

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 4th September 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. R. Black
Mr. B. Adamson
Ms. N. Fullerton
Mrs. C. Smith

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurenson
Mrs. M. Garnier
Mr. M. Fullerton

In Attendance

Cllr. C. Hughson
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 7th August 2023 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Carole Smith.

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

Cllr. Hughson advised that the work is planned for the October break and a letter should be sent to the Community Council and the school advising of this.

(c) Parking/access at Minn

Cllr. Hughson had contacted Neil Hutcheson at SIC Roads regarding the possibility of road markings to help keep the access road clear which had been the main problem. It was noted that this had now been done with large 'keep clear' lettering and lines drawn. Niall will speak with Mike Bailey who had kindly offered to sell off a bit of land but this route had proved too costly and complicated to take forward.

(d) 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.

(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

The Clerk had contacted Neil Hutcheson who had ordered these signs some time ago, and he replied saying that the signs have arrived and they 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.

(g) Sheep worrying

The Clerk had emailed Art Machine for a quote for new signs but had not received a reply..

(h) Trondra road

Cllr. Hughson had emailed Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, regarding the concerns raised by Mary Isbister in an email she sent to Cllr. Morag Lyall. He had replied advising that they have ordered 'concealed access' warning signs to alert drivers that vehicles may be emerging onto the public road. They have also ordered 'pedestrians in road ahead' warning signs to be installed to the north of the crossing point in the cut and to the south of the bus stop at the Glendale junction. It was noted that they have already installed traffic counters in this area which was also requested. The Clerk will contact Neil Hutcheson to ask for the results.

ACTION: Clerk

(i) Road at Meal

Still waiting for a reply from Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, regarding 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.

(j) Tall Ships – benches

The Clerk had put in a request for two picnic benches which were being advertised free to community groups, and had received an e-mail to say we had been allocated one due to the amount of requests they had received. Carole Smith offered to collect the bench which will be put to the Meal car park meantime to see if there is a suitable place for it.

ACTION: Carole Smith

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Viking Community Fund AGS – Funding and Projects Supported

An email had been received from Eleanor Gear, SCBF, giving an overview of projects we have supported through this fund. Our Community Council has supported 23 projects since the AGS began in February 2021 and have awarded a total of £23,908.49 in funding. Our Community Council has £6,091.51 of unspent funds from previous years which will be added to the 2023/24 allocation giving a new balance of £16,091.51. Feedback was also given from some of the applicants on projects supported.

(b) ASCC

Michael Duncan had emailed to advise that the ASCC meeting that was scheduled for 12th September has been postponed. A new date is being looked at later in the year which is to tie in with Community Council Scheme Review and commencement of the first consultation phase.

(c) RNID new community service

Natasha Hamilton had emailed advising that she works for the charity organisation RNID. They 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. A poster was attached for displaying. More information on their website www.rnid.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us.

(d) Various correspondence

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

- Shetland Policing Report June/July 2023
- Crown Estate Scotland – Sustainable Communities Fund 2023/24
- Update on Crofting Applications Process
- Shetland Community Led Local Development Funding

5. AOCB

(a) Proposed house sites

These site plans had been discussed at a recent Burra Grazings Committee meeting and Tracey-Anne Anderson had asked for these also to be looked over by the Community Council. The first plan was for sites on Ludi on the west side just beyond the Boyne cattle grid. The members were happy with the location but would like to see a footpath in place along the main road and also the blind summit a bit further south removed if this was to proceed. Another plan was for four sites in Hamnavoe – sites 1 & 2 were beyond Guddataing and the other two had access between Sunnybrae and Brae Cottage. It was pointed out that the latter two sites would need to be single storey and the houses would need to be built at the bottom of the sites. This information will be fed back to Tracey-Anne Anderson. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Noticeboard

It was mentioned that it would be beneficial to have a public noticeboard as there are often posters and other information coming through to the Community Council which could be displayed. There is an old one still fixed to the outside of the Burra Hall and this could possibly be taken down and replaced. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 6pm.