

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 3rd June 2024 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Cllr. M. Lyall

In Attendance

Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest – None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 6th May 2024 were approved by Niall O'Rourke and Mhairi Garnier.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Consultation on new Scheme for Community Councils – SIC

The members went through the various proposals on the consultation paper and made comments on each. The Chairman took note of these and will submit a response on behalf of the Community Council. The closing date for all responses is Friday 28 June. **ACTION: Niall**

(b) Active Travel Audit

Robina Barton and Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Planning, attended our February meeting and gave an update on the above and discussed priorities in our area. We were looking to hear back from them after the SIC meeting in May where all priority projects are to be discussed but have not heard anything to date. The Clerk will contact Robina for an update. **ACTION: Clerk**

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

The Clerk had contacted Neil Hutcheson again as the sign is still not in place. He replied to say that their two man squad from Garriock Bros are still working with the new safety barrier at Garderhouse. It would probably take another two weeks to complete this after which they will be moving to the installation of traffic signs.

(d) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Robin was not in attendance to find out if he had received a reply from George Martin on this. Cllr. Scott offered to make contact with George to see if he had made a decision.

ACTION: Cllr. Scott

(e) 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 for centre lines. Waiting to hear back from him regarding our suggestion of white arrows instead. The Clerk will contact him again.

ACTION: Clerk

(f) Meal Beach - access

The Clerk had replied to Liam Drosso's email advising that the members did not think re-routing the path would be an option as this rocky section has always been used by the public and leads to the path along the coast. It was pointed out to him that there is another stile (also installed by the SIC) that walkers can use instead but this is not very visible and there is no proper signage to direct them. It was agreed that more signage should be put in place at the foot of the walkway to the beach directing walkers to both stiles.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) Gritting – Christmas & New Year

Cllr. Hughson advised that the review of the Gritting Policy has been delayed to September and there is to be a consultation.

(h) 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. At our May meeting Cllr. Hughson offered to contact Suzanne Shearer and a reply had been received on 10th May. She advised that she does not currently have access to the Nature Restoration Funds and the budget sits with Finance. Officers wishing to access the fund to spend on nature restoration are required to go through a business justification process in order to access it. She advised that coastal protection works come under the responsibility of the Coastal Zone Manager, Simon Pallant and his team who have been contacted regarding the issues at Minn. Suzanne will be speaking with Simon on this and hopes to provide us with a joint response on this very soon. Cllr. Hughson will look into this further.

ACTION: Cllr. Hughson

(i) Hamnavoe Pier - survey

A further email had been received from Claire Christie, Team Leader, SIC Port Engineering, advising that the report had been received from Arch Henderson last week so they were still going through it in detail. She was meeting with them on 31st May and would be asking them to prepare a scheme of concrete repairs and replacing some of the timber fenders along the North face of the pier, with the intention of tendering these works this summer and carrying them out late autumn if weather allows. The members were interested to see the report and the Clerk was asked to request a copy.

ACTION: Clerk

(j) Glass recycle bins – Hamnavoe Hall

The Clerk had emailed Michael Godden, SIC, regarding the two large glass recycling bins alongside the hall which do not appear to be used or emptied. A newer one is now located in front of these which is being used and emptied at present. We asked if the two larger ones could be removed if not in use as they are taking up a lot of space. (Photographs were also sent to Mr. Godden.)

(g) Local Place Plans

The Clerk had contacted Roselyn Fraser for more information on this and she had sent on the powerpoint presentation from their Launch event together with a copy of Scalloway Local Plan. This had been circulated to the members. It was agreed that we should request a copy of the Burra & Trondra Locality Profile from the SIC in the first instance.

ACTION: Clerk

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ASCC meeting – Tue 11 June

The meeting papers had been received from Michael Duncan and had been circulated to the members. (Niall is not available to attend this meeting.)

(b) Community Council Core Funding

The grant offer letter confirming our Core Funding grant of £5998 had been received from Michael Duncan and was signed by our Chairman, Niall O'Rourke.

(c) Burra Woodland

An email had been received from Margaret Reeves who advised that she and her husband Brian have been running a 'Climate Club' at the Hamnavoe School. One of the activities the bairns did was to make a display about plastic bruck, the problems with plastic and what people can do about it. They've got funding to get a cabinet made and SIC has agreed that they can put it up on the outside wall of the public toilets at Meal. The members thought this was a great idea and the Clerk will let them know.

They are also wondering whether it would be a good community activity and future resource to plant a Burra Woodland. They thought perhaps an area of common grazing, somewhere not too conspicuous, where they could plant trees but leave some space for paths and benches. The hope would be to make a space that people could be involved in planting as a community effort. The members wondered if the area at the Hulsidale Playpark would be a suitable location for planting. The Clerk will pass this information on to Mr. & Mrs Reeves. **ACTION: Clerk**

(d) Various correspondence

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

- A Lasting Legacy for Shetland – SCBF Business Plan
- Wildcat Cardiac Responders/Volunteer Community First Responders (Michael D)
- Funding for Ecosystem Restoration Projects (Michael D)
- New Announcement regarding the digital upgrade (Michael D)
- Scottish Community Council Newsletter – May 2024 (Michael D)
- Addressing Depopulation Action Plan

5. AOCB

It was reported that the sewage pipe at the Red Geo in Hamnavoe is needing attention. Scottish Water is to be contacted.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was due to be held on Monday 5th August but it was agreed to change it to Monday 1st July due to members on holiday.