

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2023 AT MOSSBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023/09/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Mr B Moreland
Mr E Smith

Mr A Hall
Ms J Dennison
Ms R Griffiths

2023/09/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk
Ms L Hall, Community Involvement & Development Officer
Ms E Tait, Projects Officer
Mr D Brown, Cooke Aquaculture

2023/09/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2023/09/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor E Macdonald, Mr J Milne

2023/09/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st August were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

2023/09/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2023/09/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

2023/09/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Shetland Gas Plant** – Mr I Park attended the last meeting so no update.
- 8.2 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – The Clerk emailed Michael Craige for an update. He is going to speak with his colleagues, Elaine Park in Transport Planning and Neil Hutcheson, Executive Manager Roads Service and get an update on this.
- 8.3 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – there was no update on this item.
- 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.

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- 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** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.15 **Windfarm Development** – there was no update on this item.
- 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** – Mr L Nicolson, Head Teacher of Brae High School, contacted the Clerk to say they do remind staff to use the Astro Turf car park where possible, but some of the staff have their own mobility needs and disabilities. A complaint was raised by a NMLC user regarding Brae High School staff using the car park and it suggested staff should use the disabled parking spaces near the secondary building, however these are kept clear for pick up and drop off of pupils who are disabled badge holders. Mr L Nicolson and Mr G Farmer have looking at making more disabled spaces in front of the NMLC but unfortunately the school does not have a budget for this. Mr L Nicolson has asked Children's Services if they have budget and is awaiting a response.
- 8.18 **Fly Tipping in the Moorfield Estate** - there was no update on this item.
- 8.19 **Graveyard bin** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.20 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – The Clerk contacted Police Scotland asking them to provide information on how often in the last 2 years speed checks have been carried out on the main road through Voe heading North and if it was possible to receive details of speed checks carried out in future in the police report they send to Delting Community Council. They said it is not possible to gather this information. Officers carry out checks when and if they can which would mean someone would have to go through every officers notebook which they don't have the time to do. This means it would also not be possible to provide this information going forward. They said to speak to the council as they have speed check and volume equipment.
- 8.21 **Power Outages** – The Clerk contacted SSEN. They replied saying faults will occur at times for different reasons, such as wildlife, trees, adverse weather, third party interference or equipment faults over time. They are continuously investing in newer technology, automation and upgrades to their network to improve supply reliability and minimise interruptions to customers. While they can never promise power won't go off, you can rest assured that engineers and emergency teams are always there 24/7, ready to respond should there ever be any problems. However, without key dates they are unable to specify on this specific query.
- 8.22 **White lines on roads** – The Clerk is to contact Neil Hutcheson to find out when the truck is up to do the white lines on the road. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/09/09 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report this month.

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2023/09/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cooke Aquaculture, potential new fish farm – David Brown, Regional Manager in Shetland attended the meeting. They are looking at potentially developing a new fish farm at Vementry in St Magnus Bay. The plan is to develop a new fish farm of 12 cages. It is very early stages and no planning applications have been submitted at this stage but he would like to go around the Community Council meetings to give a heads up prior to any applications being made. They would look to service it out of Aith. It is unlikely to have any noise effect on Muckle Roe due to the location.

The Chairman asked how they are getting on with staffing. Mr D Brown said staffing is a struggle as they are trying to recruit into Yell and Unst. They do have a number of staff who commute into Yell and Unst to work.

2023/09/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall attended the meeting with Ms E Tait.

Ms E Tait spoke about the ALISS directory which was mentioned briefly in the June meeting. She is currently working on populating the directory at the moment. They are hoping to have it put out in the next few months, there is no date set yet as it is taking some time to set up. Ms L Hall said the directory is going to be like the community phone book. It will have details for every organisation and service. After the bad weather last winter when people got stuck, it was realised then that there was no directory to find information for people who were without power. Not only with the Community Councils being on it, if there are any other groups or services that people may not know about or may not be aware of it would be very useful to contact Ms E Tait or Ms L Hall to make them aware of this. Ms L Hall said once it is up and running, those in the directory will be prompted to update their details. It will include things like contact details for local halls so people can contact them in emergency situations. The Chairman said it would be useful to include where, for example, a local hall gets their authority from to open or where a school would get the authority from to take in people there in an emergency situation as these things can't always just happen and usually need authority from somewhere so including where the authority would come from would be useful. Ms L Hall and Ms E Tait are going to feed this back.

The Chairman mentioned that Delting Community Council are sitting with £82,000 in the Shetland Community Benefit Fund and he would like to see the community applying for grants to use it. Ms L Hall has been speaking to groups and trying to get different groups to apply for funding.

2023/09/12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Brae Marina SCIO – they are looking 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 50 to 60% loss of metal, meaning the integrity of the moorings are at risk of a failure of one or more mooring chains. They are applying for £9,744. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £9,744.
Clerk to progress

12.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Ability Shetland – they are applying for funding from Delting, Lerwick and Northmaven. They are seeking funding to cover running costs of their current adult social and recreation clubs in Lerwick and North Mainland as well as 1:1 outreach staff costs to support disabled adults to access social opportunities in these communities. The clubs they are seeking funding for within Delting is their North Mainland Social Club based in Mossbank. These clubs provide a variety of activities for those who find more mainstream clubs and activities a challenge due to the nature of their disability or long-term health condition. They meet fortnightly in the Mossbank Hall and it is for people with barriers to social opportunities which can be due to

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their disability and/or mental health. They are applying for £2,728.50. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £2,728.50. **Clerk to progress**

- 12.3 Grant Application Form – Brae High School University Trip** – They are applying for funding to help cover the costs of their University/College Trip for S5/6 pupils. They are hoping to tour around the main universities in Scotland from 24th October to 28th October 2023. Travel, food and accommodation costs have increased substantially since they last had a university trip and they don't want to disadvantage any young person wishing to make the trip. They are applying for £1,148. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £1,148. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.4 Grant Application Form – Royal Voluntary Service** – They support the over 60's in the Community from isolation, loneliness and provide social activities, lunch clubs and outings. They are applying for funding to provide a day out with a meal, activity and transport for their clients involved in the Delting Social club, to meet up with the other social/lunch clubs. The venue will be decided by the clients from the club. They are applying for £280. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £280. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.5 Grant Application Form – Shetland Bereavement Support Service** – They are applying for funding to expand the support that SBSS offers to include a more informal peer support group, which would be facilitated by a qualified counsellor. This would be delivered in a 'Grief Café' style, similar to those delivered by the Good Grief Trust. This would enable individuals to speak freely about shared feelings and emotions following a bereavement, with the aim to increase their confidence to make new connections with others in their community. They would look to have these fortnightly at the existing Community Hub in Brae. The funding would cover facilitator costs and expenses, refreshments for meetings and any room hire costs. They are applying for £3,000. Members discussed this and agreed to pay £1,500. Delting Community Council would like to see to what extent this service is used in Delting once it is set up and running and will review again in around 6 months time before agreeing to pay the other £1,500 if the service is being used in Delting.

2023/09/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 ASCC Update** – 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. Michael Duncan will be in touch when a date has been set.
- 13.2 Defibrillator Grant Funding** – Michael Duncan shared an email from London Hearts, the leading heart charity dealing with the funding, procurement and supply of life-saving defibrillators throughout the entire UK. They are contacting to ensure there are Heart Defibrillators readily available. Cardiac arrest kills over 60,000 people of all ages in the UK each year. If a heart defibrillator is used within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest, the chances of survival increases from 6% to 74%. They are able to offer Charity Grant Funding towards the cost of each Defibrillator they supply. To receive further information, complete a short online application at <https://www.londonhearts.org/apply-for-a-defib>
The Clerk is to share this around the local shops. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/09/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 14.1 Blocked Drains in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison said the same drain that blocked last year has blocked again and asked if the roads men could please unblock it again. Mr E Smith added that the bend at Scatsta was flooded again too with the bad rain we have had recently. The Chairman is going to speak to Yohan.

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2023/09/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Voe Public Hall with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 26th October commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman