

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 9 January 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest
J D Garrick
Mrs S Deyell
Ms D Nicolson
Mrs L Johnson
Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser
J Abernethy

Ex officio: Cllr Liz Peterson
Cllr M Robinson

In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Fraser, Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker and Mr M Duncan, Community Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & REPORT – 14 NOVEMBER 2022: The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr J D Garrick, seconded by Ms D Nicolson.

BUSINESS ARISING: Broadband: Nothing to report.

Mobile: No report yet from the survey carried out.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: Still no notice seeking interested contractors for Phase 2.

Cllr L Peterson had received a message from Mr Neil Hutcheson saying that the Design Section still have to speak to one landowner regarding the finalised design at Garderhouse. He is still hopeful of getting the works tendered and started on site this financial year. The members are very disappointed that this project has not progressed as was hoped as the tenders were to be advertised in August last year.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

Smiley Face signs: Smiley Face signs are not yet on site in Aith.

Turning Head sign at Sandsound: Replacement sign not yet provided.

Brig at Burn of Lunklet: In his note in early January, Mr N Hutcheson had also informed Cllr L Peterson that, after seeking quotes, they had one interested contractor. He will be contacting them next week regarding a starting date and a pre-commencement meeting.

Speed of traffic passing Cake Fridge: Signs erected but road markings not yet in place.

Viking Energy Wind Farm: A Liaison meeting was held on 16 November which Mr J D Garrick had attended.

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 further message was received from Mr E Graham advising that there is still time for Community Councillors to take part in these workshops. They have a mix of sessions scheduled and

Community Councillors can sign up to take part.

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

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, including the Corra Foundation Hardship Fund.

Association: Community Council Election: Information about Community Council recruitment and consent forms was received from Mr M Duncan. No by-elections will be held within this 2 year term but the Community Councils who have vacancies can co-opt new members. Copies of the consent form and Local Election Rules were also received.

A list of the names and addresses of the elected members for this term was received.

Orion Project: On going.

Shetland Active Travel Audit: See minutes of meeting on 19 December for details.

By-Election for new SIC Westside Councillor: Mr Mark Robinson was successful in being elected as our SIC Councillor for the westside. Congratulations and welcome was extended to him.

Anti-social Behaviour Consultation: The Clerk had not heard from the Chairman of Sandness & Walls Community Council telling us when the ASB Coordinator will attend their meeting. The Clerk will contact him again.

Regional Transport Strategy: The Draft Regional Transport for Shetland (RTS) has now been published alongside the SEA Environmental Report Draft and Equalities Duties Report Draft. Links to all three documents can be accessed at <https://www.zettrans.org.uk/about/consultations>. All members have been encouraged to check out the documents.

Building regulations – Notification of deferment of December 2022 Energy Standards:

A message was received from Mr Aaron Kerr, Team Leader at Building Standards saying that a decision has been made to defer the implementation of the technical handbooks from 1 December 2022 to 1 February 2023. Further details can be found at the following link: Building standards technical handbooks 2022: events and resources – gov.scot (www.gov.uk).

INAUGURAL MEETING OF NEW TERM

MINUTES & REPORT- 19 DECEMBER 2022: The minutes of the short meeting held on 19 December 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser, seconded by Mr J Abernethy.

BUSINESS ARISING: Active Travel in Aith – Letter of Support: The Letter of Support requested had been sent to Mrs R Barton.

SCBF (SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND): AGS (Advance Grant scheme) application: 180347 Aith Central Public Hall had requested funding towards their project. However, there is insufficient finance remaining within our SCBF funds to cover the request and a part grant was agreed.

Feedback form returned and acknowledged.

AGENDA ITEMS

POLICE REPORT: The October/November Police Report was received and had been circulated to the members.

BAD WEATHER PROBLEMS: The recent snowy weather, with the lack of power, etc was discussed. A fantastic job was done by the SSE team and the local halls could not have done more.

It was felt that the local halls could share information to help should this situation ever occur again.

Cllr L Peterson informed the members that the Emergency Planning Committee, which includes the Police, NHS, Community Workers. Social care, etc are doing a 'de-brief' and making a list of 'Lessons Learned' which it is hoped will be helpful in the future. It was agreed that the copper lines for the phone cannot be removed prior to mobile provision being available to everyone or people will not have access to a phone if the power cannot get through to the masts. This is a resilient community who will look after the vulnerable people and will ensure that no one falls through the cracks. This highlights just how important local halls and shops are to the area.

It was thought it would be helpful if each hall had a change-over switch to allow a generator to be plugged in without much effort, if required.

A letter will be sent to SSE thanking them for the work done and asking that they pass on our thanks to the frontline SSE workers. Thanks will also be passed on to the Halls and shops in the area.

DATA PROTECTION FEE: A reminder was received for the renewal of the Data Protection Fee at a cost of £40. This will be paid before the renewal date on 10 February.

SCBF – AGS GRANT: 180360 - An application was received from Aith Junior Badminton Club requesting a small amount towards shuttlecocks and court hire. As our SCBF funds is low, it was agreed that this small amount may be payable from our Core Funding or Community Development funds.

NON-DOMESTIC RATES: A Draft Valuation Notice was received for the non-domestic rates on the Observation Hide at the Skeld Marina. It will be checked and the Assessor informed.

FINANCE: A financial notice will be displayed and also circulated to groups in the area asking for applications for assistance from our core funding and Community Development Fund. The applications will be considered at our February meeting.

PATH AT AITH: A message was received about the state of the path past the football pitch and marina in Aith. It is a well used path and a request was received to re-surface the path. The path will require a lot of work and the Community Council do not have the funds available to carry this out. However, it is included on the list of paths being looked at by Aith Active Travel and it is hoped that it can be funded in this way.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in Bixter or Aith Hall on Monday 13 February 2023 at 7.30pm.