

# Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2023 AT MOSSBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **2023/06/01 MEMBERS**

Mr A Cooper, Chairman  
Ms R Griffiths  
Mr B Moreland

Mr A Hall  
Ms J Dennison  
Mr J Milne

## **2023/06/02 IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk  
Ms L Hall, Community Involvement & Development Officer

## **2023/06/03 CIRCULAR**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **2023/06/04 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor E Macdonald, Mr E Smith, Mr I Park, Shetland Gas Plant

## **2023/06/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved by Mr J Milne and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

## **2023/06/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr J Milne declared an interest with regards to the Shetland Community Benefit Fund grant application form, item 12.2.

## **2023/06/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER**

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

The Chairman spoke to someone in Voe who is involved in setting up a group as a local development company and they think they might get someone out of that group to join the Delting Community Council.

## **2023/06/08 MATTERS ARISING**

- 8.1 Shetland Gas Plant – Attending a Meeting** – Mr Iain Park was unable to attend the meeting but hoping to attend the next one.
- 8.2 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – a local resident emailed the clerk saying she is aware this is in discussion and would like to support this decision and see it happen. Her son is starting college after summer and will be commuting by bus Monday – Friday and a bus shelter at Wethersta would make catching the bus much safer over the winter months. The Clerk is to contact Michael Craigie for an update. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 8.3 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – Delting Community Council have been awarded the £3,000 distribution fund to be advertised within the Community and have also been awarded the £1,000 Project Fund to go towards repairing the wooden fence in the Brae Woodland area. Forms to be signed and returned before funding will be awarded. **Clerk to progress.**
- 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** – The Chairman said the new group forming in Voe is planning to try and get the Sparl Road in Voe fixed.
- 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 received an email indicating expected dates for engine testing at Scatsta. 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August will be the expected window for the test campaign with smaller (and much quieter) system tests being expected until 10<sup>th</sup> August. As with previous tests, they will require to close the access road while the tests are ongoing; the hot fire engine tests will be for up to half an hour each time, and the other tests will just be for a short period of around 10 minutes. They will try to time these to cause the least disruption possible to nearby businesses and other site users. The Clerk has shared this on Facebook. The Chairman suggested asking if some of Delting Community Council members could go and observe some of the testing done at Scatsta. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.15 Windfarm Development** – The Chairman shared an email with Windfarm site visit dates. They have suggested the first week in September – Mon 4<sup>th</sup>, Tues 5<sup>th</sup> or Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September. They don't need to fix the exact date yet but would like to know roughly how many people wish to attend. Mr B Moreland, Mr E Smith, Ms R Griffiths would like to attend, Ms J Dennison might be able attend depending on other work commitments.
- 8.16 Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – there was no update on this item.

## 2023/06/09 POLICE REPORT

**Coffee with a Cop** – In the last 2 months, Police Scotland attended 8 different halls around Shetland, including Brae, to meet and have a chat with communities. They were joined by Trading Standards and Victim Support Scotland partners. During this time they spoke to over 100 people. The main reason behind this was to raise awareness about scams and frauds but also to engage with the local communities and to hear about local issues. They would like to thank all those for having them and for helping them to organise these events.

Community Councils are still welcome to request an event in their area.

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There were 16 incidents recorded for Delting which can be summarised as follows:

### Road Safety & Road Crime

- Road Traffic Collision

### Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder

- Assault Officer in Execution of Duty
- Public Nuisance

### Acquisitive Crime

- Theft

### Protecting Vulnerable People

- Concern for Person (4)
- Sexual Offence

### Other

- Drugs – Attempt to Possess (3)
- Medical Matter (4)

## 2023/06/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**2023/146/PPF** – Erect dwelling house with air source heat pump at Plot 16 Culsetter Park in Brae by Tulloch Developments. **There were no objections to this planning application. Clerk to progress.**

**Disabled Parking Space – Hevdaland, Brae** – any objections to be emailed. **There were no objections to this planning application. Clerk to progress.**

## 2023/06/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall attended the meeting and provided an update.

**Mossbank Hall Heating/Insulation** - there was no update with this. They are still going through applications for grants and are now looking for a new secretary.

**Mossbank School Parent Council** – Ms L Hall is working with them to try and help them get some more money. They have their poly tunnel now.

