

# BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 29 January 2024 in Bressay Hall.

### Present:

Lindsay Tulloch (Chair)  
Shirley Gifford  
Kath Duffus  
Matt Mason  
Katrina Gifford  
Richard Burrell  
Joanne Fraser

### In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)  
Ashlea Tulloch – Shetland Women's Aid  
Alistair Hunter – SIC Transport Planning

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed guests and members to the hall. Members were asked for any objections to recording the meeting – there were none.

#### Apologies were noted from:

Kevin Main  
Alistair Christie-Henry  
Margaret Macdonald

#### 2. Declarations of interest:

The Chair asked for declarations of interest – none received.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman reviewed the draft minutes of the meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and sought their approval. Proposed by Kath, seconded by Shirley.

#### 4. Matters Outstanding (actions not elsewhere on agenda or completed):

##### Continued AP1 Community Resilience plan

Ongoing – the Chair attended the Hall Committee meeting earlier in the month to discuss the grant we have received for the generator. There were some concerns regarding the housing and the on-going maintenance however there is still support for the project. Additional funding will be required to accomplish the project and the Chair will visit the Development Group in Yell, on the 20<sup>th</sup> February. to see how they have addressed the outstanding issues.

**Action: Chair**

**AP1: Feedback on Ferry timetable and other issues**

Michael Craigie has been unable to address this, yet, so we will keep this on-going.

**Action: Chair/Shirley**

**AP2: Follow up in funding for Ferry and NHS appointments**

Still ongoing however we hope to get a meeting with Brian Chittock in the near future.

**Action: Chair**

**AP3: Explore Tunnels Sounding Board group**

We are having a meeting for the public to discuss this and had contacted the Project Manager for the Connectivity Group to see if she would like to attend, she cannot, however would welcome feedback. Ideally, we would like to incorporate this with another discussion and we will come back to this later in the meeting.

**AP4: Raise the issue of Ferry (Lerwick side) parking**

Parking issues at the Lerwick side – nothing fed back yet; however, we will remind Kevin before the next meeting.

**Action: Kevin**

**AP5: Review shelf life of Speldiburn defibrillator batteries and obtain quotes for replacements**

The general condition of the unit is good, it has an eight-year warranty on it and they still sell the unit so it is still fit for purpose. There is no Juvenile key so is not suitable for use on children, however Kath could confirm the need to shock a child is very rare therefore this was not deemed to be a necessary accessory. Batteries have a shelf life of five years and a useable life of four years so we would need to ascertain when the batteries were installed – the clerk will try to get this information. Currently the batteries are still serviceable and in future we will keep a note of installation date. We will require pads; these get changed every two years and after every use so two sets would be optimum, although one would suffice. The cost of batteries is £150 incl. VAT and pads are £65 incl. VAT. A new unit would be in the region of £750 to £1200 plus VAT. Currently there is no indication of a low battery so replacement is just for consideration and with the long shelf life would be good to have available, pads are required. Decision was made to get a battery and two sets of pads.

**Action: Matt/Clerk**

**AP6: Prepare a Community Meeting regarding crossing the Sound in the future**

Ongoing

**AP7: Speak to the History Group regarding the Kiosk at Ham**

The History Group are supportive of taking over the ownership of the Kiosk. They will then arrange for the repair and apply for grants for same. Stephen is happy to be involved in the repair as a Community Volunteer and will come back to us/them with a detailed quote. An initial cost of the shipping has been quoted as £350, he will look around and try to get cheaper shipping quotes, meanwhile the cost is standing at just short of £800. **Action: Chair**

**AP8: Arrange for a speaker and posters from Woman's Aid** **Done**

**AP9: on-line response to Community Councils Consultation** **Done**

**AP10: Obtain quotes for cutting down overgrown garden and bird tables etc.**

Shetland Gardening are due to cut down this once a year although they didn't come last year and have been unable to come yet because of the snow. It was considered this would be a starting point, and we will pick this up again further in the agenda.

**5. Member and Visitor Reports: None**

**6. Women's Aid Presentation – Ashlea Tulloch**

Ashlea is the Prevention Education Co-ordinator for Shetland Woman's aid who has just had their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She gave a very informative talk on the role of the service and outlined the facilities and services they offer including their children's service and the introduction of their services into education. From a community council point of view, it was useful how it can be promoted and the public made aware of the services available.

## **7. Active Travel Update – Alistair Hunter**

Sustrans has been identifying places throughout Shetland where there was the suitability for footpaths and has drawn up a list of priorities across 300 places in 16 settlements. In Bressay the main priorities have been identified as, firstly, from the Ferry to Maryfield with pavement and lighting and secondly the sector from the shop to the Glebe. Various funds are available by Transport Scotland the main one being looked at is the Active Travel Transport Fund, however, they are looking for projects that are build ready to start in the new financial year. The Bressay ones will take longer to plan so it would probably start in 2025/2026. These seem quite straightforward projects so the aim would be to get them done as soon as possible. Because we are in an Island environment there is more flexibility in design compared to say the project in Tingwall which is much wider and not suitable for here. The next step will be for the legal team to investigate obtaining land, that and applying for funding will be paperwork progressed by the Active Travel Team.

**8. Planning Applications:** None.

**9. Infrastructure –** Already covered all the outstanding items.

**10. Island Connectivity –** Following on from earlier discussion the next set was setting a date for the public meeting. It was suggested the first week in March would be suitable, then details could be finalised at the next meeting, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March was decided to be the most suitable date.

**Action: Clerk/Chair**

**11. Ella's Park Garden Project –** We require hard standing for the picnic benches, the plastic used in paths at the salmon farms could be ideal. Priority was to get a contractor in to dig out the sites and paths. As a small project we possibly wouldn't get a large contractor interested and it would be ideal to keep within the island. It was decided in the first instance to approach an islander with a small digger. Richard will pass on to Katrina the details of the free benches and discounts he had obtained. Long term objective would be to get the garden up and running and pass over to a group to manage.

**Action: Katrina/Chair**

**12: Financial Report and Grant Applications:** The Clerk had circulated the current financial statement and Hall grant application. The Clerk explained each of the sets of funds where they are currently and how our funds are split. Some discussion ensued on funding for skips. Currently these are funded from the core fund, however should another island group offer to host a skip they could apply to us for funding. The Clerk will prepare the breakdown of the application for the core funding in advance of grant application deadline. Some discussion ensued on the Project fund; it was noted the same project cannot be repeated in subsequent years. The consensus was to look at an environmental project tidying/signage etc. making the island more attractive to visitors. Joanna will find out if the SIC could look favourably on a clean up project especially in the light of the need for a ferry trip to Lerwick to access the tip. She will also see what other Community Councils have had for their Project. We are endorsing the History Group with their application to have the Bressay Stone at the Lerwick museum and we could perhaps work with them on a project to make Bressay a more attractive place, perhaps using the Bressay stone image as a logo on our signage etc. Investing in leaflets to direct people to attractions, a what three words trail, apps, craft trail signs, etc,

The Hall had submitted an application for a grant for audio-visual equipment, suitable for the meeting room and the main hall. Some discussion ensued on the size of TV, however storage of something bigger would be challenging to store and this is a suitable entry point. Support was unanimous. BDL have also approached us to discuss funding for a new till system. After all our commitments have been discharged, we would have approximately

£500 left in the Distribution Fund, we will reply that we could be able to part fund and can direct them to other funding. **Action: Clerk**

**13. Bressay Groups Update:** - no further updates

**14. Any Other Business:** There was a query on the cutting of the verges that seems to have stopped. The ditches at Heogan were being cleared but it is not clear if this extended to verge cutting. There was some thought that this had been stopped, however we need to enquire further. **Action: Shirley**

There had been an enquiry from BDL regarding obtaining a Shingles vaccine at the Health Hub. We will forward on to Kim Anderson. **Action: Clerk**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February BDL is having a workshop on the Island Survey – the Chair encouraged as many members as possible to attend.

We still have one Community Ferry run available for this year – the Clerk will advertise this on FaceBook. **Action: Clerk**

**15. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date

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## **The remainder of this document does not form part of the public minute**

Summary of new and outstanding actions

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| <b><u>Continued AP1</u> Community Resilience plan</b>  | <b>Action: Chair</b>         |
| <b>AP1: Feedback on Ferry timetable and other issues</b>   | <b>Action: Chair/Shirley</b> |
| <b>AP2: Follow up in funding for Ferry and NHS appointments</b>  | <b>Action: Chair</b>         |
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| <b>AP4: Assess age of Speldiburn defibrillator batteries and order replacements</b><br><b>Action: Clerk/Matt</b> |                              |
| <b>AP5: Advance the repairs/ownership of the Kiosk at Ham</b>  | <b>Action: Chair</b>         |
| <b>AP6: Advertise meeting regarding Island Connectivity</b>  | <b>Action: Clerk</b>         |
| <b>AP7: Organise quotes for hard landscaping at Ella's Park</b>  | <b>Action: Katrina/Chair</b> |
| <b>AP8: Enquire as to the status of verge cutting</b>  | <b>Action: Shirley</b>       |
| <b>AP9: Reply to BDL re Funding for till</b>   | <b>Action: Clerk</b>         |
| <b>AP10: Forward Shingles Vaccination query to Kim Anderson</b>  | <b>Action: Clerk</b>         |
| <b>AP11: Advertise Community Ferry Run on FB</b>   | <b>Action: Clerk</b>         |