

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th JANUARY 2024 AT MOSSBANK SCHOOL

2024/01/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman	Mr A Hall
Mr E Smith	Mr B Moreland
Ms E Macdonald (On Teams)	Ms R Griffiths

2024/01/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter, Clerk
Ms E Jarvie
Ms L Hall Community Involvement & Development Officer
Member of Police Scotland
Mr G Millar (SSF) Area Farming Manager
Ms Anne Anderson (SSF) Sustainability and Development (On Teams)
Mr Chris Webb (SSF) Head of Environment (On Teams)

2024/01/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2024/01/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms J Dennison and Mr J Milne

2024/01/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2023 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Mr A Hall.

2024/01/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2024/01/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

2024/01/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – There is now a concrete plinth in situ.
- 8.2 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.3 Place Plan for Delting** - Members to speak with Robina Barton at next meeting. Ms L Hall spoke about the new school coming to Brae, and Rural Energy Hub at the Youth Centre and changes to NHS services which would be a place plan. The chairperson said about District Heating scheme coming to Brae which is funded through Rural Energy Hub.
- 8.4 Lack of Councillors in attendance** – Ms Emma Macdonald Joined on Teams. This item is closed until Members deem it necessary to bring it forward again.

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- 8.5 **Sparl Road at Voe** – there was no update on this item. Until the Voe community decide on their way forward this item be closed.
- 8.6 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Laxabiggin Kirkyard, Mossbank** – there was no update on this item. This item will not be progressed by the Council in the current financial climate.
- 8.8 **Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.9 **Testing at Scatsta** – The Clerk will contact Scatsta to see when the next test is. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.10 **Windfarm Development** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – The clerk contacted Neil Huthcison to ask if lights were going to be removed and he said he had recently had confirmation from the Council's "Assets, Commissioning & Procurement" that the traffic lights and associated signage can be removed. This will be done soon with some of the signs to be re-used at Sumburgh. In the meantime, and before the traffic order is revoked, the clearway which prevents stopping between the lights will still be in place.
- 8.12 **Graveyard bin** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.14 **Blocked Drains in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.15 **Removal of Bench, Muckle Roe Burial Ground** – Clerk to contact Yvonne Scott and confirm members are happy for the bench to be removed and we will submit a Burial Ground Bench Application to replace the bench. A new bench will be purchased by Delting Community Council in April 2024. **Clerk to progress**

2024/01/09 POLICE REPORT

A police officer attended the meeting and gave us an updated police report

- 9.1 There have been 13 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Road Traffic Collision
 - Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
 - Assault
 - Public Nuisance (2)
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Concern for Person
 - Domestic Incident
 - Mental Health (4)
 - Other
 - Drugs – Attempt to Possess (2)
 - Medical Matter

Road at Voe – The chairman mentioned that there was still concern over the speeding on the road through Voe. The police officer said that it was on the agenda for the Road Safety panel and he would pass back the concerns raised by the chairman regarding the Voe road. The chairman said that residents of Voe appreciated the speed checks in Voe and that 50mph was too fast. Mr A Hall asked if staff numbers were still low in Police Scotland in Shetland. It was stated yes, due to a few factors. Accommodation being one but also training has been terminated for the time being so there is a backlog of staff needing trained in certain areas and therefore staff are

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unable to go out and perform certain duties in the community. Once training freeze is lifted the situation should improve.

2024/01/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 2023/020/MAR–Marine Planning- To develop a new mussel farm comprising of 6 x 330m twin-headline longlines, East Of Cole Ness, Gonfirth, Shetland by Mr John Michael Laurenson. All plans can be viewed at [Simple Search \(shetland.gov.uk\)](https://www.shetland.gov.uk).** There were no objections to this application however concerns were raised by the chairman about the quantity of ex salmon farm sites being heavily developed and suggested there should be a master plan for St Magnus Bay. The chairman asked Ms E Macdonald if she could ask Simon Pallant what the situation was with St Magnus Bay. **Clerk to progress.**
- 10.2 2023/294/PPF - Erect dwelling house with attached garage and air source heat pump. Plot, Lower Voe, Voe, Shetland. Mr Mark Beardall. All plans can be viewed on [Simple Search \(shetland.gov.uk\)](https://www.shetland.gov.uk)** There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2024/01/11 COMMUNITY WORK

