

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 5th February 2024 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr. M. Fullerton
Ms N. Fullerton
Ms M. Garnier
Mrs C. Smith

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. B. Adamson
Cllr. C. Hughson
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. M. Lyall
Mr. M. Duncan, SIC
Mrs. R. Fraser, SIC

In Attendance

Robina Barton & Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Planning
Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Active Travel Audit

Robina Barton and Alistair Hunter had been invited to attend our meeting and were welcomed by the Chairman. Robina went on to report that they have now done 16 audits to date which have generated some 300 recommendations. The audits highlighted numerous priorities so it's now a case of narrowing them down through further engagement. They are hoping to complete prioritisation work as soon as possible so that funding can be sought. Maps were circulated showing the key issues identified during the audit for Hamnavoe in October 2022. They are prioritising projects which are 'ready to go' and do not require land purchase etc. The area they are looking at this next financial year is what is locally known as the 'Shelly Road' in Hamnavoe, near the School and Burra Early Years, where they would improve the surface, install lighting etc.

She was aware that we have been looking to get a path connecting the North of Burra to Bridge End but due to the cost involved it had not progressed. She pointed out that they are now looking to get a footpath from Hamnavoe to Meal beach and the path would continue further south towards Bridge End (approx 3km). The members were delighted to hear that this was to be added as priority on the list. She did stress however that there was no timescale for this and it may take some time.

The Chairman thanked Robina and Alistair for taking the time to attend the meeting to give the update. (Robina and Alistair left the meeting at 6.30pm)

2. Declaration of Interest - None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 5th February 2024 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Mhairi Garnier.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Burra Early Years - sign

The sign for Burra Early Years is still to be put in place by SIC Roads. .

(b) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

The Clerk had emailed Eleanor Gear, SCBF, and she said there would not be a problem if George Martin is only available to take on the roll of Director from April. She pointed out that he could join a meeting as an observer before that time if he wished. Their meetings are still held on the second Wednesday of each month and they can be attended in person or remotely. The Clerk had passed this information on to George Martin and he is giving it some thought.

(c) Path on Ludi

It was noted that there is already a 'blind summit' sign on Ludi.

(d) Burra/Trondra 'Village Gateway' Signs

The signs requested from Neil Hutcheson have now been put in place at the East end of the Burra bridge giving the old Norse name 'Borgaroy' which means 'Island of the Broch'.

(e) Sheep worrying signs

The signs will be put up once the weather permits.

ACTION: Brian/Niall

(f) Trondra road signs

The various signs ordered by Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, have now been put in place in Trondra.

(g) Road at Meal

We previously requested white centre lines /arrows at the blind spot just north of Speed's corner. Barrie Scobie was to get back in touch once he had measured the road width. The Clerk will contact him again.

ACTION: Clerk

(h) Proposed house sites - Ludi

Nothing further had been heard back from Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC, with regard to our suggestion that the cost of the removal of the blind summit on Ludi be attributed to the developer of the suggested sites or shared between the Estate and the developer. A footpath in this area had also been suggested by the members if this development was to go ahead. Niall will contact Tracey-Ann Anderson for an update.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(i) Noticeboard

The new noticeboard will be put up once the weather improves. It will replace the old one which is on the outside of the Burra Hall.

ACTION: Robin/Brian

(j) Bench donations

Nothing further has been heard from Julie Graham from SSE who offered the Community Council a bench. The suggestion was put forward for it to be located down at the Meal beach (just inside the bottom gate at the foot of the path.) This will need to be looked into in the first instance to see if there would be a suitable flat surface.

(k) Reflectors on bridges

It was noted that reflectors have now been put on the ends of both the Burra & Trondra bridges by SIC Roads.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Consultation Ref: 2023/300/PPF

Applicant: Mr Michael Pottinger

Proposal: Proposed Storage Shed

Address: Easterdale Industrial Estate, Burra

The above planning application was circulated and discussed. There were no objections raised by the members present.

(b) Voar Redd Up 2023 – Participation information

An email had been received from the Shetland Amenity Trust confirming which groups had taken part in the last year's Voar Redd Up. Ten groups which took part had requested funding from the Community Council and the members agreed on a donation of £60 for each group.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had also been received and circulated to the members prior to the meeting for information:

- Winter Pop In – Burra Hall Tuesday 6th February 2024
- Royal National Institute for Deaf – free drop-in service info (support with hearing loss)
- Funding information – Corra Foundation
- BBC Children in Need – Big Sky Grant Fund
- National improvement framework for Adult Social Care Support & Community health
- Revised Building Warrant 'value of works' Fee Structure – effective 1st April

5. AOCB

Meal Beach - access

The rocky access on to the beach at the west side was brought up. It was suggested that metal poles connected with chains could be installed similar to what is in place at the Ness of Burgie near Scatness, which would improve access. The Clerk will look into this. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2024 at 6pm.

(Later changed to Monday 11th March 2024)