

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 10 April 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs L Johnson
Mrs S Deyell J Abernethy
Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser

In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting, the first in the Bixter Hall since before lockdown. Everyone was delighted to be back in our normal venue at Bixter again.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Ms D Nicolson, Mrs J Fraser, Cllr L Peterson, Cllr M Robinson, Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2023, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs L Johnson, seconded by Mrs S Deyell.

BUSINESS ARISING: Broadband: Nothing to report.

Mobile: Nothing further.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: No progress to report.

Brig at Lunklet: Not received any further information.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Smiley Face signs: Smiley Face signs are not yet on site in Aith. An enquiry will be sent asking when this can be expected.

Speed of traffic passing Cake Fridge: An email will be sent to Mr N Hutcheson asking when the signs will be provided.

Tresta Speed Limit: A letter was received from Mr N Hutcheson, Executive Manager, Roads enclosing the SIC (A971 Tresta) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Traffic Regulation Order 2023. He asks that formal objections to the Order should be made before 24 April 2023. The members welcomed the Order.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund: Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser had not attended the Viking Community Fund consultation meeting held on 22 February.

Advance Grant Scheme (AGS) – Application No 180403: An application was received from The Outpost in Burra Isle. The members considered this application but, while they very much support the Outpost, there is very little finance left in our funds for this year and it was decided to refuse their request. The application is also Shetland wide. However, they wish the Outpost every success in their fundraising.

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

Finance: The Clerk presented and explained the state of the Community Council's finances at the end of the financial year.

Core funding: An email was received from Mr M Duncan informing the Clerk that it is again a standstill budget and that the Clerks should request the drawdown of the Core funding. The headings under which the total is made up should also be stated. The Clerk will send this information on to Mr M Duncan.

Community Development Fund scheme: Details of the Community Development Fund scheme was also received from Mr M Duncan. Closing dates for the bidding rounds are 28 April, 26 May and 30 June. It was agreed that the Distribution grant should be applied for now. The Clerk will try to get the form filled in and lodged before 28 April in time for the first round. The members will consider ideas for a project and it will be discussed at our next meeting.

Association: Due to the wintry weather, the Chairman had attended the Association meeting by Zoom. He reported that Mr I Walterson is now Chairman, replacing Mr J Anderson. A number of items were discussed including the Community Council Scheme Review and Community Resilience and the removal of the copper wire provision for the phone lines. It is hoped that the copper wire provision can be retained until fibre provision is available to everyone.

BT are to be invited to an Association meeting to discuss this subject.

Orion Project: On going.

Anti-social Behaviour Consultation: Have not yet heard what date Mr Mycock will attend the Sandness & Walls Community Council meeting.

Active Travel in Aith: No information yet telling us when the next round of Sustrans Places for Everyone Scheme opens. This subject is included in the workshops for Community Councils.

Finance: The grants agreed at our February meeting were paid before the end of March.

Path at Aith: Nothing to report.

Remembering Together - Covid Community Memorial: Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser is in contact with Ms Inkster regarding this proposal.

Extension to Garden (Bixter) Graveyard: A review of burial grounds is being carried out.

Resilient Communities Conference 2023 On-line Workshops: Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser volunteered to attend some of the workshops for Community Councils in connection with the Cost of Living, Climate and Cars.

Community Council training: Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser will also attend some of the training.

Da Voar Redd Up: Notices will be placed in the shops and on the Community Council Facebook page informing those who take part that this Community Council is again sponsoring the local groups who take part that application forms are available from the Clerk by email or post.

REVALUATION NOTICE: A revaluation notice for the Observation Hide at Skeld Marina was received.

CORONATION WEEKEND: A message was received from Mr B Hunter, Lord Lieutenant, giving details of some of the events planned over the Coronation weekend. The Chairman said that a bonfire is to be held on the Wart at Reawick. Events will likely be planned in other parts of this area.

SCAM ALERT BULLETIN – SCAM BANKING CALLS: A message was received from Ms D Smith, Business Support Assistant, Shetland Public Protection Committee attaching a Scam Alert Bulletin about Scam Banking Calls which have been on the increase lately.

SCDC WEBINAR: An email was received from Mr M Duncan saying that the Improvement Service, Scottish Rural Network and the Scottish Development Centre (SCDC) are hosting a free online webinar for Community Councillors on the National Standards for Community Engagement on 24 May from 6pm to 7pm. In this webinar SCDC will share the National Standards for Community Engagement, how they are used throughout the VOiCE tool and how these can help groups who are working with communities, groups and individuals. It

also reminded us that there are still four webinars with Sustrans for rural/urban Community Councils on Climate and Cars and how they impact on Community and Active Travel.

LOVE TO RIDE – BIKE MONTH MAY: A message was received from Ms Shona Park from lovetoride.net saying that their next cycling challenge is Bike Month May. This is a free programme to try and involve as many workplaces as possible to get more people cycling and also highlight the need for more local cycling infrastructure. The Shetland page is www.lovetoride.net/shetland.

PATIENT SURVEY ON NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS (NSAIDs): A message was received from Healthcare Improvement Scotland saying that their colleagues, in collaboration with the University of Strathclyde, are undertaking a 5-minute survey in relation to NSAIDs such as ibuprofen, naproxen or diclofenac. This survey is for patients who take these drugs and the survey closes on 14 April.

BURRASTOW ESTATE: It was brought to the attention of the members present that the Crofters Commission are re-mapping the Burrastow Estate and that people have found that some of the details given on the maps enclosed with their correspondence is incorrect. If people receive maps, they should check them carefully to ensure that they are correct. The Land Court is to hold a public meeting in the Walls Hall in the summer time. Those present agreed that all involved should be made aware of the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in the Skeld Hall on Monday 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm. .