

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 6th November 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. G. Laurensen
Mr. B. Adamson
Ms. N. Fullerton
Mrs. M. Garnier

Apologies

Mrs. C. Smith
Mr. M. Fullerton
Mr. R. Black
Cllr. Hughson
Cllr. Lyall

In Attendance

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

1. Declaration of Interest - None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 2nd October 2023 were approved by Mhairi Garnier and Narene Fullerton.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Settlement Audits for Active Travel – Hamnavoe

Niall had contacted Robina Barton who advised that not much had happened since their report to us in March as they had been short staffed but will update soon. Niall will contact Robina Barton to see if she would attend one of our meetings. In their report they had listed various improvements in our area and it was agreed that we should be able to feedback what we see as priorities before they take any action. **ACTION: Niall O'Rourke**

(b) Improvements to access road to Playgroup

This work is in the process of being done by the SIC and some of the parking spaces have already been tarred and lined to a high standard which the members were delighted with. The Burra Early Years were also asking if it would be possible to get a sign put up as there is no sign at present. The Clerk will contact Neil Hutcheson in the first instance to see if this is something they could provide. **ACTION: Clerk**

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Still looking for someone to stand as a Director now that Robin Black has stood down. Eleanor Gear, SCBF, had emailed recently to see if we were any further ahead getting a replacement. She pointed out that work is in full flow preparing for when the main fund comes online, and it would be an interesting and exciting time to join the board. It was suggested that we approach George Martin who lives in Trondra to see if he would be interested. Cllr. Scott said he would speak with George. **ACTION: Cllr. Scott**

(d) Path on Ludi

Waiting to get the results of the traffic counters from Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads.

(e) Burra/Trondra 'Village Gateway' Signs

Neil Hutcheson advised some time ago that these signs have arrived and will be installed when they are in Burra replacing other missing and faded signs in the near future.

(f) Sheep worrying signs

The Clerk had received a quote from Art Machine for five weatherproof signs and these had now been received. Brian offered to put up the signs in place of the temporary signs which were put up during the Summer.

ACTION: Brian Adamson

(g) Trondra road

Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, advised previously that he had ordered various signs to be put in place in Trondra after concerns were raised by local residents regarding traffic. Traffic counters have also been in place and we are waiting to hear back from Mr. Hutcheson with the results.

(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. Waiting to hear back from him.

(i) Bench at Meal car park

The bench at Meal car park is still to be taken away and painted. At the last meeting it was felt that a better location would be down at the Marina in Hamnavoe as there is really no suitable area at the Meal beach car park. Unfortunately, on looking at it again, it was thought that there is no proper surface to put it on at the Hamnavoe Marina and it was therefore suggested it be put to the Outdoor Centre at Bridge End. Niall will speak with the Outdoor Centre Committee in the first instance to see if they are happy with this.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(j) Proposed house sites - Ludi

Nothing further had been heard back from Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC, with regard to our suggestion that the cost of the removal of the blind summit on Ludi be attributed to the developer of the sites or shared between the Estate and the developer. (She had stated in an earlier email that if we insist on the removal of the blind summit the house site project would cease as the infrastructure costs would outweigh the income to Burra Estate and its graziers.) Also, if the new entrance/junction was to move further South there would be even more need to have this blind summit removed. A footpath in this area had also been suggested by the members if this development was to go ahead.

(k) Noticeboard

The Clerk had spoken with the Burra Hall committee and they were happy for us to go ahead and purchase a new noticeboard to replace the old one on the outside of the hall. The Clerk had gone ahead and ordered the noticeboard from TTS which had been discussed at the last meeting.

(l) Scottish Forum of Community Councils

At the last meeting an e-mail had been received from Michael Duncan with information from West Lothian Joint Forum of Community Councils who are looking to form a Scottish Forum of Community Councils. 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. The Clerk was asked to contact Michael to see if this should be done collectively by ASCC or as individual Community Councils. Waiting to hear back from Michael.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ASCC meeting – 7 December 6-8pm

The next meeting of the ASCC will take place on 7th December at the Town Hall. The meeting papers had been received from Michael Duncan.

(b) Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment, Phase One Consultation

Michael Duncan had sent out paper copies of the Consultation survey which will go to Halcrow's Shop in Hamnavoe. The survey will close at 5pm on Friday 12th January 2024. Phase one of the process involves public consultation on the plan of Community Council areas and composition. A plan of the areas for each option and a summary of the current composition of Community Councils can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.shetland.gov.uk/ccschemereview. The various options were discussed by the members present who agreed it should remain as it is at present (Option 1) with 18 Community Councils.

(c) Various correspondence

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

- Shetland Policing Report August/September 2023
- National Islands Plan Review – workshops in Bressay & Brae this week
- Shetland Women's Aid info & Networking Event – 29 November
- Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for Adults (from VAS)
- Climate Solutions Course – Fully Funded Training Opportunity (from VAS)
- Shetland Digital Forum – 17 November

5. AOCB

Boyne Brae

It was noted that tar patching had taken place to repair the edges of roads in Burra. It was reported however that this would also need to be done at the Boyne Brae where the edge is eroding away on both sides near the bottom of the brae. The Clerk will contact Barrie Scobie.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 6pm.