

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 29th August 2024 At Mossbank School

2024/08/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)

Mr B Moreland

Mr J Milne

Mr A Hall

Ms J Dennison

2024/08/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter, Clerk

Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer

Ms E J Park - Transport Contracts and Operations Officer

Ms C Wiseman - Transport Assistant – Monitoring

2024/08/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2024/08/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms R Griffiths and Ms E Macdonald.

2024/08/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2024 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Mr J Milne.

2024/08/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Clerk, Ms L Ratter declared an interest in item 2024/08/14.3 Brae High School University Trip Grant Application.

6.2 Mr E Smith declared an interest in item 2024/08/14.3 Brae High School University Trip Grant Application.

2024/08/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

7.1 There were no new members to Co-Opt.

2024/08/08 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – Project fund – Benches now in place.

8.2 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – Clerk emailed Mr J Duncan SIC Roads regarding the two overfilled cattlegrids at Busta and Muckle Roe. Mr J Duncan responded and there are job tickets on for the grids for Garriock Bros to carry out the works once they finish a barrier job. Mr E Smith noted the cattle grid in the road to Fraser Peterson Centre was very full and overgrown. Clerk to email Mr J Duncan SIC Roads to bring to their attention. **Clerk to progress**

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

8.4 **Testing at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.

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- 8.5 Windfarm Development** – There was no update on this item.
- 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 from May meeting**
- 8.9 Bus services in the North Mainland** – See 2024/08/11.1
- 8.10 Mossbank Pier Safety Wire removal** – The wire has not been replaced yet. **Mr A Cooper to progress.**
- 8.11 Glass on road** – Clerk emailed Mr B Gray on 01/07/24 but received no response. Mr A Hall provided a photograph of the glass on the road at the Moorfield estate which shows glass left scattered on the road. Mr A Cooper asked clerk to email Mr B Gray for an update as the glass still there and send photograph with email. If situation not resolved then warnings will need to be put in place and awareness raised for the public getting on and off buses and people walking past the area especially with children or pets. **Clerk to progress**
- 8.12 Woodland Fence** – Mr J Milne has purchased all the wood for the fence and cut it up. He will need to buy stainless steel nails for the fence which he will purchase from Brae Building Centre. When invoice comes in from Brae Building Centre members agreed this could be paid. **Clerk to progress**
- 8.13 Communication Road Resurfacing in Muckle Roe** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.14 Repair work in Moorfield Estate** – Clerk emailed Mr G Gilfillan, Team leader Housing Asset Service. He advised that the current position is that the window supplier has agreed to resolve the problem, the glass has been delivered but their local agent is unable to start replacing the glass until they get a purchase order from the window supplier. He was informed their Contractor has been in regular contact with the window supplier to request updates but that is all they can do at this stage. He also said in recent months the member of staff who residents were to direct enquiries to has been unavailable so that may explain some of the difficulty residents have had getting updates. Mr G Gilfillan was happy for his contact details to be passed on to residents and he would respond to any enquiries from residents. Grant Gilfillan – Team Leader Housing Asset Service grant.gilfillan@shetland.gov.uk 01595 744336. There has been no update since start of July and residents are still waiting for answers. The Chairman asked for the problem to be passed onto Ms E MacDonald to try and get the situation resolved. **Clerk to progress**
- 8.15 Muckle Roe Meeting** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.16 Interpretive Boards – The clerk received email response from Jacqui Birnie, Cultural Heritage Manager Shetland Amenity Trust** - The team I work with are based at the Museum and as you can imagine we are currently in the middle of a very busy summer season. The interpretation boards and signage were, I understand, a previous project which the Trust were funded to undertake. We would be delighted to work with the community to look at ways of updating the interpretation information if the community were able to fund the replacement and upkeep of the boards. We are looking into how we can work with communities for updating the information boards and we hope to investigate how that can be developed after the summer. Ms K Garrick from Voe Community Development Association subsequently got in touch after contacting the amenity trust who informed them, Delting Community Council were asking about the interpretive boards and looking to upgrade them which was not the case. Voe Community Development Association were wondering about applying for funding to get the sign upgraded in Voe. Clerk emailed Ms K Garrick with response from amenity Trust. The members decided it was best to respond to Ms K Garrick and explain the position of Delting Community Council and

