

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 2nd October 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Ms. N. Fullerton
Mrs. C. Smith
Mrs. M. Garnier
Mr. M. Fullerton
Mr. R. Black

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. B. Adamson

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. M. Lyall
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest - None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 4th September 2023 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Narene 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. Niall will get in touch with Robina Barton for an update.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(b) Improvements to access road to Playgroup

This work is to be done by the SIC during the October holidays but no confirmation of this has been received by the Community Council.

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Still looking for someone to stand as a Director now that Robin Black has stood down. This will be kept on the minutes until a replacement is found.

(d) Path on Ludi

Traffic counters have been in place recently on Ludi and the Clerk has requested the results from Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads. (Path has not been progressed due to the high cost involved.)

(e) Burra/Trondra 'Village Gateway' Signs

Neil Hutcheson advised some time ago that these signs have arrived and will be installed shortly. They have a number of missing and faded signs to replace in Burra and these signs will be installed at the same time.

(f) Sheep worrying signs

Waiting for a quote from Art Machine.

(g) Trondra road

Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, advised previously that he has ordered various signs to be put in place in Trondra after concerns were raised by local residents regarding traffic. He has also had traffic counters in place and the results have been requested by the Clerk.

(h) Road at Meal

Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, has acknowledged receipt of our request for white centre lines /arrow at the blind spot just north of Speed's corner, where traffic are not keeping to their own side of the road.

(i) Tall Ships – benches

Carole Smith advised that they had collected the bench and it was now located at the car park at Meal beach on the tarmac. It was noted however that this is probably not the best location for the bench as there is no level grassed area to put it on and it is not ideal in the car park. It was suggested that it be put down near the marina in Hamnavoe and all agreed. Carole said that Gary Laurensen had offered to take the bench away to paint it before it is put to the marina.

ACTION: Gary Laurensen

(j) Proposed house sites - Ludi

The Clerk had sent in the comments from the last meeting to Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC. We had requested that a footpath should be put in place along the main road and also the blind summit further south would need to be removed if this development was to proceed. She had replied saying that they have consulted with Roads and conversations are ongoing regarding the exact location of the new entrance/junction, the access may have to move slightly with further site investigations. She pointed out that if the Community Council insisted on the removal of the blind summit to obtain planning permission, the house site project will cease as the infrastructure costs would outweigh the income to Burra Estate and its graziers. The members discussed this and could not see why the cost of the removal of the summit could not be attributed to the developer of the sites or shared between the Estate and the developer. It was also noted that if the new entrance/junction is to move further South there would be even more need to have this removed. The Clerk will pass this on. (There was no mention of the path in her reply.)

ACTION: Clerk

With regard to the proposed sites in Hamnavoe with access between Sunnybrae & Brae Cottage, we had pointed out that the sites would need to be single storey and the houses would need to be built at the bottom of the sites. She replied that they intend advertising the sites with outline planning and it would be up to the potential purchaser to obtain full planning where the house design would be agreed. It is not for the Estates team to dictate that at this juncture. The Community Council would be consultees during the planning process and our comments would be noted then. This was noted by the members.

(k) Noticeboard

The Clerk had sourced a noticeboard for outside which the members were happy with. The Clerk will check with the Burra Hall committee before placing the order. If agreed with the Hall committee, the noticeboard will be put up in place of the old one outside the hall which is no longer of use.

ACTION: Clerk

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Grant Application – Royal Voluntary Service

An application had been received from the above requesting funding to provide a day out with a meal, activity and transport for the Burra Social Club, meeting up with their other social/lunch clubs. The venue is to be decided by the clients from the Club. The sum requested was £400 (£20 per head) and this was agreed by the members.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) SIC (Papil, Burra) (30mph speed limit) Traffic Regulation Order 2023

Notice of the above proposed Order had been received from Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads. This will introduce a 30mph speed limit running through Papil and onto the parking area at the Minn beach, and also the side road to Bannaminn. This speed limit was welcomed by the members.

(c) Scottish Forum of Community Councils

Michael Duncan had sent on information from West Lothian Joint Forum of Community Councils. The Joint Forum hosted an online Scottish Conference in June when they received overwhelming support for the formation of a Scottish Forum of Community Councils. They have formed a Steering Group and drafted a Terms of Reference for discussion and adoption. They are inviting Community Councils to formally join the Scottish Forum and believe that by working together, we can have a greater impact for Community Councils in Scotland. A link to a form was included to enable Community Councils to join the Scottish Forum. This was discussed by the members who agreed we should get in touch with Michael Duncan to see if this should to be done collectively individually as Community Councils. **ACTION: Clerk**

(d) Various correspondence

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

- VAS – Community Mental Health & Wellbeing for Adults Funding – open till 10 Nov.
- We Shine Brighter Together – Shetland’s Cost of Living Campaign for this Autumn/Winter.
- CC Scheme Review – Boundary Proposal Options and Community Council Term.

5. AOCB

Community Council Accounts 2022-23

The Clerk handed out copies of the accounts for 2022-23 and these were approved by the members.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th November 2023 at 6pm.