

# Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023 AT BRAE HIGH SCHOOL

## 2023/08/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman  
Mr B Moreland  
Ms E Macdonald

Mr A Hall  
Ms J Dennison  
Mr J Milne

## 2023/08/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk  
Ms K Garrick, Voe Resident  
Ms C Garrick, Voe Resident  
Mr I Park, Shetland Gas Plant

## 2023/08/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## 2023/08/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms R Griffiths, Ms L Hall, Community Involvement & Development Officer

## 2023/08/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Mr A Hall.

## 2023/08/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 2023/08/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

## 2023/08/08 MATTERS ARISING

**8.1 Shetland Gas Plant – Attending a Meeting** – Mr I Park from Shetland Gas plant attended the meeting.

**Safety & Environment** – The plant continues to do really well. It has been over a year since there has been any injuries onsite. The plant has recently passed 6 years since their last Lost Time Incident (LTI). The Chairman asked what like that is in terms of Totals overall performance, is that considered very good? Mr I Park said there are not many sites that achieve a year without any kind of injury at all, which is what Shetland Gas Plant have done so they are doing very well. They had an inspection from HSE in March which went well, there was no enforcement action taken. In April the Gas Plant had their 3 year OPERSAFE audit by TOTAL Headquarters, it is a colour card system and they had no red cards which is really good.

**COMAH Regulations** – SGP have just resubmitted the COMAH report which is a 5 yearly cycle and are getting ready for the major COMAH exercise which will take place at the end of September. They had a trial run with SIC, Scottish Fire & Rescue, Ambulance Service.

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**Tall Ships** – SGP sponsored Tall Ships in the summer. They wanted to encourage people at SGP to be involved. They had approx. 30 volunteers from SGP over the days and they all really enjoyed it.

**Operations** – The conversion of the plant to LP operations is complete. That was ongoing last summer, they ran into some problems with the bundle on one of the compressors which had to go back and be repaired. There has been a lot of pipeline inspection this year. On behalf of the surge operators, they were doing intelligent pigging of the pipeline from SGP to NCP01 in March. In April they did the intelligent pigging of the West of Shetland lines, up one line and back down the other. The Benriach exploration was drilled West of Shetland, they are still evaluating the results from that. They weren't as good as expected. Shell are working on developing the Victory Field, which is a tie in to SGP. 3 surveys have been done so far for them and SGP are supporting with that. SGP did a 4D Seismic campaign as well. They have just completed inspection of the pipelines in Yell sound which is partly inspection, partly research & development that they have been supporting Oceaneering with using a AUV. This is a new tool that Oceaneering have developed and SGP are helping with it.

The Chairman asked if there is anything else on the pipeline for Benriach and Victory in terms of increase production. Mr I Park said they have a sequence that they are working on. Victory is the next one that comes in the sequence and then Edradour West. Benriach should come after that. The Chairman asked what staffing levels are like at SGP at present. Mr I Park said the average on site is about 110 people. It has been fairly stable for the last couple of years. In terms of work on site after the project work there is a lot of inspection work going on as part of a strategy to manage corrosion under insulation, this is quite labour intensive so there are a lot of people working on that just now. The Chairman asked if they still take on apprentices. Mr I Park said this year they have 1 apprentice at the moment, Production Discipline Apprentice, who is not a Shetland Resident. The apprentices come through OPITO and they get assigned to different sites. They have 3 Instrument Technician Apprentices who are just coming out of their time, they all have jobs within TOTAL. They are hoping for more intake next year.

- 8.2 **Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – The Clerk emailed Michael Craige for an update but has not yet had a response.
- 8.3 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – The money should be in the bank account in the next 7-10 working days. **Clerk to advertise on Facebook.**
- 8.4 **Unacceptable Parking on single track roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.5 **Place Plan for Delting** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.6 **Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Citizens Advice Bureau** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Lack of Councillors in attendance** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.9 **Sparl Road at Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.10 **Low Water Pressure in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **Laxabiggin Kirkyard, Mossbank** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.14 **Testing at Scatsta** - The Clerk contacted Saxavord Space Centre to ask if it would be possible to arrange for Delting Community Council members to view testing at Scatsta. They said this is something that could be arranged, however, they have no more dates planned for testing this

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year and at present don't have dates for next year but once dates come out for next year, a visit can be arranged.

