NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 8th July 2024 held in Urafirth Primary School.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:	
CCIIr R McGeady	
CCIIr D Brown	
CCIIr R Doull	
CCIIr D Robertson	
CCIIr J Parry	
CCIIr K Scollay	

Ex	Officio	Present:
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Apologies Submitted:	
CCIIr B Wilcock	
CCIIr G Anderson	
Ms L Hall - SIC	
Cllr E MacDonald	

In attendance:	
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk	

The meeting started at: 19.33 CCIIr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2.Declarations of Interest.	CCIIr R McGeady any NCDC related business and Hjaltland Housing Association business CCIIr J Parry any SCBF related business
3.Approval Of Previous Minute	CCIIr R McGeady approved minutes and CCIIr J Parry seconded.
4.Police Report.	No police present at meeting but report from April/May had been circulated prior to meeting. 4 incidents had been recorded in Northmavine and there would be extra police for the Simmer Dim Rally in June. CCIIr D Brown thought the rally had proceeded with no incidents.

5.Matters Arising	NCDC
	Clerk informed CCIIrs that she had attended a meeting in Orkney around the Rural Energy Project and was in the process of acquiring another electric vehicle which would be available for community use.
	Brugill Quarry No further update.
	Bench Donation CCIIr R Doull had double checked, and the area suggested is owned by the Doull family. Action: Clerk to set a date for getting the bench in place.
	Transport Planning No update Action: Clerk to contact Transport Department at SIC
	Redundant car removal The clerk updated CCIIrs that CCIIr G Anderson had suggested NCDC could collate a list of vehicles for pick up rather than gather them in one place to avoid getting stuck with vehicles for months. The clerk had also been in contact with the company suggested at the last meeting and they would happily collect vehicles although currently scrap yard is closed until next month. CCIIr R McGeady and CCIIr D Brown said they would speak to some members of the community.
6.Community Council Scheme Review	Consultation now closed. Clerk had submitted a response from NCC.
7.AGS Applications	No applications received.
8. Road Grant Applications	This year there were 19 applications received. There was a long discussion between CCIIrs about the best way to proceed. It was acknowledged that the road lengths had not been updated in a long time. CCIIrs decided to defer making grants until more information was gathered. CCIIr R Doull also suggested updating the form for future years. Action: Clerk to remeasure unadopted roads and circulate to CCIIrs.
9. Correspondence	Winter Maintenance Policy Review Proposed changes to the Winter Maintenance Policy were circulated to CCIIrs. CCIIr D Robertson highlighted that people's work patterns have changed significantly since the policy was first written in 1991 with more people needing to leave early in the morning, working weekends and care in community coming out later in the evening. He also added that the council were not phoning contractors soon enough to clear roads and that there is not enough machinery. CCIIr D Brown added that the council service stopped over weekends and CCIIr R Doull added that they also stop around Christmas and New Year. CCIIr J Parry said that although roads were getting cleared, without grit they were still dangerous. There was a discussion around side roads

	not being cleared. CCIIr D Robertson said that in Eshaness every side road had at least one resident that worked early shift or were elderly. CCIIr K Scollay said that the gritting used to be done before the school bus left Ollaberry but it is now often late morning. CCIIr D Robertson suggested that the gritter/ snow plough kept in Northmavine should proceed to south to Brae with the gritter/snow plough in Brae coming north which would get the road cleared faster and would allow folk travelling south to work to follow the gritter. CCIIr D Robertson also suggested the route should change depending if it is gritting or snow clearance. He also added that crofters should be hired sooner to clear roads. CCIIr K Scollay added there was likely an abundance of older ploughs that could be adapted to fit on tractors and diggers. CCIIr D Robertson suggested ploughs could be bought and left in the community for use when needed. Action: Clerk to send response
	Arven Scoping Consultation CCIIr J Parry stated he had attended the consultation meeting and that the offshore windfarm would have minimal affect in Northmavine and it is to be 30 miles offshore with fisheries the most likely to be affected. CCIIr D Brown asked if there would be a community benefit fund. CIIr J Parry said yes that would be a similar schme as SCBF but it was still at least 10 years away and Scottish Government policy needed to be adhered to.
	Vodafone Network Developments CCIIr D Robertson said the signal had been terrible in Eshaness since Christmas. There was discussion between CCIIrs about the best way to gather information. Action: Clerk to put out post on NCC facebook page and in North Notes to gather responses by Tuesday 23 rd July.
	Lerwick Alcohol Byelaw CCIIr R Doull said that although the consultation was mainly concerned with Lerwick, there was a question around whether the byelaw should be extended to other areas in Shetland. CCIIr R McGeady asked if those present felt there was a problem in Northmavine. CCIIrs present agreed that they felt there was no need a for a byelaw in Northmavine. Action: Clerk to send in response
10. AOCB	CCIIr J Parry informed CCIIrs that SCBF would be attending all the agricultural shows over the summer to answer any
	questions the community has about how the money from the Viking wind farm will be spent.
13. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 5 th August at 7.30pm in the Ollaberry Primary School

The meeting ended at: 20.27