

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 18/09/23

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st August 2023 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

Andrew Blackadder
Marie Williamson
Lindsay Laurenson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Catherine Hughson

2. APOLOGIES:

Mark Burgess
Barbara Anderson
Cllr Davie Sandison
Roselyn Fraser – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2023 were proposed by Lindsay and seconded by Andrew, with the following amendments:

- **Section 8: Roads:** The spelling of Sundibanks was noted to be incorrect.
- **Section 12: Planning:** It was noted that the comments that had been made during the previous meeting did not appear on the Planning page; the clerk is to contact Planning to ensure that the comments are added.

Action: Clerk

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

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

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sundibanks: Ian had spoken to a representative of Roads with regard to the Sundibanks potholes, and was informed that this was 'in hand'.

Scalloway Grazing Committee: Ian had contacted the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) to see if there was a grazing committee for Scalloway, and it was confirmed that this does not exist. The constituent making the enquiry was contacted, and the relevant details were passed on.

Integrated Joint Board: A response from the IJB to the SCC's comments was received, and shared with the members of the committee. It was felt that this did not answer the questions that were asked by the committee, and that this could possibly be addressed at a future meeting.

Tingwall Valley: it was noted that a counter has now been installed on part of the Tingwall Valley road; whilst there is no confirmation as to whether this is due to the SCC's enquiries, the committee hope that this will ultimately have a positive impact on road safety measures for the area.

Sycamore Avenue: contact has yet to be established with Colin Gair; Moraig has suggested that she get in contact with him, as she has weekly meetings with roads. Concerns have once again been raised as to the current lack of parking in the area. Andrew noted that when speaking to a resident in the area, they had received no consultation with regard to the proposed

Action: Moraig

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Recreate Scalloway: the SCDC has now employed two part time development workers, who will start on some of the Destination: Scalloway projects, and have started the week of this meeting. The footpath proposal was enquired into, as to whether this would be part of their responsibility; this was confirmed. There are a number of concerns as to the proposed plans for the footpath, including concerns that the plans are 'over engineered', and that copies of the plans are not able to be viewed outside of the meeting that was previously held by Active Travel. This will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

Pier: it has been noted that the pier by the youth centre has now collapsed, highlighting the need for the area to be redeveloped.

7. ASCC UPDATE

The next meeting of the ASCC is to be held in September; relevant details and papers will be passed onto the members.

8. ROADS

Cycle Paths: Marie has been researching the possibility of semi-permanent cycle paths for the area inside and surrounding Scalloway. She has noted that there seems to be funding for cycle path projects available through a number of different channels, and a growing interest in cycle paths from both cyclists and road users that wish to ensure their safety. The company LL Plastics was contacted by Marie, who are able to create strong plastic covers that could be installed over ditches and lifted in order to clear out the ditches when required, whilst allowing liquid to pass through the covers into the ditches. There are a number of concerns to be addressed, including the durability and strength of the covers, whether cars or trucks could pull onto them in emergencies without breaking them, the legality of land ownership for their installation, etc. Robina and a recreational biking group has been contacted with regard to this proposal, and Marie wishes to contact the ASCC with regard to these proposed cycle paths. Concerns have been raised as to where the paths would be installed, as well as the lack of an action group for this proposal. Andrew suggested that Marie should get in touch with Roads to clarify some of the points of her proposal, to ensure that this would be doable before

taking any further steps. Marie plans to get in touch with Barrie Scobie regarding her proposal for plastic cycling paths.

Action: Marie

Scord: Moraig had been contacted by a constituent that has been having issues with water coming down the road at Scord. Due to the excess of water coming down the road, the road is being washed out and coming into parts of the house. Catherine has been contacted with regard to this as well, and has been making representations on behalf of this constituent. The clerk is also to write to roads with regard to this issue, to ensure that the SCC's perspective shared.

Action: Catherine, Clerk

Cyclists on Cruise Ships: it has been acknowledged that there appears to be an issue with cyclists not local to Shetland, in particular those disembarking from cruise ships, and the issues that can arise from this to road users. Whilst the SCC does not object to biking groups using Shetland's roads, concerns were raised for road safety, in particular cases of larger cycling groups using rural and single track roads in a large collective group, causing congestion in some of these areas. Moraig noted that there has been a suggestion for cruise ships to pass on information packets to cyclists disembarking, informing them of road safety and etiquette for cycling on single track and rural roads. It has been decided that Lindsay will write a general letter to be submitted to a number of relevant parties (such as Roads, the tourism board, etc.), which the clerk will circulate.

Action: Lindsay, clerk

9. POLICE

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

"There have been 8 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows: Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit; Noise Complaint; Concern for Person (3); Drugs – Attempt to Possess; Medical Matter"

10. FINANCE

Community Development Fund: No applications to be discussed this month.

Community Benefit Fund: the two applications previously submitted to the SCC are to be discussed at a future meeting; the committee wanted to know what happened to funding not used up at the end on the funding period. It was decided that the clerk will get in touch with Eleanor Gear, and will draft a notice to be placed in businesses around Scalloway to encourage groups to apply to the CBF.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: Mark and Michael are continuing to work together on the Gallow's Hill Project.

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.

12. PLANNING

No planning to be discussed this month.

13. AOCB

Fire Festival: It was noted that the Scalloway Fire Festival's Summer procession and galley burning was an incredible success, attracting a number of visitors and locals to the area; The committee recognises the hard work of the Scalloway Fire Festival to organise this event in a relatively short time frame, which allowed visitors to Shetland the opportunity to see an event that they may not have been able to without taking a trip specifically during the winter months. The attendance of Jarl squads past and present from different communities was commended. It was decided that a letter of congratulations would be written to the Scalloway Fire Festival, to thank them for their hard work.

Action: Clerk

In Person Meetings: the matter of restarting in person meetings was raised. It has been noted that there may be some technical issues to consider if the meetings were hybrid, but that there seems to be an appetite for meeting in person. It was decided that the clerk would discuss options for venues further with Mark.

Action: Clerk, Mark

Resilience Emergency Planning: Andrew referred to the emergency resilience plan template that had been circulated by the ASCC, and wondered if any further action had been taken. Andrew felt that a general plan should be generated, including bottled water, canned food and a generator for lighting and heating in emergency circumstances. Catherine mentioned Ingrid Gaul heads emergency planning for some areas, and it was asked if she would have a template. Moraig mentioned that the council is conducting a review of the issues experienced due to the poor weather in December and March, which should be ready in Autumn. It was decided to contact Ingrid and Michael to see if they have a template that could be used by the SCC.

Action: Clerk

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 18th September 2023 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 21:07