

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 16/10/23

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th September 2023 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

Andrew Blackadder
Marie Williamson
Kenny Pottinger

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Cllr Davie Sandison

2. APOLOGIES:

Mark Burgess
Lindsay Laurensen
Barbara Anderson
Roselyn Fraser – SIC

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2023 were proposed by Andrew and seconded by Marie.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Andrew was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Fire Festival: a letter of congratulations is still required to be sent out by the SCC

Action: Clerk

Scord: Catherine confirmed that Barrie Scobie had been in touch with a constituent with regard to the water coming down the Scord road, with hopes of necessary works being carried out in the near future.

In Person meetings: The possibility of in person meetings till needs to be discussed with the hall and youth centre.

Action: Clerk

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Recreate Scalloway: the two part time development workers started in August, and they have begun working through funding applications and making contacts within the community. They have made a good start so far, and SCDC are pleased with their current work.

7. ASCC UPDATE

The September meeting of the ASCC was postponed, and a date for the next ASCC is still to be determined.

8. ROADS

Cyclists on Cruise Ships: Lindsay received a response from Steve Matheson with regard to cyclists travelling through Shetland. The LPA and those organising trips into Shetland are to be contacted to see if short term action can be taken, until more permanent solutions can be created.

Cycle Paths: Marie has spoken with Ian Walterson and Robina Barton, and it was found that there is not an organisation or group currently in place; Robina has suggested that she will continue to look into this matter, to find people that would be interested and the legality and requirements that would have to be met. Marie also spoke with Jan Reece, who noted that there were off road funding opportunities. Marie will continue to work with this.

Sycamore Avenue: the clerk received a response from Colin Gair, and no further action is to be taken with the proposed prohibition of waiting. The members are disappointed that some of the issues raised as a result of this proposal will not be addressed; namely the lack of parking along Sycamore Avenue. Andrew wondered if there could be scope for the SCC to conduct a consultation within the area, to see if further action could be taken. It was also felt that Housing and Transport should have gotten together to discuss this matter together, though it was acknowledged that this would be unlikely. Ian has previously to constituents who have proposed that their gardens could be converted into parking spaces. It was decided that Housing should be contacted directly regarding this matter, and asked if any action could be taken by them.

Action: Clerk

9. POLICE

The Police Briefing papers for August/September will be sent out and read during the October meeting.

10. FINANCE

Annual Accounts: The annual accounts are being organised, and they are to be approved by the members of the SCC.

Action: Clerk

Community Development Fund: No applications to be discussed this month.

Community Benefit Fund: Eleanor Gear confirmed that the unused funds from last year get passed onto the next financial year. The Grant applications from the Shetland Canoe Club and the Shetland Amateur Competitive Swimming Club (Hurricanes) were considered, and it was decided to partially fund each application,

with the Shetland Canoe Club receiving £200, and the Hurricanes receiving £350. Eleanor is to be advised of this decision.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: there have continued to be delays with the Gallows Hill project, due to setback in getting stone from Bressay. Mark and Michael are continuing to work together to secure an extension. It was also suggested that Michael be contacted to check if this would affect further applications that could be made in the immediate project.

Action: Clerk

It was noted that for a future project, the Fisherman's Garden could possibly be a project to look into, as it is beginning to look shabby and could use seating. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

Jamieson Trust: Nothing further of note since the previous meeting

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Public Toilets: a constituent was in touch with regard to the current state of the public toilets in Scalloway. There appears to be mould on the walls, tiles are loose and water is overflowing. The constituent wanted to know if there could be funding from the SCC available to maintain the toilets. Whilst this does not seem to be possible, it was decided that sanitation should be contacted, requesting for work to be carried out on the toilets.

Action: Clerk

Mossy Hill Wind Farm: The Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council (TWWCC) has been in touch with the SCC concerning the Mossy Hill Wing Farm Community Benefit Scheme. There were questions as to how the funding should be split with this project, and whether the existing SCBF should continue to be used for this funding. The TWWCC were hoping for a joint approach for getting in touch with the SCBF. It was felt by the SCC that the creation of a separate SCBF for this funding would be excessive, and that the current scheme should continue to be used. It was also felt that the majority of funding, if not the entirety of the funds, should be distributed by the areas being directly affected by the construction of the wind farm; this being the areas that have land that is being used for the wind turbines. It was decided to get in touch with TWWCC to discuss the approach of the community councils, to ensure that a cohesive response to the SCBF can be arranged.

Action: Clerk

12. PLANNING

No planning to be discussed this month.

13. AOCB

In Person Meetings: the matter of restarting in person meetings was raised again. It was decided that the clerk would discuss options for venues further with Mark.

Action: Clerk, Mark

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 16th October 2023 via Zoom on-line; this may be subject to change.

Meeting ended at 20:45.