- 11.1 Ms L Hall attended the meeting. Community Council review.** The second phase will start in April.
There will be three different projects starting in the Delting Area, the new school and Rural Energy Hub at the youth centre The NHS are going to decentralise some of their services with some possibly coming to Brae There is consultations taking place and they have come together and asked Lynsey Hall and Emma Perring to get involved to get a community voice group together. Anyone in the Delting area as well as Nesting Lunnasting and Northmavine can be involved. They are going to speak to people and get their input. The Chairman asked what the Rural Energy Hub was - Part of it would be a feasibility study for District Heating in Brae and potentially an electric bus for the area and to do up the youth centre to be used as a hot desk for people to use. Also looking at electric cars and bikes and putting in a charging point. These are just proposals they want to speak to people to see what they would use. They would like input from Community Councillors and people in the area. Ms L Hall is going to invite Delting Community Councillors to the meetings. The chairman thought district heating in the area would be a good idea but the first thing that would need done is to make sure the energy efficiency in houses in the area was as high as it can be. Mr A hall asked about wind turbines in other areas such as Cullivoe. There are companies that are wanting to use the land at the back of Brae, why can't the community do something like that. Claire Ferguson and Steven Maclean from the SIC are leading the Rural Energy Hub two-year project which is starts next month.
- 11.2 Scottish Seafarms Area Farming Manager George Millar, Sustainability and Development Anne Anderson, and Chris Webb Head of Environment attended the meeting to give a presentation on their proposal to move fish into larger higher energy more exposed open pen farm to provide a better home for fish. They are looking to do a combination of an existing nursery site then moving them out to a higher energy location. The main reason is the size of the net mesh would need to be larger because of the tidal flows and the infrastructure. They are actively exploring looking to introduce Scotland's first ocean farms and looking at locations which are further offshore and taking the fish to where they traditionally stay for the long periods of time before they return to the rivers.**
The benefits of higher energy sites are it will improve fish health and welfare and improve the environmental impact. It will give better fish survival and improved results. Scottish Seafarms will be looking to get planning permission, a SEPA licence and marine Scotland licence and assessment for navigation. They are proposing to consolidate four consents into one existing consent and surrender two licences for fallowed farms and one for an operational farm at Collafirth and transfer the tonnage to the new larger farm at Fish Holm.
They invited members to contact them if they wished to go off for a site visit. They are having two public events in on 21st February in Voe Hall and 4th April in Vidlin. These will be advertised and they will be communication through social media and a page on the SSF website which details the development and will be updated.

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The chairman asked about the power cable that is being proposed from Burravoe to Culness in Vidlin and what discussions have they had with the developer. They have had several discussions with SSE and will need to make some adjustments. They are submitting applications next week beginning 29th January.

2024/01/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme - Shetland Swimming Association** – They are applying to 12 community councils SSA wishes to replace the aged electronic timing system including contact pads used by SSA and swimming clubs in Shetland. The current pads and connecting wires are over 12 years old and have become unreliable. The current timing system was provided by SRT however SRT have confirmed they will not provide a replacement. The new timing system with pads and associated control equipment would include a LED start light introducing new support for visually impaired swimmers. It is a matter of time before the current system becomes unusable. It may still be possible to hold some swimming events if that happens but it will be difficult due to the considerable additional volunteer numbers required and the loss will put the sport of swimming in Shetland back more than a decade. Unreplaced failure of the existing system will effectively rule out invitational events such as the inter-county, junior inter-county or Island Games events. Swimmers from across Shetland plus many visitors will benefit. The project is to purchase, install/prepare, store and maintain a Swiss Timing electronic timing system with touchpads plus associated controllers, cables, connectors, etc. There will be some use training required. The project will take place in Lerwick led by SSA Head Coach Petur Petursson. They are applying for £1,039.36. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £1,039.36. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme - Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary** - Applying to multiple community councils. They wish to tarmac the gravelled area around the visitor centre at Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary to improve access for people with disabilities. Over the past two years since the sanctuary's new facilities were completed with the construction of the new visitor centre, they have experienced a significant increase in the number of visitors to the sanctuary, including people with mobility issues who have found it difficult to enter the sanctuary due to the rough surface. The improvements will benefit the growing number of visitors, especially those with mobility issues, from all over Shetland who come to enjoy seeing the seals, especially during the summer months. The project will involve employing contractors to tarmac the gravelled surface around the sanctuary entrance and visitor centre. The project will be managed by Shetland Construction and Development Ltd, who completed the major sanctuary refurbishment in 2020/21. They are applying for £1,500. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £1,500. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.3 Grant Application Form – Mossbank Community Hall** – They are applying for A building drawing for future planning applications. The charity continues to provide a community hall for the use of the inhabitants of Mossbank and the surrounding area, including use of the facilities and the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for those inhabitants. They pride themselves in creating a nice, safe environment for the whole community to use. It is necessary for the Hall to have a CAD Drawing done to enable the committee to Apply for Planning Permission for future works that are needed to bring the Hall up to a reasonable Standard. They are hoping to get this done during the month of February 2024. Currently the hall Roof is Asbestos and would require renewal before Solar Panels can Be fitted to reduce energy costs, the kitchen needs alteration and upgrade to comply with health codes. All these projects require planning permission to be sought. Their project will offer a welcoming and safe area for our community and visitors to enjoy. The environment and its upkeep will help to improve users' mental health, wellbeing, and sense of achievement. They have several groups that regularly use their community hall including Under 5's, Ability Shetland and the Youth Club, there is also a weekly coffee morning and Knitting group. They are applying for £2400. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £2400. **Clerk to progress**

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12.4 Grant Application Form – Brae High School - They are running a school trip to Dalguise in Perthshire next year, for S1-3 pupils. They are applying for funding relating reduce cost relating to travel to and from the holiday destination as this adds an extra financial burden to families living in the Isles. They are requesting funding for three different aspects relating to travel on the trip, if any or all of these costs were met it would be beneficial to all families with pupils on the trip.

- The cost of return coach travel between Aberdeen to the adventure centre in Dalguise. If this cost were met it would save families £33.33 per pupil. £1600
- They would like to include a 'meal allowance' on the days we travel so bairns do not have the additional cost of dinner on the ferry or their lunch the day we travel back to Aberdeen, this would reduce the cost by £40 per pupil. £1920
- Funding for staff travel so this does not have to be passed on as an additional cost to families. This would save each pupil £18.33. £884.80

They are applying for £4404.80 Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £4404.80. **Clerk to progress**

2024/01/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

13.1 Association of Shetland Community Councils - December meeting update - Community Council Scheme Review - The Phase One consultation options were discussed and following a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the ASCC supports Boundary Proposal Option 1 (the status quo). Please find attached a link to the national [model scheme](#) documents for information. All Community Councils/Community Councillors are encouraged to submit a response to the Phase One consultation. Deadline for submissions is 12 January 2024. See [web link](#) for more details. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

13.2 BBC Children in Need – Big Sky Grant Fund - This new initiative will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 living in island and remote rural communities. Grants are for early support to prevent problems developing at a later stage and could be through things like sports groups, art classes, and youth clubs. This is also part of our commitment to funding grassroots organisations that provide vital positive relationships to support children and young people.

The first phase of this fund in Scotland is for organisations based in Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and local halls and Youth Clubs.**

13.3 Bench donations - Julie Graham from SSE has been in touch to ask if any community councils would like to receive a donated bench.

SSE are currently working with people undertaking community service to give them meaningful tasks and projects. To that end there is an opportunity for the community service team to construct a bench for each community council area.

Please can you consider this offer and let Julie @ SSE know if you are interested to receive a bench in your area? **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Members agreed to receiving a bench and would site it at Delting Disaster Memorial at Mossbank Junction. **Clerk to progress.**

2024/01/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

14.1 Removal of Bench, Voe Burial Ground. – The Clerk received an email from Yvonne Scott, Burial Services Officer, which included photos of the bench within the Voe Burial Ground donated by Delting Community Council. The bench was found to be in an unsafe condition and will be removed and disposed of. If Delting Community Council wish to apply to place a replacement bench, an application form can be submitted. This must be printed, completed in "wet ink" format as scanned signatures are not accepted. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Clerk to contact Yvonne Scott and confirm members are happy for the bench to be removed and we will submit a Burial Ground Bench Application to replace the bench. A new bench will be purchased by Delting Community Council in April 2024. **Clerk to progress**

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- 14.3 Iain Park from Total Energies wants to attend Delting Community Council meeting on 29th February 2024.** There were no objections from members for Iain Park to attend the next meeting. **Clerk to progress**
- 14.4 Life after Loss group – New group being set up in community – Rita Rendall wants to come to a meeting to discuss she will email with which one.** There were no objections from members for group to come to a meeting. **Clerk to progress**
- 14.5 Active travel update Robina Barton/Alistair Hunter at next meeting** There were no objections from members for an Active travel update at next meeting. **Clerk to progress**
- 14.6 Mr A Hall** brought up the issue of the reliability of bus services in the North Mainland. He had personally experienced buses being cancelled had received complaints from various sources regarding the reliability of the buses coming from Mossbank (Service 23) and Hillswick (service 21). There have been complaints of the buses coming very late and cancellations. There have also been instances where the bus driver did not seem to know the route especially when driving through Lerwick. The members would like to know what the criteria is for cancelling services and how the services are monitored. The plan is to email Michael Craigie to ask what the criteria is for cancelling services and how the services are monitored. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.7 Issue with 2022/23 accounts.** VAS completed the draft accounts for Year 2022/23 and audited them. Michael Duncan came back with queries regarding the £3000 CDF grant and the £1000 CDF project grant. The chairman asked what was the position with this. Michael Duncan emailed to say he is looking into the matter and will get back to the Community council with what will need done, if anything.
- 14.8 Chairperson** brought up Emma Jarvie, former Clerk still had the laptop till 7th January after she was meant to finish her role on 15th December 2022. Emma and Lynne did a hand over on the 12th December and all equipment had been moved over to new clerk on 14th December. It was agreed Emma would keep the laptop so she could monitor the email inbox over Christmas and New Year and she would come in January and help Lynne prep for the next meeting. The chairperson thought that Emma should receive pay for this period and members unanimously agreed. The chairperson will calculate the amount and advise the Clerk. **Clerk to progress**

2024/01/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 29th February commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman