

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in the Peerie Hall, Aith on Monday 14 November 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs S Deyell
G Morrison Mrs J Fraser
J D Garrick Ms D Nicolson
M Bennett A Johnston

Ex officio: Cllr Liz Peterson

In attendance: Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker
Mr M Duncan, Community Liaison Officer
Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the final meeting of this term.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr J D Garrick, seconded by Mr M Bennett.

BUSINESS ARISING: Broadband: Nothing to report.

Mobile: An email was received from Ms S Kelley, Assistant Transport Planner with Stantec in Edinburgh saying that the Scottish Government, in partnership with the Scottish Futures Trust, is providing 4G mobile infrastructure in a number of rural locations across Scotland as part of the Scottish 4G infill Programme (S4GI). This is a £28.75 million Scottish Government Programme which aims to deliver 4G mobile infrastructure and services in locations where they would not otherwise be provided by the market. Stantac is undertaking a series of surveys aimed at residents and businesses in areas where masts have been installed and 4G is available. The surveys are now live and they are looking to establish a means to share these with the local community and asks that we assist in promoting the surveys. The surveys are available online and can be accessed following the links below: -

Resident Survey – <https://forms.office.com/r/ci0u7M45LS>

Business Survey – <https://forms.office.com/r/7CwFyQCXF4>

The Chairman had completed the Resident survey.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: The notice seeking interested contractors for Phase 2 of this scheme has not yet been advertised.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Speed of traffic coming down the hill towards Sandsound junction: The speed camera is situated at Tresta every second month.

Smiley Face signs: It was noted that the Smiley Face signs are not yet on site in Aith.

Turning Head sign at Sandsound: Mr M Bennett reported that the sign recently placed at the turning head at Sandsound had been demolished by a truck on 2 November. Mr M

Bennett had reported it to Mr N Robertson at the Roads Dept who had arranged to have the sign removed and will organise a replacement.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: A Liaison meeting is to be held on 16 November and Mr J D Garrick hopes to attend. Concern has been expressed about the seepage from the borrow pit into the Lunklet Burn. No questions were received for submission to Viking Energy.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund: Mr J D Garrick had attended the Shetland Community Benefit Fund meeting held on 12 October and said that the consultation is going ahead.

A message was received from Mr E Graham, Director of IBP Strategy & Research saying that a series of remote and face-to-face workshops with different stakeholder groups is being organised across Shetland between now and mid-December. These are aimed to generate ideas for the use of the fund and to gather an initial assessment of priorities ahead of further engagement and consultation next year. The groups are being facilitated by independent consultants, IBP Strategy & Research, who are delivering the consultation on behalf of Shetland Community Benefit Fund.

Two specific sessions have been scheduled for Community Councillors, as follows:-

24th November, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, by Zoom

6th December, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Cullivoe Community Hall.

At this stage of the consultation, these groups are intended for individual Community Councillors who are asked to put forward thoughts and ideas as individuals (albeit they may wish to consult with Community Council colleagues). Future stages of the consultation will seek more formal feedback from the Community Councils corporately.

As well as Community Councillors, groups have been scheduled for a variety of different stakeholder groups including the general public, young people aged 16-24 specifically and the business community and IBP have advised that they would welcome people circulating the above link to friends and colleagues to encourage participation.

The members felt that it is important to engage with the consultancy firm.

AGS Applications:- 180337 – Bixter & Aith Parent Group requested £500 to fund an AA Fired Up session and Christmas presents for each child. This was granted.

Mr G Morrison declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion of the following application.

180342 – Aith Marina Users Association to upgrade the marina to become more energy and safety efficient and upgrade the perimeter fencing enhancing safety and security. They attached quotes and requested £32,790.00 for their project. This amount was granted.

Update on grants: **Investing in Communities Fund:** The final meeting has not yet been held.

Finance: Information about finance available from various funds was received from Mr M Duncan.

Association: **Community Council Election:** The election was successful with 3 members standing down and 3 new members who applied and will start the new two year term on 25 November.

Orion Project: On going.

Speed of traffic passing Cake Fridge: Unsure whether the road markings are in place.

Brig at Burn of Lunklet: Mr N Hutcheson had replied saying that there is insufficient width between the parapet walls to extend the safety barrier through the brig and they do not think they can install the safety barrier as requested and are now seeking quotes from contractors for the reconstruction of the wall.

A further message was received from Mr Hutcheson saying that to date they have only received negative responses and will be expanding their search but, if unsuccessful, will have to rearrange their planned works in the West Mainland and do these works "in house".

Shetland Active Travel Audit: Ms R Barton, Transport Policy and Projects Officer, arranged a stakeholders meeting in the Rankin Lounge, Aith on 24 October. It was well attended. Ms Barton's Dept will now prepare a bid to Systra by January and will learn in March whether it has been successful. This bid is phase 1 and requests finance to make up a design for the new paths, etc.

By-Election for new SIC Westside Councillor: 3 candidates are standing for election for SIC Westside Councillor and the election will take place on 17 November. **Anti-social Behaviour Consultation:** The Clerk had contacted the Chairman of Sandness & Walls Community Council who had confirmed that they intend to invite the ASB Coordinator with SIC to a meeting early next year and will inform us what date they agree on.

Macular Degeneration: A message was received from Mr M Duncan confirming that the correct email address for the AMD Group is cmh.amdgroup@gmail.com.

Citizens Advice: An email was received from Ms Karen Eunson, Bureau Manager, saying they have received confirmation that they will receive the funding they applied for from Coastal Communities for a Community Based Energy & Benefits Adviser. She thanks us for our letter of support and says that the funding starts in January 23 and runs for 3 years. They will have to set up their community outreach "from scratch" again and at a time of very high demand for advice. They will be looking to work with community groups and also to work in partnership with the local authority and NHS as well. They will be in touch in the New Year to let us know about their plans and they would of course welcome any ideas from the Community Council.

Thanks: A note was received from ex-Councillor John Leask saying he always enjoyed our Community Council meetings. He sent the Community Council members best wishes for successful deliberations in future.

VAS VOLUNTEERING AWARDS COMPETITION: An email was received from Voluntary Action Shetland giving details of their competition to name the two categories of their new Volunteering Awards.

DA VOAR REDD UP 2022 – PARTICIPATION INFORMATION: A message was received from Ms S Middleton, Natural Heritage Manager, Shetland Amenity Trust giving Da Voar Redd Up participation information for this area. She adds that plans are progressing for the 2023 Voar Redd Up.

The members agreed that, in this area, the Redd Up continues throughout the year.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION – REVISED CONSULTATION: A news release was received from Alistair Grant at the Scottish Boundary Commissions' Secretariat announcing the start of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's consultation on its Revised Proposals of UK Parliament constituencies. There are no changes planned in Orkney and Shetland.

JOINT INSPECTION OF ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION SERVICES: The Chief Inspectorate will be conducting a joint inspection of adult support and protection services in Shetland between 10 November 2022 and 2 February 2023.

CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTION TRAINING: Details were received of training available.

REMEMBERING TOGETHER - CO-CREATING COVID COMMUNITY MEMORIALS: An email was received from Ms Christina Inkster, a local Artist who has been commissioned by Shetland Arts to hear from as many people as possible in Shetland so that they can creatively work out what they, as a local authority, may want from a Covid Memorial. Mrs R Fraser agreed to ask Ms Inkster to contact Mrs S Deyell who would be able to tell her when any events are taking place in Skeld so she can meet with some people from that area. Some of the members felt that it is too soon to erect a memorial.

SSE PARTICIPATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY 2022: A message was received from Mr Ryan Davidson, one of the Community Liaison Managers with SEN Transmission. Last year, following their Infrastructure Stakeholder Engagement Survey, a report on their findings was published in March 2022 and they committed to a number of actions in response to the feedback from stakeholders. They will aim to report on the outcomes of these actions in March 2023. Further information on the

survey can be found on https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/about_us/our-stakeholder-engagement/Infrastructure-stakeholder-engagement-survey/.

SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE (SFRS) AWARENESS BRIEFING – WATER SUPPLY 2.13: An email was received from Mr Aaron Kerr, Team Leader- Building Standards, saying that the SFRS awareness briefing relating to water supplies for domestic premises less than 200 square metres has now been rescinded. As such, this can no longer be relied upon when demonstrating compliance with mandatory standard 2.13 Fire and Rescue services water supply. As per the guidance to standard 2.13, it is recommended that consultation with the fire and rescue service and water authority be done early in the design process to establish what water supply, if any, should be provided. Please ensure that evidence of consultation is submitted along with a building warrant application in order to minimise any delays when processing. Any consultations for water supplies for domestic premises with a single storey less than 200 square metres should be directed to the SFRS water planning team who can be reached at the following email address: SFRS.WaterPlanning@firescotland.gov.uk. The Building Standards service will continue to consult with SFRS fire engineering team for comment in the case of a house with a storey over 200 square metres.

ANCHOR FOR FAMILIES: Mrs R Fraser gave details of the Anchor for Families scheme which is still available for anyone needing support. A Cost of Living leaflet is available and may be helpful.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the first meeting of the new session and will be held in the Peerie Hall, Aith on Monday 12 December 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending the meeting and for all they have done during this Community Council term. He felt that, although we have not managed to do all the things we would have liked to have done, we have had a number of successes e.g.

- 1) Through the Invest in the West fund from Investing in Communities, we have been able to give £30,000 worth of grants to a number of community groups on the westside.
- 2) £10,000 through Supporting Communities fund and £2,000 through the Corra Fund Community Wellbeing Fund during Covid.
- 3) The 50mph speed limit through Tresta for a trial period with the hope that it can be made permanent.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.