

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes subject to approval at next Community Council meeting

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 3rd Sept 2024 at 7.00 pm at Whalsay Primary School (Venue changed at last minute)

PRESENT:	APOLOGIES
Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	
Cllr William Polson (WP) –Vice Chair	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD)
Cllr Margaret Hughson (MH)	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
Cllr Gilbert Irvine (Gil)	Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland
Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA) – Teams but no internet	Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH)
Elaine Parks – SIC – Teams but no internet	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT)
	Neil Hutchinson – SIC Roads
	Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

JL chaired meeting and welcomed all.

APOLOGIES: Apologies noted

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

JL asked if all were happy with minutes. JL approved; MH seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Current account was shared with members by clerk. Clerk confirmed funding received for PB Event and Whalsay map project

ACTIONS: Ongoing

1. Whalsay Tunnel Action Group

No update

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to get update for each meeting

2. ROADS, FENCE AT DUMP, STREETLIGHTS CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

Clerk confirmed that no dates of works had been shared to date and all discussed the way forward. It was agreed to ask for further support from North Isles Councillors. Outstanding works on the roads was discussed for dates for retarring at Powster and beach also, to get timescales for the fence and road at the old dump at Clate.

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ACTION – Clerk to follow up with councillors

3. POLICE MATTERS

No reports received. All agreed to getting more keys for shops and clerk to see if shops would be able to hold key.

ACTION: Clerk asked to follow up.

4. Symbister Pier

All discussed neglected/abandoned cars on isle and latest options for locals. JL asked clerk to find out from Orkney how they undertake the removal of neglected/abandoned cars.

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up

5. DENTIST

No update and all discussed the need to continue to with request

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

6. FERRIES

JL asked for service users for this hire for 27th July , clerk to follow up.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up with ferry

7. MAP/NEWSLETTER

Funding received

ACTION Ongoing

8. Skips

JL asked if last skip was full and was informed that it was only half used. All agreed a skip to be organised for November 2024.

ACTIONS: Clerk to organise

9. Houll Loch

No update and all agreed that bin for dog faeces is needed at Houll Loch and asked clerk to follow up

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

10. Councillors Terms of Office

Gil confirmed that he was stepping down and would not be extending his term of office and informed all that notice was sent to SIC and his last date would be 20th November 2024.

ACTIONS: None

11. Festive Timetable

All reviewed the new timetable and asked clerk to see if online and/or phone bookings over this period can be made up to day of travel so that the ferries do run as per timetable.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

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12. Winter Maintenance

All reviewed the content and asked clerk to clarify what is being received by Whalsay with SIC.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

13. Bus Review

Presentation was shared by clerk as Elaine Parks was unable to join due to no internet. All discussed the forthcoming meeting on Whalsay and asked clerk to ensure that surveys are distributed and to do social media for event locally.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

14. ESB Stoura Review

All discussed the forthcoming visit and event.

ACTIONS: Clerk to schedule

15. SSEN Transmission

Clerk informed all the request for meeting and discussed that the meeting should be public for all local folk to attend. Clerk asked to put forward the proposal.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

16. Bus Shelter

MH discussed the need for few more bus shelters to be moved nearer to local homes as there was an increase in the number children. Looking at Isbister and Huxter and asked clerk to request map so that proposal could be put forward.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

Meeting closed at 8.27pm Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19th November 2024 @ 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Teams for others considering joining.