

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 21/08/23

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

NOTE: due to there not being enough members of committee to make up quorum on Monday 19th June 2023, the meeting was rescheduled to 27/06/23.

1. PRESENT:

Mark Burgess
Andrew Blackadder
Marie Williamson
Lindsay Laurenson
Barbara Anderson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Cllr Davie Sandison

2. APOLOGIES:

Cllr Moraig Lyall
Roselyn Fraser – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2023 were proposed by Andrew and seconded by Marie.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Andrew was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Integrated Joint Board: The clerk confirmed that the letter for the IJB, which detailed the SCC's concerns regarding their social care proposals, has been sent, and has yet to receive a reply.

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Caravan Site: Andrew informed the committee that the official caravan park opening happened on 24th June, and whilst it did not go exactly to plan, it was a great success, the park was also presented with a five star plaque from Visit Scotland.

Letter of Support: a letter of support has been submitted to SCDC by the SCC, which supports their application to the CBF for additional funding that will be used for a picnic and play area. The CBF has offered SCDC £3,000.

Recreate Scalloway: interviews for the development worker position are to be held in the upcoming week.

7. ASCC UPDATE

Mark and Marie attended this meeting on behalf of the SCC. The meeting was attended by a representative of BT Openreach, to discuss the resilience of telephone lines during power cuts. The representative explained that analogue telephone lines being able to work during power cuts was a 'happy accident', and that it was not BT Openreach's responsibility to ensure that phone lines stayed active during the winter storms, but the service provider; when it was pointed out that BT provides and operates the network, the representative did not provide a satisfactory response. BT Openreach's next steps would be to roll out uninterrupted power supplies, though this does not acknowledge that the direct exchange that is operated on Mainland Scotland is not used in Shetland. It was felt that overall, Shetland's unique situation was not understood by BT, and that there did not seem to be an interest in understanding or solving these issues. BT Openreach have been asked to meet with SIC's Communities Safety and Resilience Board to present their proposals and discuss the concerns that have been raised. Catherine will report back to the SCC once this meeting is held, which should be in September.

Action: Catherine

8. ROADS

Tingwall Valley Speed Limit: an email was sent to the relevant contact for discussing speed management methods for specific areas of the Tingwall Valley, though a response has not been received. A chaser will be sent to the contact to ensure a response is received.

Action: Clerk

Sycamore Avenue: Catherine declared interest. A response from Colin Gair was received, which was dismissive of the concerns raised by the SCC. Andrew felt that the SCC should come up with a solution that can be actionable for this ongoing issue, as simply siting the SCC's concerns does not seem to be effective. Ian notified the committee that he spoke to a constituent who stated that they would be happy to have their garden dug out and replaced with additional parking; Barrie Scobie and Neil Hutchison have been contacted regarding this, and Ian was informed this would be housing issue. The action suggested would seem to simply taking the issue at hand and pushing it onto a different area of Scalloway. It was decided that Colin Gair will be contacted once again, and informed that the proposed traffic restrictions should not go ahead without mitigating actions being taken.

Action: Clerk

Hame Fae Hame: Assets and Property and Roads were written to with regard to a proposed drop off and pick up point for parents with small children putting their children to Hame Fae Hame. It was suggested that the SCC should get in touch with the NHS regarding the parking, and that it was not understood how eligibility would

be determined. It was felt by the SCC that the space being used as a pick up and drop off point rather than a parking space. Mark warned that the SCC should not propose suggestions that may be more dangerous than the current situation; it is acknowledged that this area could be a tight fit. It should also be noted that Hame Fae Hame have not made representations with regard to this matter. Davie noted that the NHS has been contacted previously, and it was previously deemed appropriate that this place could be designated as a drop off space. It was deemed that Hame Fae Hame would be able to select who would be eligible for using this space. It was decided that the SCC would write to the council, in support of the works that have been carried out, and ensure that this suggestion becomes workable in the near future.

Action: Clerk

One Way System: Mark noted that in Recreate Scalloway's feasibility study, this topic was not raised, and did not seem to have any public interest. Traffic management in central Scalloway was covered in the Destination: Scalloway report, which includes proposals for measures to be taken. The next step from this report would be for SCDC to take this report to roads and suggest action should be taken on some of the suggestions. It was suggested that SCDC should be encouraged to take this matter to Roads.

Ladysmith Road: The street lights at the top and bottom of Ladysmith Road are still not working. It was agreed that Ian will make enquiries into this matter.

Action: Ian

Soundibanks: a large pothole has been seen at the top of Soundibanks. It was decided that Ian would make enquiries with roads.

Action: Ian

9. POLICE

The Police Briefing papers for April/May were distributed to the members, with the Scalloway section reading as follows:

*"There have been 9 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows:
Driving with No MOT; Minor Road Traffic Collision; Assault; Threatening or
Abusive Behaviour; Vandalism (2); Concern for Person (2); Unexploded Ordinance"*

10. FINANCE

Community Development Fund: The Scalloway Youth and Community Centre have submitted a grant application for £200 for the purchase of bunting and flags for the exterior of the SYCC building. Mark declared interest. It was decided that this grant application would be funded, with the application being proposed by Lindsay and seconded by Barbara.

Action: Clerk

Community Benefit Fund: two applications have been submitted to the SCC; The Shetland Canoe Club have applied for £1,009.93, and the Shetland Amateur Competitive Swimming Club (Hurricanes) have applied for £715. It has been noted that these applications are 'Shetland wide' applications, which have applied to a number of community councils. The decision has been made to defer decision until August.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: it has been noted that the steps up to the style at Houll Road have collapsed; the outdoors access officer has been contacted, and they are going to find out if there is funds that can be used to replace the steps.

Jamieson Trust: Nothing further of note since the previous meeting

Core Funding: The core funding is still to be applied for.

Action: Clerk

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Scalloway Grazing Committee: the clerk received an email, enquiring as to the contact details for the Scalloway Grazing Committee. Whilst none of the members were aware of the existence of a Scalloway Grazing Committee, it was decided that Ian would make enquiries, to ensure that the constituent managed to get in touch with the relevant contact.

Action: Ian, Clerk

12. PLANNING

2023/113/PPF and 2023/109/CAC: proposed demolition of existing Scalloway Galley Shed and construction of new steel shed. The clerk had contacted Planning to enquire as to why there were two applications for the same proposal, and was informed that this was due to the works being carried out being in a conservation area; the committee was also informed that both applications required approval for the proposed works to be carried out. It has been noted that currently, the galley shed rents out part of its space throughout the year for boat and vehicle storage, and that there would be hopes for the space to be a display area similar to the Lerwick galley shed. After discussion, it was decided that there were no objections to the proposal, as long as the works carried out are sympathetic to the conservation area surrounding it.

Action: Clerk

13. AOCB

No AOCB to discuss.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 21:28