

Sandwick Community Council

Minute of Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 28th November 2023.
Meeting held at Hoswick Visitor Centre

Members Present	Bryan Peterson (Chair), Jimmy Smith, Yvonne Malcolmson, Graeme Garrick, Michael Jamieson
Present	Cllr Robbie McGregor
Clerk	Heather Grieve
Apologies	Michael Duncan (SIC), Ana Arnett (SIC) Kevin Sandison (Vice-chair), Janet Dunnet, Ross Stopper, Andrew Stout
Invited	Cllr Allison Duncan, Cllr Alex Armitage
<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
Declaration of Interest	Cllr Robbie McGregor declared interest in any Planning matters.
Police Report	No new Police Report.
Approval of Previous Minutes	The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 31 st October 2023, were approved. Proposed by Jimmy Smith and seconded by Yvonne Malcolmson.
Matters arising from last Meeting.	Council has confirmed that they will cut the grass area at the phone box at central, then bulbs will be able to be planted. SIC have arranged for the power to be disconnected from the lamp post in Hoswick which is falling down, this should be done in 6-8 weeks.
Planning	No Planning Requests.
Finance Report	The Financial Report dated 31 st October 2023 was distributed to members. Accounts showed income and expenditure.
Community Council Grant	All applications were discussed. Members have followed guidelines whilst deciding which projects to fund. Clerk will contact all applicants. Awards were given to: South Mainland Kindergym £315 South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club £200
SCBF AGS	No new Applications. Clerk was informed that Community Councils were not able to draw down funds this year as future funding has yet to be finalised. Clerk to check whether funds will be able to be carried forward to next year.

**Any other
Business**

- a) The chair will attend the next Association of Community Council meeting on Thursday 7th December.
- b) Councillor Robbie informed the members that there would be a seminar in the new year looking at speed limits, on the lead up to this the council will be looking for information.
- c) Members discussed the capacity of buses being an issue, members felt that at times the buses could be very busy during the summer but were not aware of a capacity issue, Members would be interested in seeing any data available. However members did feel that the cruise ship buses put strain on toilet facilities in the South End especially with there being a limited number as well as pressure on the single track roads.
- d) Members discussed Clerks pay and agreed for an increase inline with the Shetland Island Council Pay increases.
- e) Members looked at the Community council Areas consultation. Many Members felt that the Areas should stay as they are, with the worry that combining the south end would result in under representation of each community, which would mean that it is harder to make a difference in each local area. Shetland Islands Council is currently **reviewing its Community Council Scheme of Establishment**. Phase one of the process involves public consultation on the plan of areas and composition. A plan of the areas and a summary of the current composition can be viewed on the council's website at www.shetland.gov.uk/ccshcemereview
- f) Yvonne Updated members on **bulb planting**, bulb planting is nearly completed. Members are planting around Sandwick and Hoswick and some bulbs have been given to the school.
- g) The Chair would like to Congratulate the Sandwick Youth and Community Centre for the success of the Community Christmas Tree.

Carried forward

- i. **Senior Pupil council invitation.** – Chair is in contact with Modern Studies teacher in order to organise a visit. Mr Andrew Hunter has been invited to the next community council meeting.
- ii. **Broonies Taing Pier** is an ongoing concern for the community, due to safety concerns the members of the community council are keen to see a resolution and will continue to support were appropriate. Clerk has been in contact with building standards.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

The next meeting is set for 7:30pm on Monday 22nd January 2024 at Hoswick visitor centre.

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