

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6pm.

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

Mr. B. Adamson  
Mr. G. Laurenson  
Cllr. M. Lyall

### **In Attendance**

Mr. M. Duncan, SIC  
Cllr. D. Sandison  
Cllr. I. Scott  
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

Michael Duncan was in attendance to give an update on the Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment. They are now into the second phase of the public consultation. The first phase looked at the boundaries and the second is on the Scheme itself. During the first phase they visited halls etc with the consultation but there was a poor turnout from the public. It was therefore decided that during the second phase they would visit every Community Council with information and make the survey available to the public online and in paper format in the hope to get a better response. Mr. Duncan went over the various proposals outlined in the current survey document and expanded on the proposed changes to the Scheme. (The survey is online together with further information at [www.shetland.gov.uk/ccschemereview](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/ccschemereview).) The survey closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and paper copies are also available in the Hamnavoe Shop. Mr. Duncan advised that Community Councillors can complete the survey individually but the Community Council will also be expected to submit a response. The members agreed to look over the survey before the next meeting when a collective response will be submitted. Mr. O'Rourke thanked Michael Duncan for coming along to the meeting. (*Mr. Duncan attended the remainder of the meeting.*)

**1. Declaration of Interest** – Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Hughson both declared an interest regarding the Planning Application to be discussed.

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Narene Fullerton.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) Active Travel Audit**

Robina Barton and Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Planning, attended our March meeting and gave an update on the above and discussed priorities in our area. We hope to hear back from them after the SIC meeting in May where all priority projects are to be discussed.

(b) Burra Early Years – pick up/drop off sign

The sign has not yet been put in place. Neil Hutcheson advised in a previous email that the sign would be put up shortly.

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Robin had emailed George Martin and was waiting to hear back from him. (Eleanor Gear had emailed to say that the SCBF AGM is on 15<sup>th</sup> May.)

(d) Road at Meal

We requested white centre lines /arrows at the blind spot just north of Speed's corner. Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, advised that the road is not wide enough. Waiting to hear back from him regarding our suggestion of white arrows instead.

(e) Proposed house sites - Ludi

Niall had spoken with Tracey-Ann Anderson, SIC, who advised that the SIC would not be in a position to remove the blind summit on Ludi or provide a footpath as we had suggested, should this house sites proceed. She said this would need to be done by the contractor. She pointed out that this could be put forward by us when the planning consultation comes through.

(f) Noticeboard

This will be done as time permits. It will replace the old one which is on the outside of the Burra Hall.

**ACTION: Robin/Brian**

(g) Bench donation from SSE

The Clerk had emailed Julie Halcrow, Community Payback Officer, with our request to have the 'legs only concrete plinth' at a cost of £40 and had confirmed the location above the Meal beach.

(h) Meal Beach - access

Liam Drosso, SIC Outdoor Access Officer, had replied after visiting the Meal beach re our request to look into improving the rocky access down onto the West side of the beach. They are not able to install the post and chain system we suggested as it would not meet standards. They could look at re-routing the access path or try to find an alternative way to the beach if we would like to explore this. This was discussed by the members but they were not in favour of this being changed. Instead it was decided to ask for further signage giving visitors the option to use the other stile at this side of the beach (also provided by the SIC) which is not so visible. The Clerk will contact Mr. Drosso.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(i) Gritting – Christmas & New Year

Cllr. Hughson advised that the Gritting Policy is to be reviewed in May.

(j) Coastal erosion – Minn Beach, Burra

Concern was raised at our March meeting regarding erosion at the causeway at Minn beach. Quite a few years ago rock armouring was put in place to hinder erosion but this has degraded and if not maintained it could render a large piece of land out at Kettla Ness inaccessible. The Clerk had previously emailed Suzanne Shearer, SIC, but had not had a response. Cllr. Hughson offered to contact Ms Shearer.

(k) Hamnavoe Pier - survey

A reply had been received from Claire Christie, Team Leader, SIC Port Engineering, advising that Arch Henderson had completed a full topside and structural survey in February this year with a full dive survey completed in March. They were expecting to receive the report towards the end of April which would inform them of any required works. They will let us know of any scheduled works for the upcoming year once they received the report.

(l) Glass recycle bin – Hamnavoe Hall

The glass recycle bin has now been sorted. It was noted however that there are two large glass recycling bins as well as a new smaller one in front. The Clerk will look into this to see if all are being used/emptied and if not could the larger ones be removed. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Ref: 2024/115/PPF

Proposal: New dwellinghouse – Braeview, Papil, Burra

Applicant: Mr David Thomson

The above planning application was discussed by the members. There were no objections.

(b) Community Development Fund – 2024-25

Michael Duncan had sent information regarding the CDF for 2024-25. The bidding round dates are:

Round 1 – Friday 26 April 2024

Round 2 – Friday 31 May 2024

Round 3 – Friday 28 June 2024

Niall O'Rourke has submitted an application for a distribution grant of £3,000.

(c) Remembering Together – Scotland wide arts project

An email had been received from Helen Robertson regarding the nationwide Remembering Together project and her part of the Shetland response. A flag to mark the conclusion and promote awareness of the project will be flown from the Town Hall in Lerwick on 29<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the date of the lifting of the first lockdown. Her project 'Mindin' Tagidder – Tree of Life Interrupted' aims to celebrate Shetland's unique culture and bring the community together in reflection and remembrance. She is making small trees encased in glass as plaques for each Community Council area. They will be around A5 size and can be displayed in public buildings. These plaques will be sent on to Clerks.

(d) Policing Report – Feb/Mar 2024

Five incidents recorded:

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder -

- Noise Complaint
- Public Nuisance

Acquisitive Crime -

- Fraud (2)
- Theft

(e) ASCC meeting – Tue 11 June 6-8pm, Town Hall (chamber)

Michael Duncan had sent on the Agenda and previous Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> March and these had been circulated to the members. Attendance to be notified by 2pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

(f) Voar Redd Up – summary

Michael Duncan had emailed the feedback he had received from all the Community Councils regarding the Voar Redd Up. This had been circulated for information.

(g) Local Place Plans – Launch

An email had been received regarding the above. These are a new type of statutory plan which ensures that our community's aspirations are to be taken into account when making future planning and development decisions. The Clerk will contact Roselyn Fraser to get more information. **ACTION: Clerk**

(h) Various correspondence

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

- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – Shaping our future service
- Knab Drop-in Event – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May, Mareel
- Good, bad and needed paths – email from Robina Barton
- Empty Homes Advice Service – recent webinar slides
- Cross Party Group on Islands & NIP Review consultation analysis

**5. AOCB**

None

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 6pm.