

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 7th August 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. M. Fullerton
Mrs. C. Smith

Apologies

Miss N. Fullerton
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. R. Black
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. M. Lyall

In Attendance

Cllr. C. Hughson
Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest - None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 5th June 2023 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Mark Fullerton.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Settlement Audits for Active Travel – Hamnavoe

No further information had been received back on this since they gave their report at our meeting in March via Zoom.

(b) Access road to Playgroup

Still no sign of the improvement works commencing which was approved some time ago. Cllr. Hughson advised that this has been bumped down the list but is hopeful it will be back on track shortly. Cllr. Hughson is looking into it.

(c) Parking/access at Minn

Niall had met with Roselyn Fraser for advice regarding the possibility of purchasing the area of land from Mike Bailey which he was willing to sell for additional parking. She advised that another group would need to be set up of at least 4-5 people with a separate constitution and objectives which would also need to be linked to OSCR. This of course would take a few months to set up and then funding would have to be sourced. After some discussion it was agreed that we should go back to the SIC Roads department to see if they would look again at installing road markings to keep the access roads clear which is the main problem. Cllr. Hughson offered to contact Neil Hutcheson at SIC Roads.

ACTION: Cllr. Hughson

(d) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

The Clerk had contacted Eleanor Gear, SCBF, to advise that we are still looking for someone to stand as a Director now that Robin Black has stood down. She had e-mailed a copy of the Director's handbook giving information on the role of a Director and this had been circulated to the members. She pointed out that the main fund is due to start next summer so it would be an

interesting and rewarding time to join. This will be kept on the minutes until a replacement is found.

(e) Path on Ludi

No further progress on this due to the high cost involved. (Traffic counters were requested from Neil Hutcheson, SIC, but have not yet been put in place.)

(f) Burra/Trondra 'Village Gateway' Signs

Neil Hutcheson ordered these signs some time ago and advised that they would be put in place early this financial year. The Clerk will contact Mr. Hutcheson for an update. **ACTION: Clerk**

(g) Moss on pavements

It was reported that the pavements had been cleaned in Hamnavoe.

(h) Signal at Meal Beach

Niall had spoken with the SSF IT Department and their understanding of the regulations from OFCOM is that it is illegal to repeat a 4G signal of a network operator in an outdoor setting so this will not be an option. It was noted however that the signal at the beach is now much better and it was therefore agreed not to pursue this any further.

(i) Sheep worrying

At a previous meeting sheep worrying incidents had been reported in Burra. The Clerk had put up laminated signs at various locations but we will look into getting better signs made for future use.

(j) Community Council Scheme Review

An email had been received from Michael Duncan on 9th June sharing a link to a report entitled "Shetland Community Council Scheme Review" which was being discussed at an SIC meeting later that month. This had been circulated to the members for information.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme Application (SCBF)

Applicant: Shetland Canoe Club Ref: 180432

The Canoe Club is looking to support the less physical active and would like to purchase six new, more stable boats. They would also like to purchase waterproof tops ('cags') to be available to all members (loaned for the session). They are requesting funding from community councils at the proportion of membership present in their area and provided a breakdown of this information. The amount requested from our Community Council was £673.29. The members agreed on the grant requested. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Trondra road

An e-mail had been received from Cllr. Morag Lyall. Mary Isbister from Burland, Trondra, had been in touch with her raising concerns regarding speeding traffic in Trondra. She raised the following points:

- People have stopped walking along the road due to the excessive speed at a time when we are trying to encourage more people to walk.
- There's a crossing point on the path from the hall side to the Grinds side at the brow of the hill but no signs to alert traffic to the potential for pedestrians crossing.
- There are a number of unmarked entrances where slow vehicles like tractors can emerge and take some time to cross.

- The long straight nature of the road invites overtaking at speed.
- Although there have been no recent accidents there is concern about the potential.

After discussion it was agreed by the members that traffic counters should be requested for this stretch of road, along with signage to alert drivers of pedestrians and also emerging traffic from side roads. Cllr. Hughson will add these requests to her list for Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads.

ACTION: Cllr. Hughson

(c) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had also been received and circulated to the members prior to the meeting:

- Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board – draft statement for public consultation.
- Funding opportunity – Shetland Charitable Trust
- Shetland Policing Report – April/May 2023
- ASB Strategy – information from Billy Mycock

5. AOCB

(a) Grasscutting at Papil Graveyard

The Clerk reported that she had received two phone calls from members of the public complaining about the grasscutting at Papil. The grass is no longer being taken away when cut which is leaving the yard in an awful state, and it was reported that the strimming was also not being done properly. The Clerk had telephoned the relevant SIC department and had the complaints logged on behalf of the Community Council. The two Councillors present advised that this was an ongoing issue all over Shetland at the moment.

(b) Road at Meal

It was pointed out that there have been near accidents on the section of road just beyond Speed's corner when travelling North. This is the blind section between Speed's corner and the Meal junction where cars are not keeping to their own side of the road going in both directions. It was suggested that white centre lines and an arrow be put in place as has been done at Speed's corner. The Clerk will contact Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Token of appreciation

It was noted that Colin Goodlad has again been busy this year strimming the verges in Burra. As a token of appreciation it was agreed to give him a fuel voucher to the value of £100.

ACTION: Clerk

(d) Tall Ships – benches

The Clerk advised that various items used during the Tall Ships were being offered to community groups for free – benches etc. This is being advertised on facebook and groups had to e-mail in their requests. It was agreed that we should request a couple of picnic benches.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th September at 6pm.