

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 8th January 2024 held in Ullafirth Primary School.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:
Cllr D Brown
Cllr R Doull
Cllr K Scollay
Cllr D Robertson
Cllr G Anderson

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr T Morton
Cllr E MacDonald

Apologies Submitted:
Cllr R McGeady
Cllr J Parry
Cllr E Robertson
Mr M Duncan - SIC
Inspector Greshon - Police Scotland

In attendance:
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk
Mr K Puxley
Ms L Hall - SIC
Mr G Steel – Scottish Water
Mr J Shaw – Scottish Water

The meeting started at: 7.30pm
Cllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2.Declarations of Interest.	<p>Cllr G Anderson for St Olaf Community Club AGS application and local grant application.</p> <p>Cllr D Brown for St Olaf Community Club AGS application and local grant applications for St Olaf Community Club, Northmavine History Group, Ollaberry Youth Club and Ollaberry Primary School</p> <p>Cllr D Robertson for local grant application for the Northmavine History Group</p>
3.Approval Of Previous Minute	Approved by Cllr R Doull and seconded by Cllr G Anderson.

4. Police Report.	There was no police presence at the meeting. It was noted from the most recent report that there were 5 incidents in Northmavine which included 1 road traffic incident.												
5. Matters Arising	<p>NCDC C Anderson advised that there was no further update regarding the removal of the cars at the Bruckland junction. Further efforts will be made with a view to removing the vehicles as soon as possible.</p> <p>C Anderson confirmed that there had been recent delays regarding the NCDC move to Bruckland and that the moving date had not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>Viking Community Fund No update in this regard. It was noted that the new scheme will commence in September 2024.</p> <p>Road Flooding at New Cottage, Eshaness and pot holes in Ollaberry had been dealt with. C Anderson said she had meant to contact CCllr D Brown to see if he had spoken with the Roads department before sending an email. CCllr DB raised issue of the Breckons where a vehicle had ended up on its roof on Boxing Day due to icy conditions. It was also noted that the cattle grid Ollaberry and road at Islesburgh remained an issue. Action: Clerk to contact Roads Dept.</p>												
6. Scottish Water presentation.	<p>Gavin Steel and John Shaw from Scottish Water provided a presentation clarifying the proposed replacement to the water treatment works.</p> <p>The current Eela water treatment works (WTW), one of two on Mainland Shetland, were opened in 1978 and are coming to the end of their operational life.</p> <p>The proposal is to build the new WTW adjacent to the current site at an approximate cost of £45 million. The new WTW will be built off site and transported to site for assembly and conditioning.</p> <p>The proposed schedule to replace the water treatment works was confirmed as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="539 1675 1284 2078"> <tr> <td>Submit Planning Application</td> <td>Jan/Feb 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning permission approval</td> <td>April 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Start on site</td> <td>Summer 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treatment Units on site</td> <td>Summer 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Works complete</td> <td>Winter 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Testing and Commissioning</td> <td>Jan-Jun 2026</td> </tr> </table>	Submit Planning Application	Jan/Feb 2024	Planning permission approval	April 2024	Start on site	Summer 2024	Treatment Units on site	Summer 2025	Works complete	Winter 2025	Testing and Commissioning	Jan-Jun 2026
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	<p>Water into Supply Summer 2026</p> <p>Completion Summer 2026</p> <p>It was confirmed that Scottish Water will maintain communication throughout the process and will also look to engage with the local community. It was also noted that Scottish Water are contactable 24 hours per day should any issues arise.</p> <p>CCllr Brown enquired about the potential visual impact that the new installation may have for the local residents with regard to the lighting at night. Mr Steel did not believe that this would be an issue but would seek confirmation and revert back. CCllr Brown also enquired as to what would happen to the site of the previous installation. Mr Steel advised that it was a possibility that wind turbines may be erected but investigation was still ongoing regarding suitability. Mr Steel also advised that the removal of the redundant WTW may be the subject of a separate application.</p> <p>CCllr Brown asked whether local contractors would be used. Mr Shaw said the main contractor was Ross-shire Engineering, but he knew they had been in contact with at least two local firms – Garriocks and Tullochs.</p> <p>Cllr Morton enquired about the need for chemical additions to water supply in the light of the revolutionary filters being deployed?</p> <p>Mr Steel advised that the new treatment process was not expected to bring significant change in this respect, although the new WTW would involve modern/renewed equipment to monitor and control the way drinking water is produced. Chemicals had a number of important roles in providing high quality drinking water on a reliable basis. The effectiveness of modern filtration systems meant that water often has to be “re-mineralised” to meet customer’s expectations, where the filtration has removed aspects of the water’s natural chemistry. The water also has to remain safe all the way through the water network to customers taps; and at Eela Water WTW this was achieved via a process called chloramination. This would be incorporated within the new WTW. If there are further specific concerns, then they would be raised with colleagues who are more expert in this aspect of the treatment process.</p> <p>Mr Steel was also asked if the new water works would result in jobs for Shetland residents. Mr Steel responded it was likely that the team number would stay the same, however there is an apprenticeship/graduation programme in place which will benefit Shetland residents.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send out slides from meeting</p> <p>GS and JS left meeting at 19.57</p>
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7. Community Council Scheme Review	<p>It was confirmed by CCllr Brown that the consultation remains open until Friday 12th January.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to share consultation on NCC facebook page</p>
8. AGS Applications	<p>The applications discussed were for Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary (£500 towards the resurfacing of the gravel area at the visitors centre) and St Olaf Community Club (£10,000 towards the refurbishment of the wind turbine at Ollaberry Hall) After a discussion it was agreed to award 100% to the Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary and to defer St Olaf Community Club until the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to inform AGS of decision</p>
9. Consideration of local grant applications	<p>The following local grant applications were discussed:</p> <p>North Roe Primary School £600 (To provide transport for school trips)</p> <p>Ollaberry Primary School £580 (To provide transport for school trips)</p> <p>Urafirth Primary School £500 (To provide transport for school trips)</p> <p>Ollaberry Youth Club £520 (To fund two workshops with Babs Clubb)</p> <p>St Olaf Community Club £2000 (Towards overall costs of a new wind turbine)</p> <p>Northmavine History Group £500 (To purchase new folders and acid free plastic pockets to protect the photo archive and also to purchase a scanner to begin the process of digitally archiving the collection)</p> <p>It was agreed to award all applications 100% apart from the St Olaf Community Club grant which will be deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted by Cllr Brown that the funding monies were currently vastly undersubscribed, and it was agreed to defer the application deadline to the end of January.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to arrange for further advertisement in the newspaper and advertise on social media.</p>
10. Correspondence	<p>Bench Donation</p> <p>Julie Graham from SSE had been in contact with all local Community Councils to ask if they would like a bench donated. It was agreed by those present that the offer would be gratefully accepted especially as the benches at Mavis Grind were starting to show signs of wear and tear.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Julie Graham.</p> <p>Signage Proposal</p> <p>Communication had been received from Mr Paul Moar suggesting new signs to be located at Northmavine and Mavis Grind with the old Norse placenames. It was agreed that this matter should be looked at in more detail at a future date.</p>

	<p>Locality Profile Meeting Ms Hall advised that the locality profile meeting, held in Brae in November 2023, was very productive and that useful feedback was received on subjects such as local facilities, transport and the drive to achieve net zero. The North Mainland Locality Profile is now available to view on SIC website.</p> <p>Community Council Webinar – Skills Support CCllr Brown advised that the aforementioned Webinar would be held on Thursday 18th January 2024.</p> <p>PTSN Switchover Recent communication received from SIC in this regard was discussed. It was noted that the latest communication detailed the actions to be put in place to protect vulnerable households when phone lines are upgraded to digital in 2025.</p>
<p>11. AOCB</p>	<p>Bus service complaint Cllr Morton advised of recent complaints from residents regarding the bus service. The complainants advise of drivers ignoring waiting passengers and also of certain individuals being blocked from the Facebook group when posts are added to advise of disruption to timetables. The matter was discussed, and it was suggested that the Zetrans should be made aware of the complaints. It was also noted that the problem may be due to a new driver on the route. Action: Clerk to contact Zetrans</p>
<p>12. Date and time of next meeting</p>	<p>5th February 2024 at 19.30 in the Ollaberry Primary School</p>

The meeting ended at: 20.35