- 8.15 Windfarm Development** – Mr B Moreland, Ms J Dennison, Mr E Smith & Ms R Griffiths will be going for a site visit on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- 8.16 Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.17 Lack of disable parking spaces at North Mainland Leisure centre** – The Clerk spoke to Mr G Farmer at the North Mainland Leisure centre. This is something that has been raised by users of the leisure centre directly to him but unfortunately not anything they can do as the car park is owned by the school. He has raised this with the school head teacher and it is currently in his hands.
- 8.18 Fly Tipping in the Moorfield Estate** - The Clerk emailed Maggie Sandison and shared the photos with her. Maggie's PA replied to say she is absent just now but she has forwarded this on to the Environment & Transport Operations manager to investigate. They have not yet responded
- 8.19 Graveyard bin** – Mr B Moreland went up to the Graveyard and spoke with the grass cutter. He informed Mr B Moreland that the outside bin had been removed because it was getting filled up with dog waste and general rubbish. There are still 2 litter bins inside the graveyard at the West facing wall but these are also getting used by dog walkers. He suggested a dog waste bin outside the graveyard. The bin lorry no longer goes up there due to the road conditions, the road is very broken up. He added that if Laxobiggan and Voe Cemeteries are going to be full up then the only one available in the local area is Brae so might give a bit of leverage to get the road adopted by the council and get it properly maintained.

## 2023/08/09 POLICE REPORT

**Road & Community Safety** – Over the reporting period officers have been tasked on antisocial behaviour patrols and road safety patrols. Outside of this, officers have been focussed on Policing of events including Pride, Simmer Dim Rally and Tall Ships. All the events have seemed to go extremely well.

The regular abnormal load movements which have been ongoing for the last six months have now finished. There will continue to be periodic disruption on the A970 whilst overhead power lines are completed. Materials are due to be taken to sites via helicopter and speed restrictions will be put in place whilst the helicopters are on site. Disruption should be less frequent than with the abnormal loads. Roads Policing Officers who were in Shetland for the abnormal loads have worked with the Community and Response colleagues on Sunday's bolstering road safety patrols. When the abnormal loads finished the officers finished their rotation before returning to the mainland further increasing road safety patrolling with an expected increase in detections for road traffic offences. In the next reporting period officers will continue to conduct routine patrols and focus on engagement with schools as they return from summer holidays.

As a reminder, Community Councils are welcome to request a Coffee with a Cop event in their area now that the majority of large events of the year are now complete.

There were 20 incidents recorded for Delting which can be summarised as follows:

### Road Safety & Road Crime

- Speeding (3)
- Road Traffic Collision with minor or no injury (2)

### Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder

- Neighbour Dispute
- Public Nuisance
- Threatening or Abusive Behaviour

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### Acquisitive Crime

- Fraud (2)

### Protecting Vulnerable People

- Concern for Person (2)
- Mental Health

### Other

- Drugs – Attempt to Possess (7)

Police Scotland continue to seize multiple drugs packages intercepted at Lerwick Post Office sorting depot. In June and July approximately £42,000 of drugs were seized with the assistance of Dogs Against Drugs.

## **2023/08/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications.

## **2023/08/11 COMMUNITY WORK**

Ms L Hall was unable to attend the meeting.

## **2023/08/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

**12.1 Royal Voluntary Service in Shetland** – Clare Ward, Service Co-ordinator, emailed saying they are working with groups over 60 providing social clubs and lunch clubs. They have a group who meet in Brae and would like to take them into Lerwick to Islesburgh to have their lunch alongside the other groups. They are asking if there is any funding DCC could provide to help with transport for this. Members were happy for them to complete a grant application form. **Clerk to progress.**

**12.3 Viking Community Fund AGS – Funding & Projects supported** – SCBF sent an email saying that since the AGS began in February 2021, Delting Community Council have supported 33 projects and awarded a total of £111,393.49 in funding. The final year of the Viking Community Fund AGS begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 where Delting will be allocated £50,000. Delting Community Council have £38,606.51 of unspent funds from previous years which will be added to the 2023/24 allocation giving a new balance of £88,606.51. **Clerk to advertise on Facebook.**

**12.4 Late Unadopted Roads grant request** – Scott Johnson emailed asking to be sent an application form for the UAR grant, the Clerk informed him that the closing date for these had passed. He asked if an exception could be made as he has received the form via email automatically for the last 2 years but not this year. He realises he has been late in noticing this did not happen this year so rang the previous Clerk to find out she no longer held the post. He doesn't get the Shetland Times so did not get a form from any of the local shops. He hopes DCC will look favourable on this as he is a regular applicant and would feel disappointed to miss out on this due to the above confusion. Members explained that the money had already been distributed between those who completed and returned forms and some have already returned invoices and received payment so unable to accept late applications. It is not in the procedure to email individuals the form directly unless they contact asking for one.

