

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes subject to approval at next Community Council meeting

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:	APOLOGIES
CCLlr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	William Polson (WP) – Vice Chair
CCLlr Margaret Hughson (MH)	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
CCLlr Gilbert Irvine (Gil)	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)
	Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH)
	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT)
	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD)
	Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)
	Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland
	Neil Hutchinson – SIC Roads

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL chaired meeting and welcomed all.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

JL asked if all were happy with minutes. Gil approved, JL seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Current account was shared with members by clerk

All agreed that surplus funds could be used for gravel requests and asked clerk to confirm costs for gravel with delivery with both Robbie and George

ACTION: Clerk to gather costs for next meeting

1. Whalsay Tunnel Action Group

JL asked if there was any updates

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up with RTH and Whalsay Tunnel Group

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2. ROADS, FENCE AT DUMP , STREETLIGHTS CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

MH asked clerk to follow up about works to bus shelter and Wild Gardens as some of the works was proposed to be completed by end of October and ask for timescales.

All discussed the dangers to local residents and kids travelling by foot in both areas and emphasised the urgent need for works to be done

All discussed the lack of gritters on the road both on Whalsay as well as Mainland Shetland over festive season when there was evidential need for these works to be undertaken and noted that the service was limited. Reports of black ice and key workers not being able to get to places safely was reported.

ACTION – Clerk to follow up

3. POLICE MATTERS

All reported that 4th night event was success and there were no incidents reported. No police report to share

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up

4. DENTIST

JL – asked clerk to find out why there was no dentist as promised.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

5. FUNDING

All discussed the Participatory Budget Event and agreed to the following timeline;

Applications deadline for submission by 5th February with a presentation/voting event for 13th March 2024 and asked clerk to follow up with relevant local groups and consult with Roselyn.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up

6. WCC Meeting Dates

The following dates for forthcoming meetings was agreed 13th Feb, 26th Mar, 7TH May, 18TH June, 3rd Sept, 8TH Oct, 19TH Nov, 14TH Jan, 18th Feb and 25th Mar for 2024/2025

ACTION: Clerk asked to send to MD

7. The Old Dock and Grieves House

Ongoing. Clerk confirmed no update for funding and progress from Hazel Sutherland

JL suggested inviting Hazel Sutherland for another meeting for update.

WP Reiterated that the area was in a worse condition and needed to be addressed again with SIC

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

8. FERRIES

All discussed the extra runs at Xmas and noted bookings could not be made over the Festive period for these crossings. The scheduled runs should be running whether there are any bookings. All asked clerk to follow up

ACTION: Clerk to follow up with SIC.

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9. NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked. Topics to include Participatory Budget, WCDG, Sign, Tunnel Group - on hold once new funds received.

ACTION Ongoing

10. Skips

JL asked clerk to obtain date for last skip hire for March

ACTION: Clerk to obtain date

11. BT Openreach

Clerk shared latest report, and all discussed the lack of clarity regarding HomeLink connections and asked clerk to follow up

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up with DA and RTH

Meeting closed at 8.14pm

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 13th February 2024 @ 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Teams for others considering joining.