

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes subject to approval at next Community Council meeting

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Monday 26th June 2023 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:	
Cllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair	Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH)
Cllr Gilbert Irvine (Gil)	Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland via Teams
	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT) via Teams
APOLOGIES	
Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD)	Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)
Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH)	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

WP chaired meeting and welcomed all.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

WP asked if all were happy with minutes. MH approved, GI seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Current account was shared with members by clerk.

ACTION: None

POLICE MATTERS

Dana confirmed attendance with one other at the forthcoming Whalsay Regatta on Thursday from 10pm to 6am. She asked for help in organising respite breaks and was advised that Livister would be more suitable. Dana updated all about the latest police incidents. There was a discussion about the recent spate of noisy and fast driving folk especially in the early hours of the morning as well as late at night and what could be done to prevent this continuing. Dana recommended collating the number plates and would follow up.

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ACTION: Clerk to help police organise venue for respite breaks and collate any numbers plates of offending noisy/fast driving folk.

FUNDING

All asked for costs for the new maps to be obtained from Rhea.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

The Old Dock and Grieves House

Clerk confirmed no update for funding and progress from Hazel Sutherland

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

Whalsay Learning Centre - UHI

Clerk informed all that the position would be full filled once all the due diligence was done by UHI.

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up

ROADS , STREETLIGHTS CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

MH/WP discussed why the main road was not on the re-surfacing programme and asked Ryan to follow up. MH informed all that there two large potholes on the New Park loop to Brough which seems to have been omitted and asked clerk to follow up.

All asked for the breakdown of the 16K cost allocated for works to Wild Gardens and asked clerk to follow up.

All discussed the pavement near to Old Harbour which is causing an invalid resident problem as it is not useable with a mobility scooter.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up

FENCE AT DUMP

All asked if any costs had been received for the Old Clate Road and asked clerk to follow up.

All– asked for timescales as the weather had improved for the repairs to the fencing as put forward by C. Symons 23.11.2022.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

FERRIES

All discussed the extra ferry run put on for the Tall Ships event. MH – suggested writing to the Tall Ships to ask why the extra ferry runs was only put forward after the ticket sales and asked clerk to follow up.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up.

CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

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Clerk informed all that the signage was now with George Hutchinson and was waiting confirmation on when works would be completed.

ACTION Clerk to follow up

WHALSAY TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

All discussed putting forward planning for group for future meetings

ACTION Ongoing

NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked. Topics to include Participatory Budget, WCDG, Sign, Tunnel Group - on hold

ACTION Ongoing

BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

Clerk informed all that the project was put forward to Holly Budge and her team but was awaiting a reply.

ACTION Clerk to follow up

Dentist

Clerk updated all Mr Chittick responses and follow up was needed

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

Bu Water Road

Clerk updated all that action was being taken to make good this area but no dates given by Gavin Steel.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

Burial Grounds

Clerk updated all that use of surrounding area and crematorium was not being considered at this stage.

ACTIONS: Ongoing

Bottle Banks

MH informed all that the bottle banks were not being emptied and needed to be monitored so that SIC can be advised on collection.

Meeting closed at 19.50

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 22nd August 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Teams for others considering joining.