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suggest the Voe Community Development Association try and secure funding. **Clerk to progress**

- 8.17 Bench at Main Road at Galley Shed** – Ms L Ratter has had no success in finding out who owns the bench and area or who commissioned the project. Clerk will put a post on facebook to see if there is anyone who knows anything. Also try emailing Mr J Duncan SIC Roads Department. **Clerk to Progress**

2024/08/09 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

2024/08/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 2024/033/PPF** - Change of use of land from rough grazing to residential to site a caravan - Mr Owen Robertson, Springwal, Muckle Roe, Shetland, ZE2 9QW 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**
- 10.2 2024/202/PPF** - To erect single storey dwellinghouse with integral garage; install air source heat pump; create new access, parking and turning area. Tulloch Developments Plot 11, Culsetter Park, Brae, Shetland ZE2 9QN. 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**
- 10.3 2024/214/PPF** - To erect single storey dwellinghouse; create new access track, parking and turning space; install air source heat pump; install surface water soakaway and land infiltration system. – Mr Craig Laurenson, Uphouse, Wethersta, Brae, Shetland ZE2 9QL 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.**
- 10.4 Marine Planning - All plans can be viewed at: [Simple Search \(shetland.gov.uk\)](https://www.shetland.gov.uk)**
Planning Ref: 2024/012/WL Proposal: To deploy 6 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 1, Bight Of Haggriester, Sullom Voe Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/013/WL Proposal: To deploy 10 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 2, Lunnister, Sullom Voe Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/014/WL Proposal: To deploy 6 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 3, Marki Ness, Sullom Voe Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/015/WL Proposal: To deploy 4 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 4, Gluss Voe, Ollaberry Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/016/WL Proposal: To deploy 4 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 5, Quey Firth, Ollaberry Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/017/WL Proposal: To deploy 10 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 6, Burra Voe, North Roe, Yell Sound Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/018/WL Proposal: To deploy 4 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 7, Sound, West Yell, Yell Sound Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/019/WL Proposal: To deploy 6 x 380m twin-headline longlines to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production Address: Site 8, Taing Of Setter, West Yell, Yell Sound Applicant: Angus Grains
Planning Ref: 2024/020/WL Proposal: To deploy 1x90m-diameter twin support collars to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production (pilot works licence) Address: Site 9, West Sandwick (North), West Yell, Yell Sound Applicant: Angus Grains

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Planning Ref: 2024/021/WL Proposal: To deploy 1 x 90m-diameter twin support collars to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production (pilot works licence) Address: Site 10, West Sandwick (South), West Yell, Yell Sound Applicant: Angus Grains

Planning Ref: 2024/022/WL Proposal: To deploy 1 x 90m-diameter twin support collars to be used for on-growing of kelp, for the purpose of marine carbon sequestration and feedstock production (pilot works licence) Address: Site 11, Wick Of Copister, South Yell, Yell Sound Applicant: Angus Grains

The members discussed the applications and the members would like to put forward the following comments in respect to all the planning applications above:

1. None of the sites detailed in the applications are in the Delting Area.
2. Members would not want to see any shore base infrastructure in the Delting area for the following reasons:
 - Concerns with the processing smell.
 - Concerns with locating in areas with renewable developments.
 - Concerns it would sterilise a lot of the activity which is presently undertaken in the Sullom Voe area with renewables.
 - Concerns the activity could possibly sterilise any future developments at Sullom Voe given the scale of the development in the proposal of sites.
3. In the event permission is granted it should be specific and not be allowed to trade or transfer the sites for different aquaculture purposes which would be consistent with the way in which other aquaculture developments have been treated.

Clerk to progress

2024/08/11 Ms E J Park - Transport Contracts and Operations Officer – and Ms C Wiseman - Transport Assistant – Monitoring Next Generation of Public Bus Contracts

11.1 Ms E Park handed out the presentation to all members. Zet-Trans has commissioned Stantec to help with business case and report writing. The Transport Planning department will be getting out and seeing people and getting the information for the study. The business case will look at the 'Why' the 'What' and the 'How'.

In terms of 'Why' they are doing this, it is referred as the case for change and in this case, it is due to the end of the term of the bus contracts in middle August 2025 and they will be seeking new contracts from then on. The timescale is relatively short so they can put out to tender in November so there is time for operators to set up and get ready. To do this, they need public engagement with both organisations and individuals to identify where the issues are with the network and find opportunities for change to try and improve things for people.

The outline case deals with the 'What', this is where they take all the information and try and draw up solutions and those solutions are packaged in what the network will look like and a number of different scenarios then appraised before it goes as a preferred option to the decision makers.

The How, this is the method they would use for procurement, the funding of it and then ultimately the delivery and ongoing management. It is usually a five-year period but they would consider whether this time scale is appropriate.

The purpose of the engagement and survey is to gather as many views as possible. They are interested in existing users and their experiences and people who do not use the bus services to gather views as to why they do not use it. They also want to hear from people who sometimes use the bus service and sometimes do not but might use it more if the services offered were different. They can learn from everyone's experiences and reasons as to why they travel how they do to be able to offer a better service for all. They will be looking at how people get the timetabling information, can this be made easier, how people hear about travel disruption and can it be improved and offer a better all-round service.

In Shetland there is 28 timetabled services, and 30 dial-a-ride services, which only go if there is a booking. The services are spread across 15 different local operators with an aging profile in both vehicles and drivers. They are also making sure they have all the operators' views in this process as they are active stakeholders in the project.

Passenger numbers 23/24 they delivered almost 400000 passenger journeys that year. This is core passengers it does not include children who use the public bus to get from their designated

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school. Young people and adults are the biggest users of the service. Numbers for young people using the service has tripled since 2019/20. They need to make sure the survey is reaching these young people. Youth Services are taking all the survey materials round the secondary schools and youth clubs and making sure they have access to fill out the survey and get their views across.

They need to go back to basics and understand what people need from the bus network so they can make sure the resources are going to the right places.

Ms E Park went through all the bus services serving North Mainland now.

Mr B Moreland asked why we do not have a Sunday Service when other areas do. Ms E Park replied it was due to European funding which was previously in place and was introduced and was meant to be rolled out but the funding dried up but they managed to keep the service going and maintain it but could not extend it. Ms E Park said people would need to fill out survey and tell them what they need the Sunday service for to ensure that if Sunday services were possible that they would be at appropriate times.

Ms L Hall said she went onto the page and found difficulty finding the survey. She shared the link on the Brae Community Group facebook page and asked if she could pass on the comments generated from this to Ms E Park.

Mr A Hall commented it is survey after survey and people are wary as nothing happens. He asked if the funding to do the consultation and report was from grant funding or council money to pay for Stantec. He asked how Stantec would understand the needs if the council were doing the groundwork and knew exactly what is needed, why were they getting someone else to do the report and not doing the report themselves? Ms E Park responded that the when it comes to the different pieces of the business case, doing an economic appraisal of things for example, the department does not have the necessary skills for this specialist work within the service to do the report.

Mr A Cooper brought up the previous issues of buses being late, going the wrong route, being cancelled with no notice. Ms E park said there have been challenges previously with staff turnover and training which has improved from what it was. They have proper training materials now. Ms E Park said most drivers come up from South may not know the area and therefore need this training. It has been difficult for operators to put drivers through their test locally with there being no testing facility in Shetland for some time, instead needing to go south at a significant cost.

Mr B Moreland asked whose responsibility it was to make sure drivers were trained properly on the specific routes. Ms E Park said the responsibility fell with both parties. They put down a contract and the contract has to have a clear timetable and the operators need to adhere to the timetable.

Mr A Hall asked why the council does not run the service. Ms E Park said the council does have an operator licence and it is something that would be looked at as part of the delivery model, in this process.

Mr J Milne asked if Stagecoach had been approached as their buses could hold 89 people. Ms E Park said the procurement process will be open to companies from south.

Mr A Cooper raised the issue of the afternoon bus from Mossbank and the children walking from the school on a bad day. Mr Cooper would like to see it resolved even with a feeder bus coming through at that time. It is an exposed road of about a mile long. Ms L Hall and Mr E Smith said it had been an issue for a long time. Ms E Park said it was a well-known issue the (1515 through Mossbank and meeting the end of school). Everything previously heard and any previous engagement will get fed into the new consultation. This will include for example, Nort Natters feedback as well as approaches made to the Council directly.

Mr A cooper said we need a 2pm feeder coming into Mossbank, and we need to see if we can get buses fully utilised.

They have an online survey, a paper survey, and they are going round every community council and doing 16 drop-in sessions around Shetland - locally at the Ollaberry Hall on Wednesday 4th September 1830-2100 and Brae Hall on Saturday 7th September 1030-1300 with transport included to the drop-in sessions if requested. Clerk to put information on the Delting Community Council Facebook page. **Clerk to progress**

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2024/08/12 COMMUNITY WORK

- 12.1 Ms L Hall asked if Delting Community Council were aware of the local place plans and were the Community Council planning to do one for Delting. Ms L Hall said if we make a place plan then planning needs to take it in to consideration for whatever they do. Mr A Cooper said we were aware and had been contacted by Mr P Mogridge and that due to the high number of projects in the Delting area, doing a place plan just now would be confusing and he would rather wait till spring of next year when we know what is going to materialise. Mr A Cooper says they would struggle to get a place plan put together just now and take the community with it, given the rest of the projects. Mr A Cooper said if Voe Community Development Group wanted to do one he would be more than happy to help them with it. The members agreed they should wait. See item 2024/08/14.4.

2024/08/13 FINANCE UPDATE

- 13.1 Accounts for YE23/24 have been Independently examined by VAS with no issues and are ready for signing. The accounts were signed at the meeting and it will be submitted to Mr M Duncan at SIC. **Clerk to progress.**
- 13.2 **Invoice for VAS** - Delting Community Council received an invoice for Independent Audit of 23/24 Accounts for £88.00. Payment Approved **Clerk to Progress**
- 13.3 The clerk updated members on the current financial position for 24/25.

2024/08/14 CORRESPONDENCE

- 14.1 **SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Brae High School Parent Council – 180525** - The Brae Parent Council is applying for funding to offer the chance for every Primary pupil the chance to access an on-Island class trip. Many fantastic trip opportunities exist within Shetland during the Summer term, it would be great to give the chance to our pupils to access these. This application includes transport costs and an allocated 'activities budget'. They are applying for £2100.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £2100. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 14.2 **Grant Application Form – Mossbank Community Hall - Installation of electric heating in the club room** - It is necessary for the Hall to have a warm space to hold events in the Club room where there is no heating currently. Installing this heating will encourage people to attend the events such as the weekly Coffee Morning and the evening Youth club and Clakkin & Yakkin. Currently the club room has an out-of-date storage heater which is too costly and inefficient to run. This room needs to be heated to encourage people to attend events. Our project will offer a welcoming and safe area for our community and visitors to enjoy. The environment and its upkeep will help to improve users' mental health, wellbeing, and sense of achievement. We have several groups that regularly use our community hall including Under 5's, Ability Shetland and the Youth Club, there is also a weekly coffee morning and Knitting group. Total cost of project is £784.91. They are applying for £784.91 Members agreed unanimously to award 80% of the grant with a maximum amount of £627.93. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.3 **Grant Application Form - Brae High School University Trip 2024** - They are hoping to run their University/College trip for S5/6 pupils. They hope to tour around the main universities in Scotland from 29 October to 2 November. Travel, food and accommodation costs have increased substantially since they last undertook the trip and they don't want to disadvantage any young person wishing to make the trip. The individual students going will benefit from the trip along with their parents who might have to spend less. The trip might help the young people to find a positive destination after school. The community will benefit from having better educated young people in its midst. The young people may return to community in the future to take up careers based on their University/College qualifications. Total Cost for trip £3394.00 Applicant Contribution at the moment is £3200.00 (£200 per pupil x 16 pupils). The applicant would like to apply for costs of 2 students on EMA of £400.00 and the cost of 2 staff members of £600.00. This would reduce the £200.00 each pupil would need to pay. They are applying for £1000.00.

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Members agreed unanimously to decline this application. It was suggested to and direct them to SCBF AGS. As a community group the Brae High School Parent Council could try and apply for funding. Mr A Cooper said if there were any issues with applying for this funding or if they were declined funding then they can ask for the original application to be reconsidered and members would make a quick decision. **Clerk to progress.**

14.4 Local Place Plan Updates – Delting Community Council have stated that Delting has quite a few initiatives taking place now and we feel it would create confusion to come in with another consultation when the community awaits fruition of projects currently under way. Mr P Mogrige responded with information to pass onto members - Members are still welcome to register for and attend one of the sessions outlined in my original email. Smaller communities such as Voe or Mossbank, may have an interested community body where any localised future LPP-related consultation is less likely to cause issues. The LPP timescale does not envisage any form of community consultation before Spring 2025 with LPP lead bodies being totally in control of their own timescales. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.5 11401: New Brae Campus, proposal of application notice PAN - Brae Campus, Brae, Mainland Erection of a through campus with associated parking and provision of external landscape and sports spaces - Shetland Islands Council are proposing the erection of a new Brae Campus school incorporating ELC, primary, secondary, and enhanced learning provision with associated car parking and the provision of external landscape spaces within the boundary of the existing Brae primary and secondary school site. With a site area over three hectares, the proposal will be classed as a major development, with a requirement for a 12-week minimum formal Pre-Application Consultation period. We are therefore notifying you as a key project stakeholder. During this period, an online consultation will be held between Tuesday 10 September and Tuesday 10 December where members of the public and key consultees may make comments on the prospective development and have the opportunity to fully engage with the planning process via <https://braecampus-consultation.squarespace.com/>. In person public consultations are proposed on Tuesday 10 September and Tuesday 26th November between 15:30 and 19:30 within the existing Brae High School. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Following receipt of email, Mr J Milne asked for clarification on the boundary and for artist impression drawings. Mr C Malcolm email response: All the redline boundary means on the PAN notice is the maximum extent of where works might take place – the reason it is showing going over the area of woodland is because we'll look to try and improve the bus drop off to the north as part of the proposals - we won't be touching the woodland itself. The only thing we want to do is improve the access and visibility from the drop off into the school site for pupils walking and potentially cycling, so that is the one area where we would hope to open up slightly the route through the woodland. This would be for pedestrians and cycles only so we want to be as sensitive and light touch as possible here, as we really appreciate how much of a natural capital asset the woodland is.

Design is at a really early stage, so there aren't artists impressions yet. The event on the 10th will be focused on broad design strategies, which will include an overall design strategy for the site. Mr C Malcolm invited members to a talk about the early-stage design work before or after the main public drop in event at the school (it runs from 3.30 to 7.30, so could do a session at 2.30 or 7.30)? If the 10th wasn't ideal for our members, they are doing workshops with the pupils, staff and parent council at the school on the 11th and 12th which will be finished around 6.30, so if either of those nights are suitable, they would be happy to talk through the early-stage work with us. If none of these are ideal, they could always dial in by teams for our next fixed community council meeting. Mr J Milne would like to meet with Architects on 10th September at 14.30. **Clerk to progress. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.6 Invitation to meet with SSEN Transmission – SSEN Transmission would like to extend an invitation for an initial meeting with the Community Council to discuss future SSENT projects in Shetland and gather your invaluable feedback prior to their formal consultations. If we would like to meet with them, we need to let them know our availability in October / November and they can arrange a suitable time for this meeting. Clerk emailed the dates for the Community Council meetings in October and November. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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- 14.7 Ms Tanya Riley PG Maine Student UHI has Requested to Attend Community Council Meeting for Local Insight on Marine Restoration and Enhancement Projects** – She would like to attend the upcoming council meeting on Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm to present the project and gather member's input. The members perspective will be vital as they identify and prioritise restoration opportunities that are both practical and beneficial to the community. Members are happy for Ms T Riley to attend the next meeting. **Clerk to progress. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2024/08/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 15.1 Shetland Charitable Trust Strategy 2025-2030 & Large Grants Scheme - NOW OPEN - Deadline 30th Aug 24 at 12noon** Guidance Notes, an Application Form and all other supporting documentation is available on the website and can be downloaded [here](#). **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.2 Digital Voice Roadshow - Lerwick events** - British Telecom held drop-in sessions about the switch to its digital home phone service at the Shetland Library, Lerwick, on Thursday 11th July and Friday 12th July. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page**
- 15.3 Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Funding - Open for Applications** - The Shetland Community Led Local Development (CLLD) programme is now open to consider applications from Shetland based social enterprises, community development companies and constituted not for profit voluntary organisations to apply for project funding in the current financial year. The focus of Shetland CLLD is to support projects which contribute positively to local people and local priorities by helping communities thrive through community-led initiatives. Priority will be given to projects that support the Scottish Government priorities. Shetland Islands Council, is administering the programme on behalf of the LAG Local Action Group and is now inviting applications from community-led organisations to apply for grant support. The closing date for applications is Friday 30 August at 5pm after which applications will be assessed and presented to the Shetland Local Action Group for final decision in early October. Initial enquiries prior to application are invited before applications are submitted and details can be found at these links: [Shetland Community-Led Local Development \(CLLD\) Programme 2024/25 – Shetland Islands Council](#) or <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/grants/shetland-clld> **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.4 Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks - Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund** - Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), the Distribution Network Operator for central southern England and the north of Scotland, is now welcoming applications to its new Powering Communities to Net Zero fund. The fund is split into two categories; community-led physical and environmental resilience, and Low Carbon Technology (LCTs). The deadline for applications to both categories is 5pm on Saturday 31st August 2024, and applicants are asked to consider the criteria in the fund guidelines. The application documents can be downloaded on the SSEN website www.ssen.co.uk/pcnz. This gives full details of what can be supported by the fund as well as guidance on which projects will be prioritised. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 15.5 Redundant Vehicles in Shetland** - Shetland Amenity Trust is no longer contracted with the CarTakeBack Recycling scheme and the responsibility for abandoned vehicles sits with Shetland Islands Council's Environmental Health Department. They have new arrangements in place for uplifting vehicles reported as abandoned. The Trust has now stopped removing redundant vehicles and other scrap, but there are other operators in the community and many local businesses with appropriate vehicles that can assist with uplifts. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.6 Shared Care Scotland - Carer Survey on Short Breaks and Respite Experiences (Shetland Islands)** - 2024 Carer Survey which aims to gather unpaid carers insights and experiences of

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accessing and using short break services in Scotland. Survey closed 31st July. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**

- 15.7 Helen Nicholson Dissertation** – Helen is a mature student at Glasgow Caledonian University undertaking a degree in Risk Management, her chosen Dissertation topic will be looking into Scottish Resilience with a more specific look into Community Preparedness within Scottish Local Authorities. She is keen to get an outlook on how preparedness is perceived and handled at a more local level and input from Community Council would be a great starting point. Information and data collected will be done so confidentially and ethically and will only be used for the sole purpose of data analysis for the Dissertation. Please click the following link which will take you to a survey: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/dbgdxmzb>
- 15.8 Post Office Limited - Mossbank - ZE2 9RB - update** -The Poast office previously advised the above branch would be closing on Friday 19 July 2024 following the resignation of the postmaster and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use. They are now pleased to inform us that the branch will reopen on Friday 6th September 2024 at 09:00. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**
- 15.9 Stoura Offshore Wind Farm Public Exhibition** - ESB are hosting a public exhibition to introduce the Stoura Offshore Wind Farm this September 19th 2024 at Shetland Museum from 2pm-8pm. Members of the Stoura Project Team would be delighted to discuss the project with you in person during the public exhibition. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.10 2024 SURF Awards Open for Applications** - **2024 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration** are currently open for applications. The purpose is to highlight, celebrate and share the achievements of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland. The 5 categories this year are: Community Led Regeneration, Creative Regeneration, Improving Scotland's Places, Removing Barriers to Employability and Housing and Regeneration. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 2nd September. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.11 Funding information - Crown Estate Scotland Community Capacity Grants Programme** - Crown estate Scotland Community Capacity Grants Programme has opened for expressions of interest. This fund provides early stage financial support for local projects that will help to achieve the following objectives:
Create self-sustaining community enterprises that will promote sustainable development through the provision of local economic, social, and/or environmental benefits.
Contribute to the regeneration of places through improvements to buildings or community spaces that will support self-sustaining community enterprises delivering sustainable development.
The fund is open to all communities that are Situated up to 5 miles from coastal and estuarine foreshore in Scotland. Awards of between £20,000 to £50,000 for a one-year period will be made through this fund. Crown Estate Scotland currently has **£300,000 available** for grant distribution. Deadline for expressions of interest is 23 September 2024. For more information see website below: [Crown Estate Scotland Community Capacity Grants Programme | Foundation Scotland](#) Members want the email forwarded to community Halls. **Clerk to progress. The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.12 Children in Need Big Sky Grants** - Info Sessions in Sept - Children In Need Big Sky grants and forthcoming information sessions. This programme is open for groups in Shetland. This new programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 living in island and remote rural communities. Grants are for early support to prevent problems developing at a later stage and could be through things like sports groups, art classes, and youth clubs. Applications will be by invitation only. BBC CiN Scotland are running information sessions and encourage organisations interested in applying (or curious to learn more!) to join us. The sessions will take place online via Teams. The sessions will cover who the fund is for, what types of work it can support and how to apply. There will also be opportunities to

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ask questions and speak to the BBC CiN Scotland Grant Officers. Big Sky Information Sessions. Dates are Tuesday 10th Sept 10.00-10.45 and Wednesday 25th Sept 12.00 - 12.45. To register please e-mail cin.scotland@bbc.co.uk with your name, organisation, and the session you would like to attend. You can find out more information about Big Sky which is a part of their A Million and Me programme on their website. <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/the-work-we-do/our-focussed-funding/a-million-and-me/a-million-and-me-partners-and-collaborations/big-sky-programme/> The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 15.13 **Willin Haands and Peerie Trows - VAS Volunteering Award** - Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) have announced the launch of the VAS Volunteering Awards for 2024. This is for adults 26 years or older - willin haands award and children under 12 years - peerie trows award. VAS want to celebrate individuals of all ages who volunteer in Shetland and recognise their valuable contribution to our communities. The nominations open today: Wednesday 28th August and close September 15th. To nominate, folk can fill in the online form <https://form.jotform.com/232133046427044> or contact VAS Volunteering vasvolunteering@shetland.org for a paper format. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page**

2024/08/16 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 16.1 Mr A Hall asked if we could get an update on what the situation was with the Walking and Settlement audit recommendations. Ms L Ratter to email Mr M Craige and Mr A Hunter. **Clerk to progress**

2024/08/17 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 17.1 The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 26th September commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman