

# BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024, in Bressay Hall.

Minute subject to approval at the next Bressay Community Council Meeting.

### Present:

Lindsay Tulloch (Chair)  
Shirley Gifford  
Kath Duffus  
Matt Mason  
Margaret MacDonald

### In Attendance:

Joanna Fraser  
Aimee Lambourne (BDL)

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed guests and members to the hall.

Before the main meeting business Aimee outlined details Of Community Energy Scotland's transport project which is an 18-month project working with 10 groups across Shetland, Monthly Meeting and trips between Orkney and Shetland, networking and reviewing problems and opportunities with transport: progress ideas on how to improve things. A budget is available and travel costs, materials and a staffing cost. As it is a big project it is too big for BDL and they are looking for someone to take the lead on this. The hoped for outcomes is research and engagement rather than project delivery. It was suggested this should be opened up to the community or perhaps to the Tunnel/transport group, rather than duplication of effort. This facilitated a discussion of inaugurating the Tunnel/transport group this was decided to be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at Speldiburn

#### Apologies were noted from:

Stephen Leask  
Arwed Wenger  
Gary Robinson  
Andrew Inkster

#### 2. Declarations of interest:

The Chair asked for declarations of interest – none received.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman reviewed the draft minutes of the meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and sought their approval; agreement was proposed by Margaret, seconded by Matt. Some discussion ensued regarding publishing the draft minutes to the public on FaceBook and notice boards soon after the meeting. It was decided this was feasible, they would go to the Chair initially

then members would turn them around with any changes within 48 hours before publication as drafts.

#### **4. Matters Outstanding (actions not elsewhere on agenda or completed):**

##### **Continued AP1 Community Resilience plan**

The Chair has followed up with DH Marine who are planning a site visit within the next couple of weeks.

**Action: Chair**

##### **AP1: Feedback on Ferry timetable and other issues**

Ongoing, waiting on feedback on the early ferry and on the path at Maryfield.

##### **AP2: Follow up on funding for Ferry and NHS appointments**

Brian Chittick is looking at local solution, however not yet had any feedback. A suggestion from a concerned resident is that the Community Council facilitate a public meeting between NHS Shetland and our elected members. The chair will contact Brian Chitick when he comes back with a proposal to come to a pre-meeting (with the community) and provide an update.

**Action: Chair**

##### **AP3: Enquire with Hall as to a T loop System.**

This has been passed to the Hall Committee Chair and we will follow up. It was suggested BCC should have a representative on the Hall Committee, it was proposed BCC send an email to the Hall Committee Chair to come to the next BCC meeting to review how BCC can best support the Hall going forward.

**Action: Clerk**

**5. Member and Visitor Reports:** Stephen had sent though an update that he had been working with officials to find a solution for families caring for blue badge residents having to pay fares on the ferry. Ferries have come up with solution to travel with the car with the benefit that would be afforded if the person with the entitlement through the blue badge/ National Entitlement Card was present. How this will work will be passed on when details are known.

**6. Infrastructure** – During the discussion on the future Lerwick linkspan upgrade it was suggested there was no need for a bus, however it is feasible a number of people will choose to leave their cars in Lerwick, therefore the availability of a bus on this side would be useful and there would still be a need for a bus. The bus wouldn't be able to tour the whole Island for pick up, however, a central point with perhaps an extension to the Glebe/Fullaburn would be of benefit. When the time comes for planning the Lerwick linkspan upgrade comes along we will open this up for discussion.

Two items of correspondence relating to infrastructure had been received. The first related to the need for bus shelters, particularly relating to children getting wet waiting of for a bus to school. The normal bus services and the shopper bus also services elderly and disabled users. We are the only Island without bus shelters. This has been on the infrastructure list for a number of years and we have previously been told by Infrastructure this would be happening as a priority. We will forward an extract from the letter to Neil Hutchinson with a reminder that he had informed the Chair and Vice Chair last year this would be a priority. This also ties in with children having to walk the last mile or two to school – we are the only area outside Lerwick that does not drop children at the school gates.

**Action: Clerk**

We have received the winter timetable for Maintenance which has been circulated. It appeared Bressay did not seem to be mentioned so it was it was difficult to work out where we fit in and what the changes are. Emergency call-out gritting arrangements have been in place for some time, but the SIC roads strategy is under review and, as well as us, emergency services have been contacted to seek their views on the document provided.

Our ferries run at Christmas and new Year and we have essential workers at hospital and care staff so people need to get about as well as ferry crew. They are asking for comments

but when we are not mentioned it is difficult to assess what changes affect us and therefore add comment and we need clarification.

**Action: Clerk**

## **7. Power Outages**

At the last power outage, we had text messages at 12.00 to say men were working on the power outage, however men were not mobilised until the first ferry. We queried why they had not had a ferry call out; a decision had been made by a senior manager who claimed they were reliant on the goodwill of the ferries as they are not first responders, however they have now taken steps to ensure this doesn't happen again. In future SSEN can go to police to call the ferry out, or do as the fire service do and pay a retainer to the SIC to enable call outs. One point to note was that it was rumoured that in Gutcher when the power went out there was insufficient capacity in the ferry generator to run both the linkspan and the lights so in the dark the ferry cannot berth. This is something we need more knowledge about. The SSEN issue will be raised to Ian Taylor (SIC Resilience advisor) and Alison Duncan as Chair of the Resilience Board.

**Action: Chair**

## **8. Community Council Scheme Review Update**

This was reviewed live on the website and the group responses entered.

**9. Community Council Term of Office** – Just a reminder the term of office of the Community Council has been extended for a further year. Letters has been circulated and any changes should be notified to the Chair.

**10. 2024-2025 Project** – we have now been allocated £1000 funding for this year's Project for environmental tidying and in conjunction with the Bressay History Group create a brochure to publicise the Island and its attractions. A discussion ensued on the uses of a QR code which would save on printing costs, also "what three words" link. Two skips were included for the environmental tidy up.

## **11. Ella's Park Garden Project**

The member for the Ellas Park project is on holiday so we will wait until next month for an update. A couple of members are willing to go and help out if the weather is suitable.

**12. War Memorials** – we had a previous action to liaise with the owners of the kirk which had happened. They recently had the opportunity of the mason who does the lettering being in Bressay and engaged him to do the repairs. Unfortunately, they cannot get a grant from us or the War Memorials Commission in retrospect. Various fund-raising opportunities were mooted, from afternoons teas to a hundred clubs. Whilst the Community Council cannot instigate any fund raising, they will support as much as possible.

**13. Correspondence** – a variety of things had been circulated, including the responses to the review on the alcohol by laws in Lerwick, on the whole the Community was in favour of maintaining the by-laws. The Vodafone review which will share on FaceBook.

**14. Planning Applications:** None

## **15. Finance: Grant & SCBF applications & Financial position.**

We have now had notification from the Amenity Trust of confirmation of the participants of the Voar Redd up as The Bressay History Group and Ella's Park. The Community Council are happy to issue the support to the History Group however whilst we are happy to agree in

principle the funding for Ella's Park, we need to be satisfied a suitable group, and mechanism, has been set up to receive the funding.

**16. Bressay Groups Update (Hall, Sports Club, Boating Club, BDL etc.)**

The Boating Club is planning a fish and chip night however they are struggling to coordinate volunteers.

**17. Any other business:** Matt shared an update on the strategic review of the Fire Stations. A number of Fire Station buildings in Shetland (including Bressay) were below standard. Whilst this does not impact service it is being looked at by the Community Safety Board and the Community Safety Minister has been contacted. Currently we have five retained fire fighters on the Island with vacancies.

**18. Meeting Review:** no comments

**19. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 as there is a recess in July. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date

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Summary of new and outstanding actions

Continued AP1 Community Resilience plan

Action: Chair

AP1: Feedback on Ferry timetable and other issues

Action: Chair/Shirley/  
SIC ferry Operations/Transport

AP2: Follow up in funding for Ferry and NHS appointments

Action: Chair

AP3: Enquire with Infrastructure regarding Bus Shelters and the winter roads

provision

Action: Clerk

AP4: Raise Bressay Power emergency maintenance call out provision with Ian Taylor

and Alison Duncan.

Action: Chair

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