

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 1st July 2024 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. M. Fullerton
Mrs. C. Smith
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. D. Sandison

In Attendance

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

1. Declaration of Interest – None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 3rd June 2024 were approved by Narene Fullerton and Brian Adamson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) 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 had contacted Robina for an update but had not heard back yet.

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

Still waiting for the above sign to be installed. Neil Hutchison had been chased on this and it is on their list of traffic signs to be installed.

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Cllr. Scott had contacted George Martin again and unfortunately he will not be taking on the position of Director as he does not feel he can commit to it. A few other names were suggested and the Clerk will make contact.

ACTION: Clerk

(d) Road at Meal

We requested white centre lines /arrows at the blind spot just north of Speed's corner. Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, has now emailed to say they will either put in centre lines or arrows but it may be some time before it is done due to them being short handed at the moment.

(e) Meal Beach - access

Liam Drosso, Outdoor Access Officer, had replied advising that he had visited the beach and had a look at the alternative route to avoid the rocky section down to the beach at the west side. He proposed putting some signage directing people to the alternative route. The members were happy with his suggestion of more signage which will give visitors the option to use the other route/stile. It was suggested that the signage should be put in place at the gate at the bottom of the path to the beach. The Clerk will reply to Mr. Drosso. **ACTION: Clerk**

(f) Gritting – Christmas & New Year

The draft Winter Maintenance Policy Review 2024 had been received and was circulated to the members for information. The outcome of the review is to be presented to a meeting of the Council's Environment and Transport Committee on 9th September 2024.

(g) 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. Cllr. Hughson has been looking into this and reported that community councils are not in a position to apply to the Coastal Communities Fund. The Planning Service has not yet had confirmation of the budget for the Nature Restoration Fund which she thought might be another option. Cllr. Hughson will look into what this funding has been spent on previously.

ACTION: Cllr. Hughson

(h) Hamnavoe Pier - survey

Claire Christie, Team Leader, SIC Port Engineering, emailed in May advising that the report had been received from Arch Henderson and she would be asking them to prepare a scheme of concrete repairs and replace 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 had asked for a copy.

(i) Glass recycle bins – Hamnavoe Hall

The Clerk had emailed Michael Godden, SIC, asking that the two large unused glass recycle bins at the side of the hall be removed. These have now been taken away. It was noted however that a lot of broken glass has been left behind and the Clerk was asked to contact them to clean the area.

ACTION: Clerk

(j) Local Place Plans

The Clerk had contacted June Porter, SIC Community Development, asking for a copy of the Burra & Trondra Locality Profile. She had replied stating that the locality profile that includes Burra & Trondra is the 'Shetland Central' one and is published on the Shetland Partnership website. They don't have published profiles for all communities within the Shetland Central locality but they may be able to get some more localised data for Burra & Trondra depending on what we are looking for.

(k) ASCC meeting – Tue 11 June

Michael Duncan had sent on an update from the above meeting which had been circulated to the members for information.

(l) Burra Woodland

The Clerk had replied to Margaret Reeves' email with the members suggestion that they look at the area in the Hulsidale playpark to see if this would be suitable for community planting etc. Nothing had been heard back from them. Niall offered to get in touch with them again.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(m) Sewage pipe at Red Geo, Hamnavoe

Repairs have now been carried out on the damaged pipe by Scottish Water.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Voar Redd Up 2024

An email had been received from Shetland Amenity Trust confirming the groups who took part in this year's Voar Redd Up in our area. Nine groups who took part requested Community Council funding. The members agreed to give each group a donation of £60.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Police Report – April/May 2024

Two incidents were recorded for Burra & Trondra:

Road Safety & Road Crime – Careless Driving

Drugs – Attempt to Possess

(c) Community Councillors – Term of Office Extensions

At the SIC meeting on 3 October it was agreed that the current Term of Office for all Community Councils in Shetland be extended by one year to November 2025 to allow further time for the Review of the Scheme of Community Councils in Shetland to be completed. All voting members of our Community Council have received letters to this effect.

(d) Various correspondence

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

- Consultation re SIC Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaws 2005
- Arven Offshore Wind Farm Ltd – Scoping Consultation

5. AOCB

(a) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

The Clerk had received a phone call from a member of the community regarding the location of phone box outside the public toilets in Hamnavoe. This phone box is situated on the concrete path leading to the women's toilet and there had been a situation where a visitor with staffs had difficulty navigating around the phone box. The Community Council has brought this up with BT previously who were not willing to remove the box as the phone is still in working order (despite the poor state of the phone box which no longer has a door). The Clerk will look into this.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Defibrillator Training

As we have two defibrillators in our community it was suggested that training might be useful. A few years ago there was training given by the ambulance service. The Clerk will look into it.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 2nd September 2024 at 6pm.