

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in the Rankin Lounge, Aith on Monday 13 March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs L Johnson
J D Garrick Mrs S Deyell
Mrs J Fraser
Ex officio: Cllr Liz Peterson
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 O Jamwal-Fraser, Ms D Nicolson, 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 20 February 2023, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs L Johnson, seconded by Mrs J Fraser.

BUSINESS ARISING: **Broadband:** Nothing to report.

Mobile: No report yet from the survey carried out.

Road Matters: **Road past Garderhouse:** No further information.

Brig at Lunklet: No information.

Roads Reports: Reports received and circulated to the members.

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

Speed of traffic passing Cake Fridge: Markings not yet in place.

Tresta Speed Limit: This limit is to be discussed at the SIC meeting tomorrow. It is hoped that the sign will be made permanent.

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

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

Finance: The Clerk presented the state of the Community Council's finances at this time. Information about finance available from the Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund, a funding opportunity from Voluntary Action Shetland was received from Mr M Duncan.

Association: The next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils will be held on 14 March. The Chairman hopes to attend the face to face meeting but, if the weather proves to be unsuitable, he will join by Teams.

Orion Project: On going.

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

Problems with the Bad Weather: Messages were sent to the local shops and halls thanking them for what had been done during the bad weather.

Active Travel in Aith: No information yet telling us when the next round of Sustrans Places for Everyone Scheme opens.

Finance: The grants agreed at our February meeting will be paid by the end of this month once all the papers have been received.

Path at Aith: It is still hoped that this path can be done with 'Active Travel' funds although it will be a bit later than we had hoped.

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

Extension to Garden (Bixter) Graveyard: Enquiries ongoing.

We Shine Better Together: Mrs S Deyell will share the poster on Facebook and more information can be found on the SIC's Cost of Living page.

Resilient Communities Conference 2023 On-line Workshops: Due to the wintry weather the planned workshops have been postponed.

St Ringans Hub: Still ongoing.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLERKS' MEETING: A Clerks' meeting had been held on Saturday 4 March but this Clerk had been unable to attend. A training pack had been sent to all those who did not attend with details of what had taken place.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRAINING: Details of the following training was received:-

Planning Aid Scotland – Planning training Saturday 25 March

Induction Training – Saturday 22 April

Community Engagement, Funding and Project Planning training – Saturday 13 May.

RADON MAP: A message was received Ms Jill Garriock giving details of a change to the UK Radon maps that were issued on 1 December 2022 which may have an impact on projects that are being submitted for building warrant consent.

SCOTTISH SENTENCING COUNCIL FREE ONLINE WEBINAR: A free online webinar will be held on 22 March at which Scottish Sentencing Council staff will give a talk on how sentences in criminal cases are decided by judges in our courts.

CROFTING COMMISSION AREA REPRESENTATIVE RECRUITMENT 2023: A message was received from the Crofting Commission Development Team, via Mr M Duncan. In it it says that the Crofting Commission's Assessors have played an important role between the Commission and local crofting communities since 1955. During this time, the role has changed significantly and so the working title is now changing from Assessors to 'Crofting Commission Area Representatives'. Their team is looking to recruit enthusiastic volunteers from within the Crofting Counties to apply to become a Crofting Commission Area Representative. This Representative will act as a valued link between the Commission and their local crofting communities. Further information on the role and details on how to apply can be found on the Commission's website. A poster and advert was attached. These details will be added to our Facebook page and advertised locally.

DA VOAR REDD UP 2023: An email was received from the Natural Heritage Manager at Shetland Amenity Trust saying that they have set the date for this year's Redd Up as 22-28 April. Groups which participated in 2022 should have now received information regarding registration and new groups can register online at their website. They suggest that Community Councils again sponsor local groups and organisations. It was agreed to place adverts locally and on our Facebook page.

SCOTTISH WATER APPEALS FOR HELP IN TRACING LEAKS AND BURSTS: Mr Gavin Steel, Corporate Affairs Manager (North) of Scottish Water, sent a News Release which they had issued, seeking customers' support in checking for burst pipes and leaks –

especially in any unoccupied buildings – during the current period of severe weather and intermittent thaw. While they are currently managing to sustain water supplies across the islands, there are many areas where demand is significantly higher than normal. Finding and isolating issues within buildings will hopefully minimise any damage as well as helping them to maintain water supplies for everyone. He asks that we spread the message in our area. This will also be placed on the Community Council Facebook page.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in the Bixter Hall on Monday 10 April 2023 at 7.30pm. .