

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 11th March 2024 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr. M. Fullerton
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. G. Laurensen
Ms M. Garnier

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Ms N. Fullerton
Mrs C. Smith
Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. D. Sandison

In Attendance

Cllr. C. Hughson
Cllr. M. Lyall
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest - None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Active Travel Audit

Robina Barton and Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Planning, attended our last meeting and gave an update on the above and discussed priorities in our area. Cllr. Lyall reported that all priority projects will now be brought to a meeting of the SIC in May.

(b) Burra Early Years - sign

The sign for Burra Early Years has now been put in place. It was noted that the pick up/drop off sign has not gone up. The Clerk will contact Neil Hutcheson as this had been agreed previously.

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

This position is still vacant at the moment. George Martin is giving it some thought and will get back to us.

(d) Sheep worrying signs

The signs will be put up once the weather permits.

ACTION: Brian

(e) Road at Meal

We requested white centre lines /arrows at the blind spot just north of Speed's corner. Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, replied saying he had measured the road width but it was not wide enough for centrelines. The Clerk has asked if arrows could be painted on the road instead but he had not replied.

(f) 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**

(g) Noticeboard

Waiting for the weather to improve before the new noticeboard can be put up. It will replace the old one which is on the outside of the Burra Hall. **ACTION: Robin/Brian**

(h) Bench donation from SSE

Waiting delivery of the bench. This bench will hopefully be located down at the Meal beach (just inside the bottom gate at the foot of the path).

(i) Meal Beach - access

The rocky access down onto the east side of the Meal beach was mentioned at the last meeting. It was suggested that metal poles connected with chains could possibly be installed to improve access. (This is in place at the Ness of Burgie near Scatness.) The Clerk has received details of the new Outdoor Access Officer, Liam Drosso, and will contact him to see if he will come out for a look. **ACTION: Clerk**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Gritting – Christmas & New Year

A request had been received from a member of the community asking if the Council's gritting policy could be raised at our next meeting. At present the current policy reads: *Treatment is only carried out on Christmas Day and New Years Day on main routes for blue light emergencies, police "call-outs" and during period of unexpected or severe weather.* They also pointed out that there had been an accident last Christmas Day where someone had lost their life and although this was a blue light emergency they believed no gritter was dispatched despite being a police call-out. The members were aware of this tragic accident and agreed that the policy should be reviewed and changes made. Cllr. Lyall advised that the policy is under review with it due to come to Committee later in the year, before the winter.

(b) Coastal erosion – Minn Beach, Burra

James William Laurenson had reported concern regarding the armouring at the causeway at Minn beach. Quite a few years ago armouring was put in place to hinder erosion but this has degraded. If not maintained it could render a large piece of land out at Kettla Ness inaccessible. Cllr. Hughson said she would find out who best to contact regarding this as there may be funding available. She will pass this on to the Clerk. **ACTION: Cllr. Hughson/Clerk**

(c) Funding Applications

The following grant applications had been received from local groups and these were discussed. The following donations were agreed by the members from the CDF funding:

Burra Early Years – repair of gate	£100
Hamnavoe Marina – repairing small pontoon	£400
Burra Public Hall – flooring for room	£500
Trondra Hall – car park repairs	£500
Burra History Group – insurance of East House	£500

(d) Various correspondence

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

- Shetland Policing Report – Dec 2023 / January 2024
- Free webinar for Community Councils: Scottish Empty Homes Partnership
- Arven Offshore Wind Farm – Early Consultation Event
- Funding Information: Climate Action Fund – Energy & Climate Programme
- Consultation on engagement methods for Shetland's Next Local Development Plan

5. AOCB

Hamnavoe Pier

Concern was raised at the condition of the Hamnavoe Pier. It was noted that a survey had been done last year and the members were interested to know the outcome. It was agreed that we should contact Andrew Inkster, SIC Ports & Harbours, in the first instance. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st April 2024 at 6pm.