inquiry. Beatrice Wishart asked this to be shared amongst Community Councils as they may wish to make a submission. There is no closing date

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for submissions yet but will be open until at least Autumn. The Clerk shared this email with Delting Community Council members.

- 13.6 Scottish Conference for Community Councillors online** – this will be held on the 10th June. The subject is Democracy Matters and it is open to all community councillors for a discussion on whether or not community councils should have more power and responsibility for issues in their area.

2023/05/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 14.1 Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – Mr E Smith asked what the plan was for the traffic lights and no stopping signs at Scatsta. He said that if people were to stop in the no stopping zone, technically speaking, they could be done by the police. The Chairman said it is up to the council to remove it but they have never actually said it can't be an airfield again which causes difficulty so until that decision is made, they will probably remain.

2023/05/15 ROAD MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION FORMS

The Chairman left the meeting prior to this being discussed due to being a potential beneficiary.

The schedule of road maintenance grant applicants was tabled at the meeting. There were ten applicants this year and it was agreed to award them £0.85 per metre. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/05/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 29th June commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman