

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 17/06/24

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 27th May 2024 at 7pm over Zoom.

NOTE: due to not enough members of committee for quorum on Monday 20th May 2024, the meeting was rescheduled for 27th May 2024.

1. PRESENT:

Mark Burgess
Andrew Blackadder
Kenny Pottinger
Marie Williamson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Davie Sandison
Cllr Ian Scott
Michael Duncan

2. APOLOGIES:

Barbara Anderson
Lindsay Laurenson
Cllr Catherine Hughson

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2024 were proposed by Kenny and seconded by Andrew, with the following amendments:

Section 6 – Scalloway Community Development Fund:

- * The word 'interpretive' was misspelled
- * A joint approach needs to be taken between SCDC and the Scalloway Museum, not the SCC; though it should be noted that the SCC will still be involved at points

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Andrew was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Matters arising were discussed during their relevant sections.

6. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

A meeting has been held with Shetland Islands Council to discuss funding for the environmental impact assessment, which is to be carried out, which included the stakeholders. Ryan Thomson from Community Energy Scotland has also spoken to SCDC to discuss approaches to net zero projects that could potentially be developed, which could be considered as the Waterfront project enters the design stage.

Kirk Business Centre: the application made to the Community Land Fund (CLF) has now been submitted and is in the system.

Caravan Park: It has been noted that the caravan park is beginning to pick up more business as the summer months approach, and that a new shed and the play area are in development.

7. ASCC UPDATE

The next meeting of the ASCC will be held on 11th June, with a presentation from Scottish Fire and Rescue Services. It was noted that BT's digital rollout has been pushed back, which has been well received by the committee members.

8. ROADS

Yellow Lines: Ian has spoken to Roads regarding the yellow lines behind the Scalloway Hotel, though a response has yet to be received. It was felt that there are issues with the line of sight along Main Street, and that a two-way system for Giblestone Court could potentially be beneficial. It was agreed that Roads would be written to, requesting an understanding of why the decision had been made to have the lines drawn without consultation and to request a retrospective consultation process be carried out.

Action: Clerk

Houl Road: the pothole along Houl Road has now been repaired.

9. POLICE REPORT

The police report for April-May will be read out during the June 2024 meeting.

10. FINANCE

Funding Applications: SYCC have applied to the CDF for £838.83 for high quality bunting to brighten the Main Street. It was agreed to fund this application in full, which was proposed by Kenny and seconded by Mark. The SYCC are to be contacted.

Action: Clerk

Community Benefit Fund: the clerk had spoken to SCBF, and they had noted that there were some discussions previously regarding the changes, but agreed that a meeting could be scheduled to further discuss the changes. It was agreed that this could be a topic to raise with the ASCC, and it was decided to submit this as an item for the agenda.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: the cost of the Gallows Hill project has come to be around £1,015 for the signage and store. Mark had been approached by residents of Port Arthur, regarding potential funding for a bench in the area. Due to the nature of the request, the CDF and CBF did not seem to be the correct avenues for this project, and it was questioned if the remaining funds from the last project could be used for this. Mark is to contact Michael to see whether this is possible.

Action: Mark

Concerning the next project (the Fisherman's Garden), Mark has spoken to one company regarding hand rails, and will approach other individuals for quotes; the clerk is to assist with this endeavour.

Action: Mark, Clerk

Jamieson Trust: no progress has been made; Mark is to speak to Nordri once more, and if this doesn't have a result, another company may be approached.

Action: Mark

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Committee Members: it was noted that the Clerk has been contacted by an individual who showed an interest in joining the committee. This was met with a positive reaction by the committee, and this individual will be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

Remembering Together: Helen Thomson contacted the SCC concerning the Remembering Together project, a project that encourages "Collective acts of reflection, remembrance, hope and healing with communities across Scotland." As part of this project, Ms Thomson is presenting the community councils with an A5 plaque that is to be displayed. The Clerk is to contact Ms Thomson to find out the arrangements for receiving this plaque.

Action: Clerk

Lithium Batteries: a parliamentary representative has passed on information regarding a bill being created which concerns lithium batteries in e-bikes/scooters, their safety and disposal. Having reviewed the initial draft of the bill, it was agreed to respond to the representative, approving of clause 1 and 2.

Action: Clerk

12. PLANNING

Substation: A proposal of Application Notice (PAN) has been submitted for the proposed new substation development for Mossy Hill Wind Farm. During a meeting of the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council, it was voiced that the placement of the substation was not approved of by the committee, but that it would be unlikely to persuade Starkraft to build elsewhere. It was noted that there is to be scope for tree planting around the substation upon its completion, which would effectively 'screen' it from view. It was decided to contact David Bell Planning, requesting clarification on the greenery and trees intended for use, as well as to emphasise that strategic planting should be adopted when carrying out these works.

Action: Clerk

New Road: there has been a proposal for the revocation of a disabled parking space at New Road. The SCC do not have comments for this proposal.

13. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

The clerk has spoken to the Principal Head of Scalloway Primary School, and she felt that whilst she agreed that the basic idea of the CRP would be of interest to the School, she would appreciate further information concerning how the CRP would work in practice, a completed version of the plan, an idea of how other community councils have carried out theirs, and examples such as Yell. She also noted the current work carried out by SYCC and Anchor for Families. More groups are to be contacted, so that the feasibility for a meeting can be looked into.

Action: Clerk

14. STORAGE BOXES

A copy of the Internal Directory for the Shetland Island Council was shared with the clerk, and is to be shared with the relevant committee members.

Action: Clerk

15. AOCB

Flag: Ian proposed that the Scalloway flag should be flown at the hall over the entirety of the summer. It was agreed that this could be done, as long as the flag was taken down during adverse weather conditions.

Action: Ian

Castle: the members raised concerns as to the works carried out on Scalloway Castle. In addition to access to the castle being restricted due to the works, the scaffolding outside disrupts the aesthetics of the castle for both locals and visitors. Davie and Ian will take a joint approach to write to Historic Scotland, and the information would be passed onto the committee members.

Action: Davie, Ian

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 17th June 2024 at the Scalloway Public Hall.

Meeting ended at 21:20.