

## NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minute of Ordinary Meeting of Northmaven Community Council on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, held in North Roe Primary School and remotely, using Teams

*This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting*

<b>Present:</b>
CCllr. R Doull
CCllr. G Anderson
CCllr. R McGeady
CCllr. E Robertson
CCllr. D. Robertson
CCllr. D. Brown
CCllr. B Wilcock
CCllr. K Scollay
Ms L Hall - SIC
<b>1. Apologies Submitted:</b>
CCllr. J Parry
Cllr. T Morton
Mr. M Duncan - SIC

<b>In attendance:</b>
I Davidson – Clerk

<b>Ex Officio Present:</b>
Cllr. E MacDonald

#### The meeting started at: 19:30. CCllr. D Brown Chaired

Agenda Item	Narrative
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	CCllr R McGeady for any HHA or NCDC related business CCllr D Brown for any NCDC related business
<b>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	Minutes of Meeting held 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 approved by CCllr R McGeady and seconded by CCllr D Brown Minutes of Meeting held 7 <sup>th</sup> August approved by CCllr R McGeady and seconded by CCllr G Anderson
<b>4. Police Report</b>	A report was received in early August and forwarded to all members. There had been nothing of note to discuss from this
<b>5. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Eshanness Development</b> No update</p> <p><b>Swarthoull</b> No update</p> <p><b>NCDC</b> RM reported that the board of NCDC would be meeting on Wed, 06/09. Draft of Housing Needs Analysis had been received and looked promising. There had been some doubts expressed by SIC Housing officials regarding the demand for houses in Northmavine and, as SIC support would be required, EM suggested that Councillors, NCDC directors and Housing officials should meet to discuss. RM agreed but stated that this should wait until final draft was received and discussed among NCDC</p>

directors. DB suggested that NCC should put a representation at the appropriate time

In a Bruckfest update, it was reported that requests for uplift of 10 vehicles had been received and it was agreed by those directors present that NCC would fund the hire of a Hi-Ab truck to assist with this.

#### **Community Food Drop-off Points**

Clerk reported that Poly Opyl is still awaiting completion

#### **Community Council Scheme Review**

DB reported that this had been extended for a further year. This meant that the planned elections in 2024 had been cancelled and current CCllrs. were requested to remain in position for a further year. If any wished to step down, they would be replaced by co-option rather than a by-election.

The review was being carried out in 3 phases and Phase 1 would run from October to November this year after which a special meeting would be held on 23/03/24, followed by Phase 2 in May/June 2024. CCllrs. would be fully consulted throughout. The first draft will be made available on 3<sup>rd</sup> October this year. EM warned that, while some of the content may appear extreme and cause concern, it should not be viewed as any definite plan but should stimulate discussion. Members asked that they receive this draft asap.

**Action: Clerk to forward draft to members as soon as it is received**

#### **Falling rocks at Mangaster**

Members noted that action was being taken

#### **Road Signage**

Response from SIC was noted. Nothing further at present

#### **Cattle Grid**

Response from SIC was noted. Nothing further

#### **Removal of Cattle Grid**

Nothing further

#### **Licensing Policy Draft – Consultation**

Nothing further

#### **ASCC – Agenda Requests and BT Presentation**

With regard to the BT presentation, concerns were expressed on several points including: many 'Blue Light Areas' not covered by mobile signal; many people (mostly aged and therefore vulnerable) did not own or use mobile phones. EM/DB confirmed that SIC and ASCC were preparing responses so it was agreed to leave it to them for the time being

#### **Visitor Levy Bill – Consultation**

See Item 6

#### **Clothing Bin**

It was reported that NCCDC would contact Salvation Army to suggest moving the Bin to Bruckland, if they would oversee the regular emptying of items. It was felt that the current contents

	<p>would probably be best destroyed as they were unlikely to still be in a usable condition.  <b>Action: NCDC to approach Salvation Army</b></p> <p><b>Memorial Plaque at Sullom</b>  It was noted that this issue was being addressed</p> <p><b>Invite to CAB AGM</b>  Members notified of event to be held 20/09/23</p> <p><b>Update on Crofting Applications Process</b>  A community update from Crofters' Commission</p> <p><b>Electoral Registration Canvasser</b>  Posts required  <b>Action: Clerk to post to Facebook</b></p> <p><b>Wildlife Sanctuary Request for funding</b>  See Item 7.</p> <p><b>Viking Community Fund</b>  Update from SCBF notifying a further £10K to be allocated to NCC in September, with £6,301.50 carried over from last year's</p>
<p><b>6. Visitor Levy Bill - Consultation</b></p>	<p>As agreed at last month's meeting, members engaged with the consultation guide.  This culminated in agreement that it was not something they wanted to see introduced to Shetland.  RM agreed to draft a response which Clerk would submit  <b>Action: RM to draft response; Clerk to submit</b></p>
<p><b>7. Discussion of Funding Request</b></p>	<p>Members discussed a recent request for funding from Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary required to comply with the Building Warrant for the Visitor Centre. The area around the new Visitor Centre needed to be tarmacked before being signed off. This was not within the planning requirements so had not been budgeted for.</p> <p>The first thing noted by members was that, the Community Council itself does not have funding to assist. The only other option they could suggest was to direct HWS to the SCBF. However, as this would ultimately come back to NCC for approval, several questions were raised by members. Namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is this required</li> <li>• Who came up with the cost quoted</li> <li>• Does it have to be tarmac – would chippings not suffice</li> <li>• Given the claims of high visitor numbers, clarification was requested of opening hours</li> </ul> <p>Members agreed that these points needed to be raised with SIC and/or HWS as appropriate. LH volunteered to speak with SIC.  <b>Action: LH to check on SIC details. Clerk to contact HWS</b></p>

<p><b>8. Correspondence</b></p>	<p><b>Marine Planning Consultation</b>          Relating to replacement of pontoon at Ronas Voe Shore Base with permanent pier.          No objections had been received nor were raised.  <b>Action: Clerk to relay above to Planning Dept.</b></p>
<p><b>9. AOCB</b></p>	<p><b>SCBF</b>          A member asked if the future level of funding (£2.2m) was a fixed annual amount or if it would be linked to inflation?  <b>Action: Clerk to contact SCBF</b></p>
<p><b>10. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Urafirth Primary School 7.30pm</p>

The meeting ended at: 20:25