

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of Northmaven Community Council on Monday 7th August 2023, held in Ollaberry Hall and remotely, using Teams

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:

CCllr. R Doull
CCllr. G Anderson
CCllr. R McGeady
CCllr. J Parry
CCllr. B Wilcock

In attendance:

C Anderson – Clerk

Ex Officio Present:

Cllr. E MacDonald
Cllr. T Morton

1. Apologies Submitted:

CCllr. E Robertson
CCllr. D. Robertson
CCllr. D. Brown

Mr. M Duncan - SIC
Ms L Hall - SIC

The meeting started at: 19:32. CCllr R Doull Chaired

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest	CCllr R McGeady for any HHA or NCDC related business
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes of Meeting held 10 th July 2023 could not be approved because there were not two councillors present from the last meeting. Held over to next meeting
4. Police Report	Nothing to report
5. Matters Arising	<p>Eshanness Development No update</p> <p>Swarthoull No update</p> <p>NCDC Cllr. R McGeady reported that plans for the Redd Up were progressing and that the next NCDC meeting would be on Thursday. He also reported that the Hillswick Shop were still having difficulties with another member of staff resigning in recent weeks. Cllr. T Morton asked if Cllr. R McGeady could clarify how serious the situation at the shop is because there was lots of rumours locally that it would be shutting. Cllr. R McGeady stated the shop was the biggest strategic risk NCDC had but that NCDC directors wanted to keep the shop open, and CA had been getting advice and help with a new business plan. Cllr. T Morton asked for</p>

	<p>clarification on whether it was simply staff shortages or financial difficulties. Cllr. R McGeady said that the shop had not made a profit last year but there were various rules around trading subsidiaries and parent charities which meant that the shop was left with no working capital. Cllr. R McGeady explained that Polycrub also had this problem. He also added that people were not using the shop as much as they were before and during covid. CCllr. B Wilcock said the current opening hours were not conducive to getting people through the door. Cllr. R McGeady said that use of the shop had been looked at and there were very few people using the shop before 10am and after 5.30-6pm at night. Cllr. T Morton asked what the worst case scenario for the shop would be, whether NCDC would put it on the market or renting to a tenant. Cllr. R McGeady said NCDC would be open to looking at any option that would keep the shop open. He also added that there had been a good session with both shop staff and directors with NCDC directors at the NCDC planning day in April. Cllr. T Morton finished by stating that the shop was not only important to his family, it is a huge asset to the community.</p> <p>Community Food Drop-off Points Clerk reported that Poly Opyl is currently being constructed.</p> <p>Community Council Scheme Review Awaiting update</p> <p>Falling rocks at Mangaster CCllrs couldn't find correspondence to discuss. Action: Clerk to forward SIC response to members</p> <p>Road Signage CCllr J Parry asked why more signage was needed when there was already 20mph when lights flash signs already. CCllr. R McGeady said that it was felt that cars were driving through the area too fast out with the times the lights flashed, and more official signage would help. Action: Clerk to forward SIC response to members</p> <p>Cattle Grid Action: Clerk to forward SIC response to members</p> <p>Removal of Cattle Grid CCllr. R Doull said that ID had spoken with JS and nothing more had been done past putting in strainer posts, but he was still keen to do the work.</p>
<p>6. Correspondence</p>	<p>Planning Consultation All councillors present were in support of the Polycrub application Action: Clerk to respond to Planning</p> <p>SSEN Annual Engagement Plan CCllr. R Doull said that there are a number of themes SSEN are looking to gather responses on. She said CCllrs should respond individually to the consultation. Action: Remove from minute</p> <p>Licensing Policy Draft – Consultation CCllr. R Doull asked if there was any response from present councillors. CCllr. R McGeady said he thought the policy looked</p>

	<p>sensible, but it would not make much difference to rural areas. CClr. R Doull added that sometimes laws apply to bigger areas and halls struggle with it. She added that CClrs can respond to the consultation individually.</p> <p>ASCC – Agenda Requests and BT Presentation CClr. R McGeady gave a summary of the BT presentation document with plans to switch off analog by December 2025 and move everyone to a digital fibre network. CClr. R Doull asked if there was any contingency for stormy weather such as was experienced in December 2022. Cllr E MacDonald informed CClrs that SIC see the move as a real risk and are flagging it up at every opportunity. CClr. J Parry asked what will happen to people who do not have internet. Cllr E MacDonald agreed. CClr B Wilcock said that RVS volunteers had gone around vulnerable people during the power outage in December 2022 to make sure they were ok. CClr R McGeady added that the mobile phone masts have a battery backup but if generators are not kept topped up with fuel, then in another power outage the signal would go down. CClr G Anderson stated that during the December 2022 outage Vodafone signal went down immediately, CClr J Parry added that EE signal had lasted around an hour. He also asked whether shelter housing had internet. CClr. R Doull said it would be up to the individual tenants if they have internet but without battery backup they would be left without a phone.</p> <p>Visitor Levy Bill – Consultation CClr. R Doull informed those present that the deadline has been extended until the 15th September and people were invited to share their ideas. CClr. R McGeady asked what SIC view on the levy is. Cllr. E MacDonald said the matter had not been discussed by councillors yet, but there would be a presentation by Tommy Coutts next week. She continued that in the past councillors felt that with the expense of getting to Shetland they didn't want potential tourists to be put off. There was also the paperwork associated with the levy which would be a burden on small businesses but that it was difficult balance with government funding. CClr. R Doull suggested printing off the example forms for the next meeting and doing an exercise together. Action: Clerk to organise exercise for next meeting</p>
<p>7. AOCB</p>	<p>Clothing Bin Cllr. T Morton said that the clothes recycling bin in Hillswick has not been emptied for many years and was a bit of an eyesore. CClr. R Doull asked whether it was a red cross bin. Cllr. T Morton said he wasn't sure because the information on it had worn off but thought Maree Hay had some involvement in the past. CClr. G Anderson suggested getting it emptied and starting again. CClr. R Doull added that removing the bin might be the answer. CClr. R McGeady said NDCD would look into the matter. Action: Clerk to discuss with MH</p>
<p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday, 4th September, North Roe Primary School 7.30pm</p>

The meeting ended at: 20:02