

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 15/01/24

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2023 at 7pm at the Scalloway Public Hall.

1. PRESENT:

Mark Burgess
Lindsay Laurenson
Barbara Anderson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Cllr Davie Sandison
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott
Linda Tulloch (Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council)
Roselyn Fraser – SIC

2. APOLOGIES:

Andrew Blackadder
Marie Williamson
Kenny Pottinger

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2023 were proposed by Mark and seconded by Barbara

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Mark was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting by Lindsay, and seconded by Barbara

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mossy Hill: Linda Tulloch, Vice Chair of the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council (TWWCC) kindly attended the SCC's meeting, to co-ordinate a response with Chris Bunyan concerning the method in which funding would be distributed, and the amount of funding each community council should expect to receive. It was felt that whilst the community councils agreed with the majority of the initial letter submitted, it was felt that the strong line regarding all funding being designated solely to the SCC and TWWCC may have been too strong a line, which would need to be communicated with Chris. It was agreed that a joint response would be required, to ensure that the community councils' perspectives could be correctly interoperated. The approach of the Yell Community Council and the Yell wind farms were discussed at length, as the members compared their handling of funding compared to the CBF. Concerns were raised to a number of different issues that may arise with the Mossy Hill project, such as the creation of a

decommissioning board, and the actual funding that the two community councils should expect to receive as a result of this project.

It was agreed that Mark and a representative from the TWWCC would draft further correspondence to Chris, conveying the SCC's interpretation of 'majority' of funds and ensuring that ambiguity was eliminated; the representative of the Yell wind turbine project would also be contacted to advise on some of the technical details

Action: Mark, TWWCC

Linda left the meeting at this point.

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

The AGM for SCDC is to be held 28th November, with one of the major topics at hand being the purchase of part of the Kirk Community Centre, to be used as a community space. The development workers are to be stationed there, and will be accessible to local businesses and groups that require space for meetings and interviews.

7. ASCC UPDATE

The next ASCC meeting is to be held 7th December. It was noted that Alistair Carmichael MP and Beatrice Wishart MSP hosted a digital forum, which related back to the issues the SCC had previously raised regarding BT Openreach and connectivity resilience during adverse weather conditions; other community councils have also used the letter drafted by Mark as a template for their own enquiries to BT, showing the extent of the concern in Shetland. Mark is to attend the next meeting, and suggest OFCOM be contacted in addition to the ongoing works being carried out.

Action: Mark

8. ROADS

20 MPH Zones: There was an enquiry as to whether the SCC would press further for the 20mph zones in Scalloway, given that trials are seemingly being conducted. It was mentioned that some areas appeared to be undoing their speed limits, which was possibly related to traffic calming measures being used in conjunction with speed limits, which is often negatively received. It was decided that the SCC would wait until the research had been completed, and Mraig would continue to liaise with the Transport Committee to keep up to date with developments

Action: Moraig

Ladysmith Road: Roads responded to the Clerk's correspondence, and confirmed that the necessary works would be completed at the end of the financial year. Lindsay emphasises that the lights both at the bottom and top of Ladysmith Road are not functioning, which needs to be communicated to Roads.

Action: Clerk

Prince Olaf Street: part of a wall has fallen down on Price Olaf Street, which could be a hazard for pedestrians. A request for this to be repaired or cleared is to be submitted to Roads

Action: Clerk

9. POLICE

The Police Briefing papers for August/September were read out, with the Scalloway section reading as follows:

“There have been 12 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows: Road Traffic Collision; Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury; Assault (2); Neighbour Dispute (3); Vandalism; Extortion; Fraud; Concern for Person; Sexual Offence”

10. FINANCE

Annual Accounts: VAS has supplied the SCC with the annual accounts for 2022-23. Whilst the committee approve of the accounts, it is noted that the formatting of the previously discussed £100 has been questioned. It has been decided that Roselyn and the clerk will discuss this in further detail, and that a revised version will be submitted for the January meeting.

Action: Clerk, Roselyn

Community Development Fund: no further applications submitted

Community Benefit Fund: no further applications submitted.

Special Project Grants: an extension to the Gallows Hill project has been granted up to 31st January. The stone for the project is currently with the stone mason, and a draft for the interpretative board has been prepared. Mark will continue to check the progress of the project, and get a quote from Art Machine for the works they are carrying out.

Action: Mark

Jamieson Trust: Mark has spoken to Njordi Ltd, who have provided an estimate for the repair of the clock. He will speak to the hall trustees to discuss the cost and alternatives if this is not approved.

Action: Mark

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

12. PLANNING

2023/277/PPF: Change of Use of Land from demolished youth centre to light industrial storage at Moore's Slip, Malakoff, Main Street, Scalloway. It was noted that when the youth centre was initially demolished, measures to clear the area were not carried out at the time. There are concerns for the aesthetic of the area,

and that items being stored in this area could somewhat of an eyesore if not stored carefully. It was decided that Planning would be contacted, and that the SCC are content for the works to be carried out as long as storage is carried out in a manner sympathetic to the conservation area and the locals.

Action: Clerk

13. AOCB

McGuire's Beach: Barbara has been approached by a constituent, who noted that the bench at McGuire's Beach is in poor condition. It was noted that previously, Bridges had been the ones that had painted the bench, with materials supplied by SCC. Bridges is to be contacted again to see if they are able to carry out further works.

Action: Clerk

Bins: Barbara has noted that in some areas of Scalloway, there seems to be an excess of litter, which she believes is due to birds pulling rubbish out of the bins. Sanitation is to be contacted to enquire about what steps should be taken to alleviate this issue

Action: Clerk

Blydoit Bus Shelter: one of the panels in the Bydoit bus shelter has been broken. Roads is to be contacted to see if this could be repaired.

Action: Clerk

Toilets: Ian confirmed what Marie had stated in the previous meeting that the Scalloway Public Toilets are in a much better condition after the works had been carried out by Building Services. Ian did note that there are some areas that could still be improved, such as cleaning of the bulb covers; Ian will continue to keep in touch with Building Services to see if this can be done.

Action: Ian

Resilience Planning: a first draft of the community resilience plan was circulated around the members, which Roselyn has offered to review. It was noted that whilst the template that was circulated around the community councils was incredibly detailed and a good starting point, there are a number of instances where key people need to be identified clearly, rather than a general identification of requirements, which could be argued should be a secondary step from the initial plan. It was noted that services such as the Scottish Ambulance Service offer courses in first aid and first responder courses, which could be useful for individuals incorporated into the community response plan; it was also felt that this could work in conjunction with the fire service's voluntary team, who would most likely be mobilised in the case of an emergency situation.

Christmas Voucher Scheme: it has been decided that the members of the SCC will be hand delivering the vouchers on 18th December, in place of the December

meeting. This is in line with the method these were distributed pre-Covid. The list of names is to be updated, and distributed to the members

Action: Clerk, members

Christmas Window Cup: It was decided that Marie and Barbara will judge the windows this year, with the cup to be retrieved from Harbour Knitwear.

Action: Barbara, Marie

Members: The correct co-option forms were passed onto Barbara and Marie. Joanne Holden has been removed from the membership of the SCC, proposed by Mark and seconded by Lindsay. The correct forms are to be delivered to Michael at the earliest convenience.

Action: Barbara, Marie

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 15th January 2024 at the Scalloway Public Hall. The December meeting (18th December) will be designated to distributing the vouchers as part of the over 80s voucher scheme.

Meeting ended at 21:30.