## **2023/08/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

**13.1 RNID New Community Service** – RNID is a charity organisation who are setting up a new voluntary service in Shetland funded by the Scottish government to support those who are deaf, have hearing, or tinnitus, and to provide aftercare on their NHS hearing aids. They are looking to recruit a team of volunteers to support with this service within the community. More information can be found on their website - <http://www.rnid.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us> They have asked Delting Community Council to share a poster. **Clerk to progress.**

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**13.2 Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund** – The Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE) Fund can support business, social enterprises and community organisations operating in the tourism sector to develop and enhance their cycle tourism facilities, to grow and build on opportunities of the Highlands & Islands becoming a cycling tourism destination. Grants between £5,000 and £25,000 are available for up to 50% of total eligible project costs. Funding can be used towards a variety of capital projects including investing in fixtures, fittings, construction, adaption, or upgrade of premises to improve cycling tourism facilities. Examples of eligible projects include:

- New secure covered cycle storage
- New open cycle parking, sheltered cycle parking
- Enhancement of existing cycle parking/storage increase capacity and/or security
- Lockers and storage
- Drying facilities
- Bike maintenance equipment

For more information about the Fund please go to the HIE website at: [Cycling Tourism Facilities Fund | HIE](#)

## 2023/06/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

**14.1 Traffic Passing Through Voe** – The Clerk received an email from a local resident in Voe raising their concerns about the volume of lorries and traffic passing through Voe at present and the speed they are driving at. They have asked where police presence is with speed guns and also asked why a 30mph speed limit can't be implemented. The Clerk shared this letter with members and the Police. Police Scotland replied and said they would ask officers to add this area to their patrols. They were unable to give times or dates when they would be able to attend as it is dictated by call volume. They are unable to do anything about the traffic volume and would suggest that if they have concerns about their speed that the local resident who sent the letter contact the lorry companies as well.

Two local residents of Voe attended the meeting. They strongly feel there will be an accident around the Tagon shop area. There are vehicles overtaking going through Voe. Someone stopped to go into the Mulla junction, as she indicated and slowed down, a truck came up behind her and beeped his horn at her as if she was doing wrong. They are not expecting the police to specify a date or time they plan to be in the area to do checks, they are requesting more police presence in Voe. They have also noticed an increase in drivers on their mobile phones while driving through Voe. There is also the bus stop opposite Tagon Stores but nothing to indicate to other drivers that the area is a bus stop so for anyone new to the area such as tourists, they might not be aware the bus is going to stop. The area is very busy with traffic parking for the shop, the bus stopping, the junction next to the shop and also drivers passing through so they feel it is only a matter of time an accident happens. The Chairman said he has been on the Community Council since 1978 and the road in Voe has been a subject since then. Members along with the Voe residents do not feel the police are there often enough carrying out checks and feel disappointed with the police response to the letter they wrote. Mr A Hall said if the community wants it to be a lower speed limit through Voe then that should be enough for the speed to be lowered. The Chairman said there is no point having speed limits in place if the police are not going to be there at some point throughout the year to enforce it. Mr A Hall said we need plenty of signage throughout to let people know the speed limit. Mr E Smith suggested the police providing details of speed checks done in the community in the police report they send out. **Clerk to progress.**

The Chairman suggested replying to the police asking if they tell us how often in last 2 years they have done speed checks on the main road through Voe heading north. He also said to contact John Smith regarding the speed concerns in Voe. **Clerk to progress.**

**14.2 Power Cuts** – Mr E Smith suggested contacting SSEN questioning why we have been having power cuts recently. Mr I Park said that it is to do with the works going on at the junction at Sella Ness. They are putting in a new substation. The Chairman said to contact SSEN Transmission saying there have been queries about the number of power outages in the North Delting area recently. **Clerk to progress.**

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**14.3 White lines on roads** – Mr E Smith asked when the white lines are due to painted on to the newly chipped roads. The Chairman said this usually happens in September. He said to leave this matter until October and see what happens.

### **2023/06/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank Primary School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman