

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 18/03/24

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7pm at the Scalloway Public Hall.

1. PRESENT:

Mark Burgess
Andrew Blackadder
Lindsay Laurenson
Kenny Pottinger
Marie Williamson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Cllr Davie Sandison
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott

2. APOLOGIES:

Barbara Anderson
Roselyn Fraser

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2024 were proposed by Marie and seconded by Kenny

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Lindsay was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

McGuire's Beach: Bridges responded to the clerk's email, informing the SCC that there was currently not much room in their workshop, and that they would be busy with projects until the Summer. It was felt by the members that this was quite late on, and that the works could be completed outside. It was decided that Lindsay would take a look at the bench, and see if he could fix it up himself.

Action: Lindsay

Public toilets: It was decided that for the clearance of the lights in the public toilets, maintenance should be advised to clear out the lights whilst conducting repairs and painting.

Soundibanks: Ian is to get in touch with Terry to confirm the course of action to be taken

Action: Ian

Bins: Clerk received a response from the Waste Operations Officer, who confirmed that there weren't any alternatives to the current bin designs, but advised that a net could be placed over the bins to ensure that birds could not access them.

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

It was confirmed that one of the redevelopment worker's positions had been filled, with one position still open. A meeting is to be co-ordinated between the SCDC, the Harbour Board and development workers to discuss the Waterfront redevelopment, in particular the West Quay plan. There was also an interest in the 'floating roads' that have been constructed in line with the wind farm developments, and whether the materials used for these could be used for future projects.

At the caravan park, it was noted that for the Scalloway Fire Festival and Lerwick Up Helly Aa the caravan site had been filled. A contractor had to come in to conduct some minor repairs, including some water leaks.

7. ASCC UPDATE

The next meeting of the ASCC is to be held 12th March. Marie and Mark hope to attend this meeting. It was acknowledged that the 'upgrade' for phone lines from copper to fibre has become a much larger issue, being spoken about at a national level, which is an excellent result. The main topic to be discussed at the next ASCC meeting are Local Place Plans, which in association with the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, will give local organisations more control over projects that they are developing on ground in their own area.

Action: Mark, Marie

8. ROADS

January 2024 Meeting: the issues that were raised as the last meeting were submitted to Roads; a follow up email to assess what action has been taken is to be submitted

Action: Clerk

Lighting: it has been noted that a light along Westshore Road, close to the swimming pool junction, at the gym hall and along Port Arthur are out; Catherine advised that there is currently a tolling programme to repair lights in process. Roads is to be advised of these locations.

Action: Clerk

Port Arthur Bus Stop: a window in the Port Arthur bus stop has gone missing; roads is to be advised

Action: Clerk

Man Hole Covers/ Drain Covers: covers along Houll Road and Hillside Road are loose/damaged, which is concerning for road users going over these. Roads is to be advised to take action

Action: Clerk

9. POLICE

The Police Briefing papers for Dcember 2023/January 2024 were read out, with the Scalloway section reading as follows:

*“There have been 15 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows:
Driving whilst Unfit; Driving with No MOT; Fail To Stop and Report Collision;
Speeding; Road Traffic Collision; Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury;
Vandalism; Theft; Concern for Person (3); Mental Health; Medical Matter (2);
Sudden Death”*

10. FINANCE

Community Development Fund: the Scalloway Primary Parent Council applied for £1014.97 to fund a project which will build playhouses and benches in the school's playground. Kenny declared an interest in the project. It was noted that the project was well organised, and that the breakdown of costs was very succinct. Due to this, as well as the benefits this would have for the Scalloway community, it was decided to fund this project in full, which takes the CDF down to £13.30. The Parent Council is to be alerted to their application being successful.

Action: Clerk

Community Benefit Fund: there were three CBF applications to be considered during the February meeting

- 180485 – Shetland Swimming Association applied for £1,212.59 to fund the replacement of the electronic timing system, including contact pads. They have applied to 12 community councils. It was noted that the SSA is not a local organisation, and therefore revenue costs would not be specifically beneficial to Scalloway. Despite this, it has been acknowledged that some of the members of the SSA are from Scalloway. The decision was made to defer decision to the March meeting.
- 180498 – Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary applied for £100 to fund for tarmacking the gravelled area around the visitor centre. They have applied to 12 community councils. It was felt that in addition to the sanctuary falling outside of the Scalloway area, they have been able to sufficiently raise funds on their own up to this point. The decision was made to not fund this application.
- 180501 – Scalloway Community Development Company applied for £4,000 to fund the purchase of equipment for the Asta Caravan site, including play equipment, shed, CCTV and benches, etc. Andrew, Mark and Davie declared interest, and left the room during the discussion of the funding. It was unanimously agreed that the application should be funded in full.

The CBF is to be contacted, and informed of the decisions made by the SCC members.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: Mark has confirmed that the monument has been completed, though it is not on site yet. The stone has been carved, and arrangements for its installation have to be made. The interpretative board design can now be finalised, as the monument design is complete. The Museum's interpretative board trail, as a consequence will also have to be updated. There were discussions as to whether there should be a ceremony for the memorial stone's unveiling, but it was decided to discuss further once the memorial is on site. In the meantime, Mark will confirm the interpretative board sign.

Action: Mark

As to the next special project, the Fisherman's Garden was once again raised as a possible project, which will be discussed once the current project is complete.

Jamieson Trust: Mark will try speaking to Nordri once again to find out if they are interested in taking on this work. In the case of the Jamieson Trust not covering installation costs, the hall have offered to pay for the necessary works.

Action: Mark

Annual Accounts: The official annual accounts were signed by Lindsay, and are to be submitted to Michael.

Action: Clerk

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Starkraft: a representative of Starkraft, the company carrying out the works on the Mossy Hill Wind Farm, contacted the SCC to arrange a time to have introductions and update the SCC on developments and time frames for the wind farm's development. It was agreed that it would be useful to meet, but that it would be preferable to meet with the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council to further discuss funding that could be secured for the development. Alternative incentives, such as the footpaths between Tingwall, Scalloway and Lerwick and the Waterfront development. It was agreed to contact TWWCC, to arrange a time to meet before the Starkraft meeting.

Action: Clerk

Arven: the members of the SCC were invited to Arven Offshore Wind Farm's first public consultation on 21st February. Interest was shown by a number of the members, who will try to attend.

12. PLANNING

2024/019/PPF: Proposed extension to existing shed at Q A Fish Ltd, Blacksness, Scalloway. No comments were submitted.

Disabled parking Space: an application for a disabled parking space along New Road, Scalloway was submitted. Whilst there are no comments regarding this space, there was a request for an understanding of what happens to spaces once the resident that requires them is no longer in the property. This is to be looked into.

Action: Clerk

13. STORAGE BOXES

It has been noted by the clerk that there are a number of storage boxes that have now been passed on, which may contain materials that are not required for the community council. It has been decided to document the contents of these boxes, and from there decide on possible storage methods.

Action: Clerk

14. AOCB

Resilience Plan: This is to be discussed in further detail at the next community council meeting

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 18th March 2024 at the Scalloway Public Hall.

Meeting ended at 21:16.