**Brae Youth Centre** – They are going to apply for a grant to get better insulation and a better heating system.

**Living Well Hub** – They are thinking to host a recovery hub for those who suffer from substance misuse. May be a one off thing or something they try to do regularly.

**Voe Hall** – They have applied for the SSEN grant to get a generator installed in the hall to prepare for any future bad weather like last winter where the public can gather if they loose power again. They are also going to do an emergency plan so that is in place if we get a bad winter again then they can be a hub.

Ms L Hall shared a copy of an emergency plan in place elsewhere for members to look at and they are looking at other halls that may be willing to put an emergency plan in place so they can be a hub for the public to go in emergencies during the winter months.

Mr J Milne said he would like to see better means of communication in Voe. If the power goes, there is no way of contacting anyone as there is no signal mast in Voe. He said there needs to be a signal mast in Voe. If there was an emergency, you wouldn't be able to make a call unless you had a landline.

The Chairman said it is not something the community could do themselves. Access to an existing mast is needed, so Vodafone for example should be seeking access. He thinks some of the wind turbines are going to have access with them for speaking between the turbines and for community use as well as the Kames is also a blank spot for signal. The Chairman is going to speak to Marvin Smith.

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**ALISS** – This is a new community directory instead of having just a Shetland Directory of all the business and services which will be updated regularly and you can search on it, for example, local halls, then a list of all the local halls and contact details for each will come up. Someone in each organisation will be responsible for keeping it updated.

### 2023/06/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Shetland Canoe Club** – They are looking to support wider participation in kayaking for those experiencing financial barriers and to enable those who have previously been less physically active to participate. They would like to purchase 6 new, more stable boats to increase the number of people who can participate at any one time and widen participation. In addition, in the cost of living crisis they are aware some participants can't afford to buy their own waterproof jackets so would like to purchase waterproof tops to be available to all members. They are applying for £504.96. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £504.96. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Delting Boating Club** – They are applying for funding to make a number of improvements to the Boating club such as improve laundry facilities, strengthen caravan park armouring, pontoon shore side anchor point/ramp, fill in the slot in the slipway with hardcore & concrete and repair to a drain. They are applying for £16,468.17. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £16,468.17. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.3 Grant Application Form – Mossbank Community Hall** – They are applying for funding to help pay towards a building inspection report to enable them to consider installing renewable energy heating and solar panels and an EPC certificate. At present, the hall has outdated expensive storage heaters and they are looking to install a more energy efficient form of heating and power. They are applying for £2510. Members agreed unanimously to award 70% of the requested grant amount, £1757. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.4 Grant Application Form – Brae Marina SCIO** – They are applying for funding to replace chain and shackles to both pontoons. Following an inspection of chain and anchor points and chain risers, an increase in chain wear was observed of between 40 to 50% loss of metal. They have been in operation for 16 years now so need replaced. They are applying for £4,000. Members suggested they applied for this grant through the SCBF. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.4 Query – Brae Primary 7 trip** – Fuel costs were included in the receipts sent back, however, it was agreed Delting Community Council would cover ferry costs and £200 towards the food costs but not the fuel costs. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.5 Voe Hall Invoice** – The Clerk received an invoice for the hire of the Voe Hall for the meeting held there on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. The total amount is £13.68. There were no issues with making this payment. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.6 VAS Invoices** – Invoice number 15993 - £30. Invoice number 15992 £30. There were no issues with making this payment. **Clerk to progress.**

### 2023/06/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 Tesco Community Grants** – Tesco Community Grants is now focusing on supporting schools and organisations to apply for extra financial help they might need to provide healthy food and activities that boost young people's mental and physical wellbeing. Grants of up to £1,500, online application and every 3 months, 3 local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout Scotland. The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide

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food and support to young people. For more info and to apply visit - <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

- 13.2 Scottish Government – Permitted Development Rights Review – Phase 3 – Publication of Consultation** – The Scottish Government is currently conducting a substantial review of permitted development rights (PDR) as part of its wider planning reform programme. The review is being taken forward on a phased basis, with each phase focusing on new and extended PDR for specific types of development. The phase 3 consultation was launched at the end of May and more information can be found at [Permitted Development Rights review - phase 3: consultation - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Permitted-Development-Rights-review-phase-3-consultation)  
The consultation will run until 23 August 2023. Any queries should be emailed to [Planning.PDR3@gov.scot](mailto:Planning.PDR3@gov.scot)
- 13.3 20mph Speed Limit, Toft** – SIC have introduced a 20mph speed limit on the approach to the Toft ferry terminal.
- 13.4 CyberScotland Partnership funding initiative** – The Scottish Government in collaboration with the CyberScotland Partnership are delighted to announce this call to funding aimed at bolstering cyber resilience across the nation. Organisations are invited to submit proposals for grant-funded activity which delivers progress on specific aims and outcomes of The Strategic Framework for a Cyber Resilient Scotland and receive funding ranging from £5,000 to £50,000. More details can be found at [CyberScotland Partnership funding initiative now inviting proposals – Cyber Scotland](#)
- 13.5 Volant Charitable Trust** – The Volant Trust's aim is to support women, children and young people who are at risk and facing social deprivation. In response to the current cost of living crisis, the Volant Charitable Trust is prioritising the focus of its awards on charities and organisations who are particularly addressing poverty and deprivation, helping to support vulnerable groups who are most affected, with an emphasis on women, children and young people. Eligible organisations can apply for up to £15,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years. There is a 2 stage application process with stage one deadline at 12 noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. More information can be found at [What We Fund – Volant Charitable Trust \(volanttrust.org\)](https://www.volanttrust.org/What-We-Fund)
- 13.6 SSEN Transmission – Annual Engagement Plan 2023/24** – Following a consultation period on the draft Annual Engagement Plan 2023/24, SSEN Transmission have reviewed the feedback received and have incorporated this into their final Annual Engagement Plan. The confirmed nine themes to be engaged on is:
- Pathway to 2030
  - Delivering our next Business Plan
  - Connections Reform
  - Offshore Engagement
  - Data and Digitalisation
  - Energy Policy Transformation
  - Whole System
  - Education, Skills and Pipelines
  - International Engagement
- The plan can be found at - [Stakeholder Annual Engagement Plan - SSEN Transmission \(ssen-transmission.co.uk\)](https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/Stakeholder-Annual-Engagement-Plan)
- 13.7 Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board – Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation** – The Clerk received an email with a consultation letter attached regarding SIALB's Statement of Licensing Policy and Overprovision Assessment. Any response should be made by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- 13.8 Shetland Amenity Trust** – There is possible active interest in a new body running the Sail Loft Camping Bod in Voe.

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### 2023/06/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

**14.1 Lack of disable parking spaces at North Mainland Leisure centre** – Ms R Griffiths emailed to say members of the public have mentioned the lack of disabled parking spaces at North Mainland Leisure Centre. She attends classes there and thinks there would need to be at least 3 disabled car parking spaces. The school uses this for parking and it was suggested they could be asked to use the Astro turf parking to allow for more spaces for people attending the leisure centre. The Chairman said to contact Shetland Recreational Trust to say there are a number of blue badge holders using the leisure centre but unable to park due to indiscriminate parking by non-leisure centre users. **Clerk to progress.**

Mr B Moreland asked why there is still a cattle grid at the school entrance, Mr J Milne added it is a very dangerous cattle grid.

**14.2 Lack of Dog Bins in Brae** – The Clerk received an email from a local member of the community asking if there is any chance for provision of more Dog litter bins in the Brae area? More so around the school area or at the Moorfield Estate side of the Woodland area. Many people walk their dogs around the Woodland area so felt having one around here or the school is of great need. Dog walkers are using the bins at the football pitch for dog waste. Mr J Milne said this won't happen, the council will say that any bin can be used for dog waste and there are plenty of bins around the estate. The Chairman added that the council's policy now is that any bin can be used as a dog waste bin. Mr J Milne said dogs are not allowed at the football anyway and there is a sign saying this.

**14.3 Fly Tipping in the Moorfield Estate** - There have been numerous complaints from local residents in the Moorfield Estate about the continuing fly tipping. There is a load of fly tipping in Runafirth behind the bin shed. The council have removed this in the past but when it's cleared, someone else comes along and dumps again. One of the reasons is that you can't see the dumping from the street because of the porta cabins that are in place for the Council house renovations project. The Clerk will share pictures with members. The Chairman suggested contacting Maggie Sandison to ask if the council could be more proactive in pursuing potential fly tipping in the estates

**14.5 Graveyard bin** – A local resident has asked if the council bin from the graveyard has been removed. Members were not sure so Mr B Moreland said he would go and have a look.

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

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman