

# Delting Community Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 At Voe Hall

### 2024/06/01 MEMBERS

Mr E Smith Vice Chairman  
Ms R Griffiths  
Mr J Milne

Ms J Dennison  
Mr B Moreland

### 2024/06/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter, Clerk  
Mr M Mason, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

### 2024/06/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

### 2024/06/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Cooper (Chairman), Ms E Macdonald, Mr A Hall, and Ms L Hall.

### 2024/06/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Mr J Milne

### 2024/06/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Mr E Smith declared an interest for 2024/06/10.1 – planning application.

### 2024/06/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

7.1 There were no new members to Co-Opt. See 2024/06/12.1.

### 2024/06/08 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – Project fund – Benches have been delivered and awaiting plaques. They are being stored in Mr A Halls shed and we are awaiting notification from the Burial Team to see if we need to put in a concrete plinth for the benches to be put on. The distribution fund will now be advertised to local Halls, youth clubs and under 5's to see if they require any grant funding. **Clerk to progress**

8.2 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – Ms J Dennison highlighted the overgrown cattle grid just passed the Busta House Junction in the Busta Road and the cattle grid at the end of Muckle Roe near Little Ayre has loose bars and concrete crumbling. Mr E Smith asked if they were privately owned cattle grids. The cattle grids are on the public road. Mr E Smith asked if the council can be contacted to ask about both of the cattle grids. Email Mr J Duncan SIC Roads. **Clerk to progress**

8.3 **Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – There was no update on this item.

8.4 **Testing at Scatsta** – Hyimpulse Testing Campaign over for now.

8.5 **Windfarm Development** – There was no update on this item.

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- 8.6 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Graveyard bin** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – There was no update on this item. **Ms E Macdonald to progress**
- 8.9 **Bus services in the North Mainland** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.10 **Mossbank Pier Safety Wire removal** – There was no update on this item. **Mr A Cooper to progress.**
- 8.11 **Glass on road** – Mr J Milne noted there was glass all over the road again at Brae. Mr E Smith asked for Mr B Gray to highlight the issue again. **Clerk to progress**
- 8.12 **Woodland Fence** – Mr J Milne has ordered one bag of all in which has been delivered. He has used some already. He will order wood in the next week or so. **Mr J Milne to progress.**
- 8.13 **Communication Road Resurfacing in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison noted the SIC website now has the roads report in a dropdown menu with live updates instead of a document.
- 8.14 **Repair work in Moorfield Estate** – Frosted window panes have still not been replaced. Mr B Moreland said he had spoken to a resident who is getting nowhere with the council or contractor who installed the windows. Mr J Milne said that Mr A cooper advised the resident of whom to contact but when the resident contacted them he was told that they don't have the contract and he didn't know what the resident was talking about. Mr E Smith advised to email Mr G Gilfillan again to find out the progress. **Clerk to progress**
- 8.15 **Muckle Roe Meeting** – Ms J Dennison said the meeting was very positive and still ongoing.
- 8.16 **Interpretive Boards** - There was no update on this item.

## 2024/06/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1 There have been 18 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
    - Careless Driving
    - Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit
    - Road Traffic Collision
    - Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury
  - Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
    - Assault (2)
    - Threatening or Abusive Behaviour
    - Vandalism (2)
  - Acquisitive Crime
    - Theft
    - Theft of Vehicle
  - Protecting Vulnerable People
    - Concern for Person (3)
    - Mental Health (3)
  - Other
    - Drugs – Attempt to Possess

## 2024/06/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 **2024/149/PPF** - To erect single storey dwellinghouse; create new access road, parking and turning area; install air source heat pump; install new septic tank and land infiltration system Plot,

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Busta, Brae, Shetland Ms Sandra Jamieson All Plans can be viewed [Simple Search \(shetland.gov.uk\)](https://www.shetland.gov.uk) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to Progress**

**2024/06/11 SFRS - SHAPING OUR FUTURE SERVICE – MR M MASON**

**11.1** Mr M Mason Group Commander for SFRS was invited along to the meeting to provide an update on this consultation exercise and the Strategic Service Review Plan SSRP. Its 200 years since the formation of the world's first municipal fire service was founded in Edinburgh. They are looking to change the way they provide the service to reflect the changing needs of the service. They have incidents of fires, chemical spills, RTA, and they want to focus more on prevention. The types of incidents are changing and they need to change how they work to make sure the resources are in the right places. There has been a reduction in fire incidents since 2003 and an increase in outdoor fire incidents and non-fire incidents since 2013. Statistics demonstrate they are responding to less house fires. They need to look at where resources are now and where they need to be in the future. Some of the stations are not in the right place. Some buildings are not fit for purpose. They are spending money on repairs which is a short-term fix. The consultation for the exercise is not about money but they need to look at where money and budget is best spent. The consultation exercise is looking to decide the best locations for fire stations, and determine how resources should be allocated. In Shetland there is a further challenge, due to island and rural communities that need to be covered. Safety in staff is paramount so they want to focus on the health of staff. Mr E Smith asked how the Brae Fire Station was performing. Mr M Mason said they have recruited 4 on call watch commanders. Volunteer numbers are good and he will forward the report showing the level of availability. Matt is asking that as many people as possible complete the survey and help to shape the future of the service going forward. Matt left some information leaflets and a paper copy of the consultation for the members to take away.

**2024/06/12 DELTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL - COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS – TERM OF OFFICE EXTENSIONS**

**12.1 Delting Community Council received the following email from Shetland Island Council -** The Shetland Islands Council, at its meeting on 3 October 2023, 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.

Accordingly, I have written to all voting members of Delting Community Council, to formally advise that unless they advise otherwise, their term of office on Delting Community Council will be confirmed as extended for a further year to 19 November 2025.

Councillors are not required to formally sign an acceptance, and their membership status will continue for a further one year until 19 November 2025. The list of those written members of your Community Council I have written to is set out below.

However, if any person does NOT wish to continue as a voting member for the extended term they are asked to advise me, or the Community Council Clerk, in writing as soon as possible and before 20 November 2024, of their intention NOT to accept the extended term. In this regard, their term of office will come to an end on 20 November 2024.

In such circumstances, as also agreed by the Council, the community council will be permitted to fill the vacancy by co-option for the extended one-year term of office. For the avoidance of any doubt, any persons so co-opted would have full voting rights.

Please bring this letter to the attention of your Chair, and include on the agenda for your next meeting of the Delting Community Council, for information.

Delting Mr	Alastair T J	Cooper
Delting Ms	Julie M	Dennison
Delting Mr	Andrew D	Hall
Delting Mr	James	Milne
Delting Mr	WilliamH	Moreland
Delting Mr	Errol A	Smith

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The members present were happy to continue. It was noted Ms R Griffiths was not included in the list. Ms R Griffiths was too late in filling out the form so she would need to fill out a form to be co-opted. Ms R Griffiths filled out the form at the meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

### **2024/06/13 COMMUNITY WORK**

Ms L Hall was unable to attend the meeting.

### **2024/06/14 FINANCE UPDATE**

- 14.1 Garriock Bros Invoice** – Delting Community Council received an invoice for 10mm All in Grey Bagged and delivered for £71.76. Payment Approved **Clerk to progress**
- 14.2 N-Graved Invoice** - Delting Community Council received an invoice for three bench plaques and postage for £49.50. Payment Approved **Clerk to progress**
- 14.3** Accounts for 23/24 have been completed and sent to members. They were approved at the meeting and will be sent to VAS for auditing. Funds from the Term deposit account matured and have been paid into the current account and all outstanding grants from 23/24 have now been paid. The clerk updated members on the current financial position for 24/25. **Clerk to progress**

### **2024/06/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 15.1 Grant Application Form - Shetland Fencing Club** - The Shetland Fencing Club has been working on a project. The project targets these 3 regions Delting, Lerwick, Aith in Shetland. They have been advised by the Council to approach us directly as the current Viking Energy Community Grant scheme is to be changed and could not help them at this time. They have the majority of funds in place. The Shetland Fencing Club is aiming to complete a project to establish a competition structure within Shetland. The club has a long and successful history of travelling away to competitions, mostly for young people, but this is not inclusive and has become very expensive over recent years.

The purpose of this project is to:

- As a truly inclusive club, provide all levels of fencers the chance to enter competition events in Shetland, accessible to all, of all ability, age and cost restrictions and in different regions of Shetland.
- Provide the chance to participate in competitive events, a natural progression for any fencer.

Total Cost of Project: £1900 Events Planned: 4 yearly competitions minimum plus taster and demonstration events e.g. Brae Day and activities arranged with Active Schools. Funding Applied For: Specialised Scoring Equipment

Fund Raising Activities £600 Fencing Club Quiz Might and Raffles arranged for May Other Grant £750 This has been pledged by Shetland Sports Community Hubs. Community Councils, Delting, Lerwick, Aith £550 (£180 per council.) To complete funding project as shared funding amongst Community Councils specified. They are applying for £180.00. Due to the current financial position members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £180 if the funds could be allocated from the Community development distribution fund. If not, then the community council would not be able to award the grant. Mr E Smith asked if Mr M Duncan could be contacted to ask if the grant could come from the distribution fund. **Clerk to progress.**

- 15.2 SCBF - Viking Community Fund** – we received the Memorandum of Understanding and Data Sharing agreement for the Community Grant Scheme which will replace the AGS. Both documents need to be signed and returned before the 25th August. Mr E Smith signed both forms at the meeting and it needs returned to SCBF admin.

The current AGS funding year is scheduled to end on the 31st of August 2024, and it is anticipated that the CGS will then begin on 1st September 2024. Any unallocated funds from the AGS will be carried over and added to your allocation for the CGS. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

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**15.3 Voar Redd Up 2024** – There was three groups who have requested funding for taking part in the Voar Redd Up 2024. These were Mossbank School, Voe Youth Club and Voe Children's party. It was agreed that the allocated funds of £200 for 24/25 would be split equally between the three groups of £66.65 and can be paid once the paperwork was returned to the clerk. **Clerk to progress.**

**15.4 Association of Shetland Community Councils – Digital Switchover** Cathrine Coutts and Rod Keay delivered an update on the preparation that are underway within the SIC/NHS regarding the Digital Switchover in January 2027. They are aiming to meet the original timeline of December 2025, and are already testing alarm systems with a number of service users.

New equipment has the potential to improve services and independent at home, but there are also issues to be investigated around resilience and battery back-up capacity should there be power outages. SIM based systems are a possible option, as this includes Roaming SIMS which are able to pick up signals when power cuts occur.

Technology in this area is fast evolving so the market being closely monitored and the SIC is liaising with other Local Authorities to determine the best solutions. BT are carrying out regional engagement so will be in Shetland next month – see attached information.

Individual households can check R100 status for their area on the web link below

[Check my address | Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband](#)  
[Scottish Fire & Rescue Service – consultation](#)

Matt Mason from SF&RS attended and provided an update on this consultation exercise. SF&RS are looking to consult to help shape its future. A lot of its infrastructure and equipment is out of date, so the status quo is not an option. There are significant risks if no action is taken, so the service need to make changes. Whilst prevention and education has helped make significant reductions to house fires, the service is having to deal with new challenges such as the impacts of climate change and wildfires. Health of firefighters also needs to be addressed. The consultation exercise is looking to decide the best locations for fire stations, and determine resources should be allocated. In Shetland we have a further challenge, having a number of island community that need to be covered.

Therefore, Matt is asking that as many people as possible complete the survey and help to shape the future of the service going forward. See attachments for more information. Link to survey is provided below – deadline for responses is 30 June 2024.

[Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say - Scottish Fire and Rescue Services - Citizen Space](#)  
[Local Place Plans](#)

Been a good uptake across Shetland with 17 areas registering an interest. There is still time to register, so any community body that wishes to get in touch, and hasn't already done so, please use the [LPP@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:LPP@shetland.gov.uk) email address and the Planning Service will take it from there.

**Community Council Scheme Review**

An update was provided on the Review. Stage two consultation closes at 5pm, 28 June 2024.

Council is keen to have any many people as possible to complete and submit survey forms.

Stage Three of the Review due to take place later in the year, and this will include issuing a final draft scheme for comment and potentially involve discussions about future funding model. It will also share the result of Stage two consultation exercise.

Please note the Council has this week issued a letter to all Community Councillors about extending their term for another year. Anyone not seeking to extend their term must notify the Council in writing – see letter for instructions and deadline.

A report with the proposed new scheme is scheduled to be presented to Shetland Islands Council In early 2025, and subject to approval, the new scheme would be implemented on 1 April 2025.

**Arven Offshore Wind Farm Limited – Scoping Consultation**

A discussion took place about the above which had been received by the ASCC. Deadline for responses is 29 June 2024.

It was agreed the ASCC contact Scottish Government Marine Licencing and seek an extension to the above which has been done. Once a response is received, Community Councils will be notified of timescales to provide any comments back to the ASCC to collate and submit. See attached email.

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The ASCC has secured an extension to this Scoping Consultation, so if you have any comments please can you send them to the ASCC inbox by no later than 2pm, Friday 19 July 2024. A response will be collated and submitted from there.

### Future agenda items

Please find attached a blank agenda request form. As always, please submit any proposals to Mr M Duncan. Deadline for the ASCC meeting in September is 16 July. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.5 Response to queries 2024/130/PPF - Car park etc at North Compound, off A970** – Response from Dawn Stewart Planning Officer Development Management: I refer to the above planning application submission and write to advise that having relayed comments received from Delting Community Council, the applicant has responded to confirm that the application makes use of the existing junction from the A970 but that they do not have land rights over the old road in this location. It has however been pointed out that although the old road does not form part of the current planning application nor part of the original wind farm development, the applicant understands that the public will be able to use the old for pedestrian/cycle/horse access in accordance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The applicant has also advised that public road speed limits fall within the remit of the local authority. I can confirm that following consultation with the Council's Roads Service, they have raised no objections to the proposal, subject to standard road safety conditions being applied to any future decision notice should planning permission be granted for this development. As such neither the applicant, nor the planning authority are in a position to provide reassurance that the speed limit in the area will be reduced if or when the car park becomes operational. In light of this information, it would be appreciated if you can please advise whether your members wish to review, amend or uphold their original comments made in respect of this proposal and to confirm by return email, whether or not these are intended as a formal objection to the proposed car park at the former North Compound. The members would like to uphold their original comments made in respect of this proposal and they are intended as a formal objection to the proposed car park at the former North Compound. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 15.6 Information session – Lisa Stewart Development Manager RNID** - We are providing a service on the Island, which is volunteer led – providing hearing checks for non-hearing aid users, hearing aid maintenance/ batteries for NHS hearing aids and information and support. The service is led by a small group of volunteers, and we are hoping to promote the service, as we want to support more people on the Island and also increase the number of volunteers so we can support more people beyond our current services in Brae and Lerwick. More information about our services that we provide can be found here: [Services directory - RNID](#) If anyone would be interested in attending our session for support with hearing aids, hearing checks or information and support – please do not hesitate to signpost them to this service. If anyone would be interested in volunteering – there is a short video here to show you what it would look like to volunteer with us and apply. [Volunteer with us - RNID](#) Lastly – would your staff would be interested in a brief information talk including basic communication tips, deaf awareness and our service? We could offer this free at a time that suits you and staff. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.7 Post Office Limited - Mossbank - ZE2 9RB** - We're writing to let you know about some changes to the above Post Office. For further information please visit our Consultation Hub via the link below: [Consultation Hub – Mossbank ZE2 9RB](#) It would be helpful if you could share this link through your social media channels and with any local groups or organisations within the community to help our customers and your constituents understand what is happening. Customer posters will also be displayed in branch. **Clerk put information on Delting Community Council Facebook page and shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.8 Shetland Islands Council calls for views on Lerwick alcohol byelaws** - The Council's current consultation concerning the Shetland Islands Council Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaws 2005 opened on 17 May 2024 and is set to close at midnight

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on 2 July 2024. In addition to receipt of responses from individual respondents, the Council is also keen to hear from community councils as well. With the above in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to urge your community council to respond to the consultation if it has not done so already. More information can be found [here](#). To be returned before midnight on 31 July. The members decided not to participate in the consultation. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.9 Draft Winter Maintenance Policy Review 2024** - The Council's winter maintenance operations have been reviewed on a number of occasions in recent years. We are now in the process of undertaking a further review in response to concerns that have been expressed regarding the current policy.

It is recognised that there is an increasing number of drivers travelling out with the hours that the Council's winter service currently operates. This includes early mornings, evenings and the festive public holidays. There is also an issue with the lack of footpath gritting on Sundays and difficulties with the treatment of footpaths in rural areas.

The current policy was approved in August 1991. We are proposing a new policy to account for the changes that have been approved and implemented over the years. This new policy will also include the changes that are proposed to address the above concerns.

We would appreciate your Council's comments on this proposed policy. A copy of the current policy is attached in Appendix 1 for your Council's information. A list of the operational changes made since August 1991 and the changes that are currently proposed is also attached. Unfortunately, we are unable to make significant alterations to our operational hours, an explanation for this is detailed in Appendix 3. The proposed updated policy is attached in Appendix 4.

Please contact Neil Hutcheson at the above address if your Council has any queries regarding these proposals. Neil should also be contacted if you wish a representative of the Roads Service to attend a meeting of your Council to discuss the proposed policy.

Please note that the outcome of this review is to be presented to a meeting of the Council's Environment and Transport Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The members are in full support of the policy review. **Clerk to progress.**

**15.10 Scam Alert Bulletin June 2024** - The latest Scam Alert Bulletin prepared by Trading Standards. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.11 Vodafone Network Developments** - Following some recent reports of Vodafone network issues, they have invited our Vodafone Public Sector Account Manager for an initial meeting to discuss the general performance of the Vodafone network in Shetland and seek some assurances around their commitment to further infrastructure development. This meeting has been scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> of July.

While they appreciate the short timescale, they have asked that we gather information of problem areas/postcodes so that they can do a detailed analysis of potential problems. We are currently aware of the current problem areas:

- Lerwick central – the network is incredibly slow and almost unusable. It's certainly unusable when there is a large tourist group visiting, i.e. Cruise ships.
- South Unst/Belmont – recent changes seem to have diminished the Vodafone signal strength in this area.

They would appreciate if we could let them know if we or our communities are aware of any problem areas, particularly if there has been a marked reduction of service in the last year or so. The members discussed the problem areas and it was decided to report issues of no Vodafone signal in Voxter, Voe, and parts of Dales Lees Road along with patchy signal throughout Muckle Roe, Mossbank and the Moorfield estate. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

**15.12 Sustainable Development Goals action and Scottish Community Councils** - The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations in 2015, call for global action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure peace and prosperity for all by 2030. The 17 connected goals aim to balance social, economic, and environmental needs, focusing on helping the most disadvantaged. They aim to end poverty, hunger, AIDS, and discrimination against

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women and girls. If you are a community-led group or organisation working anywhere in Scotland and have a focus on one or more of the SDGs, we invite you to participate in this survey. It aims to help us better understand the action grassroots community groups in Scotland are taking on the SDGs, their locations, and the impact they are having. Your responses will help us identify the needs of groups like yours, explore new ways of providing support, and new ways of collaborating to create a better, more sustainable future. The survey should only take 4 minutes to complete. [Begin Survey](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.13 Child car seat clinic in Lerwick –** Have your child car seat checked for free Tesco Car park Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 10am-3pm. **Clerk put information on Delting Community Council Facebook page and shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

### **2024/06/16 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS**

**16.1** Ms L Ratter enquired about purchasing antivirus for the laptop as well as looking into getting TEAMS installed for business use. The members unanimously agreed to the proposal. **Clerk to progress.**

**16.2 Bench at Main Road at Galley Shed –** Mr A Hall emailed to ask for the bench at Galley Shed on main road to be added to AOCB. He sent a photo to show that it is in a poor state. It needs replacing as folk sit on the bench waiting for the bus heading north? The members were unsure who owned the bench/area. It was suggested to ask Mr J Smith, resident in Roebrek if he is aware of who may own the bench then contact them. **Clerk to progress**

### **2024/06/17 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**17.1** The Vice Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 7.30pm.

Vice Chairman