

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the new term of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in the Peerie Hall, Aith on Monday 19 December 2022 at 7pm.

Due to the very bad weather recently, this meeting had been delayed. It was just a short meeting in order to elect office bearers and deal with any urgent business. Business arising from our meeting on 14 November will be discussed at our January meeting along with all other business.

Present: J Priest
J D Garrick
Mrs S Deyell
Mrs J Fraser
Ms D Nicolson
Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser
Mrs Lynn Johnson
J Abernethy
Ex officio: Cllr Mark Robinson
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

The Clerk took the Chair pro tem

The Clerk welcomed all present to the meeting and congratulated everyone - those who were re-elected and those who were newly elected. A special welcome was made to the 3 new members, not forgetting our newly elected SIC Councillor.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllr L Peterson, Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker and Mr M Duncan, Community Liaison Officer.

APPOINT CHAIR: The Clerk asked for nominations.

Mr J D Garrick was proposed by Ms D Nicolson but he declined.

Mr J Priest was proposed by Mrs S Deyell and seconded by Mrs J Fraser. Following a show of hands, Mr J Priest was unanimously appointed Chairman. He accepted.

APPOINT VICE-CHAIR: The Clerk then asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mr J D Garrick was proposed by Mr J Priest, seconded by Mr J Abernethy.

Ms D Nicolson suggested one of the female Community Councillors but none were willing to be considered.

There being no further nominations, Mr J D Garrick was appointed Vice-Chairman. He accepted.

Mr J Priest took the Chair

Mr J Priest thanked the members for the appointment and said he will do his best to serve the community.

URGENT BUSINESS

ACTIVE TRAVEL IN AITH - LETTER OF SUPPORT: A message was received from Ms Robina Barton, Transport Policy and Projects Officer, saying that an application is being prepared as a funding bid to the Sustrans Places for Everyone scheme. If successful, they will use the funding to develop the scope of the project, engage with the wider community, explore necessary permissions and agree a project brief. They would then be eligible to apply for further funding to develop detailed designs and ultimately move to construction. The whole project would be expected to take around 3 years. To give strength to their application and show evidence of community and political support, she thinks it would be helpful if the Community Council could supply a Letter of Support. This does not commit anyone to anything, it simply shows that people are supportive of the development in principle, with the details of exactly what and where still to be worked out. A Letter of Support will be sent.

SCBF APPLICATION: An application was received from Aith Central Public Hall for assistance towards their project from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund. We do not have sufficient funds remaining to cover the total amount and part funding was agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATION: The following Planning application was received and considered:-

2022/309/PPF Change of use from storage to a home studio and extension of existing building ancillary to dwellinghouse at Stangrigill, Roesound, Reawick by Mr Jim Henderson. Approved.

SCOTTISH WATER: An email was received from Trish at Corporate Affairs, Scottish Water saying that key investment work will take place in Bixter to ensure their customers continue to enjoy clear, fresh, great-tasting water and help improve the resiliency of the local water network. Work to upgrade around 3.8km of water mains will begin on Monday 9 January 2023. This work will progress in phases, on a rolling programme, along the A971 Bixter and will last approx 28 weeks. All temporary road traffic management and restrictions have been agreed in conjunction with local roads department. They thank everyone in advance for their patience and understanding while these essential improvements are carried out and apologise for any inconvenience.

DATES OF CC MEETINGS IN 2023: The members agreed to meet on the second Monday of each month except for July or August, whichever is most appropriate, when we take a summer recess. This information will be passed on to Mr M Duncan, CC Liaison Officer.

Some discussion followed regarding the recent snowy weather and how people had coped. As this was a short meeting to consider only urgent items, the bad weather problems will be an item on the agenda of our January meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in the Rankin Lounge or Peerie Hall, Aith on Monday 9 January 2023 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a very happy festive season.