

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 19/02/24

## SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm via Zoom.

1. PRESENT:

Andrew Blackadder  
Lindsay Laurenson – Connection interrupted  
Kenny Pottinger  
Barbara Anderson  
Marie Williamson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk  
Cllr Catherine Hughson  
Cllr Davie Sandison  
Cllr Moraig Lyall  
Cllr Ian Scott  
Alistair Hunter – Transport Policy and Projects Assistant for ZetTrans, SIC  
Robina Barton – Transport Policy and Projects Officer for ZetTrans, SIC

2. APOLOGIES:

Mark Burgess  
Michael Duncan

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were unable to be proposed; Andrew noted the following amendment:

*Section 6. Scalloway Community Development Company: The Kirk Business Centre was incorrectly identified as the Kirk Community Centre.*

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Andrew was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting by Marie and seconded by Kenny.

5. ACTIVE TRAVEL

Robina Burton and Alistair Hunter attended the meeting on behalf of Shetland's Active Travel Strategy Team. Robina confirmed that Scalloway had been one of eight settlements in Shetland that had been audited to identify barriers to active travel by speaking to stakeholders, residents and the SCC; from there, recommendations were made and an audit report was created. The next step will be to choose the projects to carry out, and identify funding streams for carrying out these works. Robina pointed out that of the 300 total recommendations that came from the audit of the eight settlements, the recommendations varied in cost and

scale, from reducing speed limits in some areas to creating new walking and cycling paths. Funding provided by the Scottish Government has been increasing since 2018, with the funding available to active travel projects coming to about 10% of the overall transport budget. Robina emphasised that priority projects need to be selected and action taken to develop these, so that funding can be sought. It was noted that priority projects did not have to be 'singular'; a number of the recommendations could be selected and combined into projects. A list of the projects and recommendations for Scalloway were circulated, and there was a request for initial thoughts that could be shared with Active Travel. The deadline for this is 19<sup>th</sup> February, which is why a response was urgent. Robina noted that the path between the Trondra Brig and A970 is already being developed, and therefore is not the focus of Active Travel in this instance; there has also been a feasibility study carried out for a cycle path between Scalloway and Lerwick, with further plans for a 'cycle triangle' for Scalloway, Lerwick and Tingwall being proposed. From an initial examination of the proposals provided by Active Travel it was felt that combining the projects surrounding the nursery and primary school would be a good area to focus on, as the concerns noted in the report have been raised at meetings held by the Parent Council of Scalloway, and had been highlighted by Recreate Scalloway's feasibility study. Davie also noted that the Berry View housing estate which is currently being developed would benefit from these recommendations being addressed.

With SCC's recommendations being noted, Robina confirmed that for any projects going forward, further consultations with stakeholders and the public will need to be carried out. In the meantime, this will be added to a list to be shared with ZetTrans for approval, and from there the selected projects will be assessed to see which should be proposed first; the projects would be assessed for overall cost, expected timeframe for completion, how far the project has been developed, etc. At the end of this assessment project, there will hopefully be a list of 16 projects that will be applying for funding this financial year.

Robina and Alistair were thanked for their attendance, and their comprehensive explanation of Active Travel's aims and development of the audit. Robina will be back in touch once further information is available.

Robina and Alistair left the meeting at this point.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

**Mossy Hill:** Mark and the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council (TWWCC) would draft further correspondence with Chris Bunyan concerning funding distribution for the Mossy Hill Wind Farm. The clerk will speak to Mark to ascertain if there are any further updates.

### **Action: Clerk**

**Resilience Planning:** the first initial draft of the resilience plan is to be circulated to the members of the SCC.

### **Action: Clerk**

**Public Toilets:** Ian is to speak to buildings to arrange for the fittings around the lights in the public toilets to be cleared out:

**Action: Ian**

**Co-option Forms:** Barbara and Marie have completed and submitted their co-option forms.

7. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

The AGM for SCDC was held in November, which unfortunately had a poor turn out. SCDC are planning to do an assessment on whether the community would benefit from a community hub space that could be used as a temporary office space for meetings, interviews and hot-desking; the plan had been to have this discussion at the AGM, but due to the lack of attendees, other arrangements will be made to ascertain the community's interest in this proposal.

The success of the caravan park was highlighted once again, and it was suggested that for the 2024 season further improvements would be made to the site, including the installation of a shed for equipment in use, as well as the installation of a playpark.

Concerning the Waterfront study, stakeholders have been approached to discuss how the project will progress, with the top priority being how to develop and enhance Burn Beach, including how to make it more accessible.

The Corra funds that SCDC distributed has now come to an end, with the funds distributed to those affected by Covid 19 and the cost of living crisis. SCDC will continue to keep an eye out for similar funding.

SCDC are currently accepting new directors, and would implore anyone that had an interest to apply.

8. ASCC UPDATE

The previous ASCC meeting was held in December. Mark was in attendance, and due to his absence there was not much to update. The clerk will communicate with Mark and the ASCC to see if there are any updates.

**Action: Clerk**

9. ROADS

**Ladysmith Road:** A further request for action is to be submitted to roads

**Action: Clerk**

**Blydoit:** Roads is to receive further correspondence with regard to the bus shelter's broken panel

**Action: Clerk**

**East Voe:** it has been noted that the drains along the left side of East Voe appear to be blocked, which would seem to be due to excess of leaves, litter and overgrowth. Roads is to be contacted to handle the clearing of the drains.

**Action: Clerk**

10. POLICE

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

*“There have been 12 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows: Fail To Stop and Report Collision (2); Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury; Noise Complaint; Vandalism; Fraud; Concern for Person; Mental Health (4); Drugs – Attempt to Possess”*

11. FINANCE

**Community Development Fund:** no further applications submitted

**Community Benefit Fund:** no further applications submitted.

**Special Project Grants:** as Mark was not in attendance, there were no further updates.

**Jamieson Trust:** as Mark was not in attendance, there were no further updates.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

13. PLANNING

There are no planning applications to be considered for this meeting.

14. AOCB

**Review of Community Council Structure:** it was understood that the deadline for submitting comments for the review of community council scheme of establishment had been extended, and that the SCC would be interested in submitting a comment. It was agreed that the SCC was content with the current boundaries that were in place. These comments are to be shared with the relevant party.

**Action: Clerk**

**McGuire’s Beach:** Bridges is still to be contacted to carry out the necessary works.

**Action: Clerk**

**Bins:** Sanitation has been contacted, and a response is still to be received.

**Action: Clerk**

**Blydoit Bus Shelter:** A response from Roads is still required

**Action: Clerk**

**Christmas Voucher Scheme:** the vouchers were handed out in December, and there have been thanks from the community. It was noted that there were some

names that were not included on the list; a voucher with a later use by date are to be issued to these individuals.

**Action: Clerk**

**Christmas Window Cup:** Marie and Barbara had decided that Harbour Knitwear have won the Christmas Window competition again; photographs are to be taken for publishing in the Scord Notes, which Mark will be advised of.

**Action: Clerk, Mark**

**Soundibanks:** the bench located in Soundibanks has been turned upside down due to the storms experienced in Shetland; the person that originally set this up is to be contacted, to see where the responsibility of restoration lies.

**Action: Ian**

**Community Council Boundaries Consultation:** It was noted that the consultation period had been extended, and that the SCC were of the opinion that the current set up of the 18 community councils should not be changed. This is to be passed onto the relevant persons.

**Action: Clerk**

**Members:** Barbara and Marie's co-option forms have now been passed on.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Scalloway Public Hall.

Meeting ended at 20:27.