

NESTING AND LUNNASTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council met on Wednesday 24th Aril 2024 in Lunnasting Primary School at 7.30pm

1.0 PRESENT Mr Willie Simpson (Chair) Mr Alistair Laurenson
Mr Grant Nicol Mrs Terri Leask
Mr Shaun Johnson Mrs Chris Leask

In Attendance Mrs Eva Ganson Clerk

Did not attend- Councillors T Morton and A Manson

2.0 APOLOGIES – noted from Ms L Hall, Cllr E MacDonald and Mr M Duncan.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 9 Finances -Mr Simpson and Mrs T Leask as committee members of North Nesting Hall

4.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING- held on Wednesday 27th March 2024

Agreed as correct on a motion by Mr Laurenson and seconded by Mrs T Leask.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The date at Item 4 Minutes of Last Meeting should read Wednesday 28th February and not Wednesday 24th January, this was noted.

6.0 POLICE REPORT – report dated 14th April 2024 had been emailed out, with no crimes listed for the area.

7.0 FINANCES

North Nesting Hall Community Development Fund Grant 2023/24

Receipts have been forwarded for the grant which was to purchase kitchen items. The £1000 agreed will now be paid to the hall.

SIC Core Grant 2024/25

The £7127 grant offer has been requested and the offer letter was received and signed by Mr Simpson and witnessed by Mr Laurenson. This grant is wholly taken up with admin costs for the year, the sum does not fully cover that cost.

Community Development Fund Grant 2024/25

The £3000 grant has been applied for, the closing date for the first round of applications Friday 26th April, so we wait to see whether or not our bid is successful.

8.0 COMMUNITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Phase Two of the Review began on 18th April with end date 28th June.

The questionnaire for this phase was looked at and discussed, and answers decided on as a response which will be sent in to the Community Development Department before the closing date.

An Email was received this afternoon from Michael Duncan advising that staff from Community Development Department will be attending Community Council meetings in May to discuss with each Community Council on a 1:1 basis the scheme and proposed material changes.

The proposed material changes are-

Core funding and Community Development schemes be merged to one grant scheme.

A new funding formula will be based on a fixed allocation for admin costs, with the remainder linked to population levels.

Any member of the Community Council that fails to attend meetings for a period of 6 months may have their membership terminated. Community Councils can grant a period of absence for Community Council members.

Introduce population bands which will determine the number of seats per Community Council area.

Introduce a set of Standing Orders for Community Councillors and revise the Code of Conduct.

Anybody who stands for election as a Shetland Islands Council Councillor cannot serve on a community Council.

Introduce a new Youth Membership category for young people aged between 12 and 16 years, up to 2 people can be appointed, but they will not have voting rights.

9.0 ACTIVE TRAVEL SETTLEMENT MEETING DATES

Staff from Active Travel have been in touch regarding meeting dates to discuss the plans for this Community Council area. They had suggested 23rd for Nesting and 30 April for Lunnasting, but Community Councillors already have a meeting on 23rd and the Community Council meeting is 24th, so were not available.

Events happening locally during the week were not certain so it was agreed to email the Active Travel staff advising that they book the local halls, themselves for the meetings as that would be the best way of getting availability.

10.0 ASCC MEETING- 11th June 2024

This is the date for the next meeting, no information for this to hand as yet.

11.0 SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND Zoom Meetings

The two dates for these are Monday 22nd April and Monday 2nd May.

Mr Nicol and Mr Stevenson attended the one on 22nd April, and found it useful. So far there are no names for the one for the 2nd May to pass on.

12.0 NORTH MAINLAND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

This meeting was held in Brae Boating Club on Tuesday 23rd April 2024.

Mrs T Leask, Mr Nicol and Eva attended for the Community Council.

There were presentation from four people .

First was Mrs Shona Thompson who is Lead Officer for the SIC School Estate and also the new Brae High School- Brae Campus.

There was a lot of information on this as the current school is no longer fit for purpose, due to age, classrooms are too big for the numbers in classes, the school operates on split sites and it has been agreed to build a new school which will be a community hub with the school at its centre. The new building will be flexible, so that the space can be used for other services such as health and social care, leisure and voluntary organisation. It is hoped to have this open for August 2027.

Next speaker was Steven McLean who is Lead Officer for the Energy Hub which is to be located in Brae. This will be based at Brae Youth Centre, with rapid charging stations, car club and ebikes being made available. Trialling electric buses will also be part of the projects. A district heating scheme is also to be looked at for Brae. This is a pilot to develop a model for establishing a wider network of rural energy hubs across the Northern Isles.

Luch Flaws from NHS spoken next. NHS is looking at ways to better deliver services to people and cut down on the need for travel to Lerwick for hospital appointments if these can be delivered nearer to home. Flexibility and access to transport are also forming part of this work.

Mr Michael Craigie spoke about transport across Shetland, bus contracts will be going out to tender later this year, and there are other transport projects coming up which will link in to the Energy hubs.

There was a lot of information given. These projects have some way to go but things are moving forward.

13.0 LOCAL PLACE PLANS

Communities can decide to have a Local Place Plan, SIC can supply an online toolkit, but there is no additional funding for the work which has to be done. This will not be considered further meantime.

14.0 AOCB

Remembering Together- Helen Robertson

Helen is undertaking this project- 'Mindin Tagidder-Tree of Life Interrupted' Which aims to celebrate Shetland's unique culture and bring the community together in reflection and remembrance. It also acknowledges the part our democracy played in guidance and coordination during the time.

Helen is designing plaques to be displayed in public buildings. This Community Council will receive one plaque and will have to decide where it will be located.

15.0 NEXT MEETING will be held on Wednesday 29th May 2024 in Nesting Primary School.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm.