

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 7th October 2024 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr. R. Black
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. G. Laurensen
Miss N. Fullerton
Ms M. Garnier
Mrs. C. Smith

Apologies

Mr. M. Fullerton
Cllr. D. Sandison

In Attendance

Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. C. Hughson
Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Lyall declared an interest in connection with the two planning applications to be discussed and Niall O'Rourke with regard to The Outpost's application for funding.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 2nd September 2024 were approved by Brian Adamson and Niall O'Rourke.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Active Travel Audit

Robina Barton and Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Planning, attended our February meeting and gave an update on the above and discussed priorities in our area. We were hoping to hear back from them after the SIC meeting in May where all priority projects were to be discussed but had not heard anything. As Robina Barton has been seconded to another role the Clerk had contacted Alistair Hunter again for an update but had still not received a reply. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Burra Early Years – pick up/drop off sign

Still waiting for the above sign to be installed. The Clerk had contacted Neil Hutchison again but had not heard back. Cllr. Hughson said she would get in touch with him.

ACTION: Cllr Hughson

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Still looking for someone to fill this post. Niall had been unable to get in touch with the other person suggested but will get this done for the next meeting.

ACTION: Niall

(d) Road at Meal

We requested white centre lines/arrows at the blind spot just north of Speed's corner some time ago. The Clerk had contacted Barrie Scobie again and he advised that the person who does

the lining has been off sick for a number of weeks so they are behind schedule but will get this looked at.

(e) Meal Beach - access

Liam Drosso, Outdoor Access Officer, had replied advising that the signs are currently being designed by a member of their team then will be sent to get made up. He is getting one with a small map on to highlight the alternative route and another with an arrow/wording. He hopes this will make it clear where the alternative route will be and offer another option for people less able for the rocky section.

He is also currently undertaking a review of the core path network and feel that this route may be one that could be amended slightly to take in the alternative route and make access a bit easier. Once he is further along with the review process he can look at it a bit more closely. He will let us know once the signs are in place.

(f) Coastal erosion – Minn Beach, Burra

Concern was raised at our March meeting regarding erosion at the causeway at Minn beach. Cllr. Hughson has been looking into possible funding but this is proving difficult. She is waiting on a report to come re the previous coastal erosion spend. In the meantime Niall will send on the email which came from Michael Duncan to James William Laurenson who had brought this matter up in the first instance. Liam Drosso, Outdoor Access Office, also to be asked his opinion with regard to the Core path in this area.

ACTION: Niall

(g) Burra Woodland

Niall had spoken with Margaret Reeves regarding her previous email looking for an area suitable for community planting etc. He had passed on the suggested of the area in the Hulsidale playpark which she was happy to look at in principle.

(h) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

The Clerk had emailed BT with photographs of the poor state of the phone box and also showing how it is blocking the path to the ladies public toilet. This is causing problems regarding access for anyone with poor mobility. No reply had been received from them. It was also pointed out that the community is looking to improve disabled access to the toilets and the phone box would really need to be removed.

ACTION: Clerk

(i) Defibrillator Training

The Clerk had spoken with Kristan Robertson who is happy to help organise training after the October holidays.

(j) Swings at The Glen

The Clerk has now placed the order for the new cradle swing seat which should arrive soon.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Consultations:

- (i) Ref 2024/228/PPF – Kieran Dix, New dwellinghouse, West Hogaland, Bridge End, Burra
- (ii) Ref 2024/240/PPP – Brian Anderson, 2 No. dwellinghouses, Papal, Burra

The above planning applications were discussed by the members. There were no objections raised.

(b) Application for Grant – Royal Voluntary Service

An application had been received from the above who requested funding to provide a Christmas Lunch for their clients in our area involved in the social/lunch club for the over 60's. The venue will be The British Legion in Lerwick. The sum of £375 was requested and this was agreed by the members.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) SCBF Community Grant Scheme Application (Tier 1) – The Outpost

An application had been received from The Outpost who are looking for £1,000 to assist in the purchase a small back-up fuel powered generator in the event of any unforeseen power cuts. They have several people with additional support needs using The Outpost facilities who rely heavily on having power at The Outpost when they come out for their support sessions and can become very agitated and distressed when power cuts occur. The members agreed on the donation of £1,000 (total cost of project £2,800).

ACTION: Clerk

(d) Viking Community Fund AGS – Projects Supported – CGS Application Summary

An email had been received from SCBF with a summary of projects supported since the AGS began in February 2021. Our Community Council has supported 25 projects and awarded a total of £24,528.17 in funding. The Viking Community Fund AGS ended on 31st August 2024 and our Community Council has £15,471.83 of unspent funds. These have been added to the Community Grant Scheme allocation of £6,515 giving a balance from 1st September 2024 of £21,986.83. The Community Grant Scheme is now open for applications.

(e) ASCC meeting – 6 November 6-8pm

Michael Duncan had sent through the papers for the ASCC meeting to be held on 6th November. Niall will attend this meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

(f) Letter of Thanks

A letter was read out from Shetland Care Attendant Scheme thanking the Community Council for the donation of £60 they received in connection with the Voar Redd Up 2024.

(g) Police Reports

June/July Report recorded two incidents:

Protecting Vulnerable People – concern for person / domestic assault

Aug/Sept Report – no incidents recorded.

5. AOCB

(a) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

Ben Ward had been in touch with the Clerk regarding the Hamnavoe School multicourt lighting. He has been in touch with the SIC to look into replacing some of the lighting. The members were aware that the multicourt is well used by the community and were happy for a letter of support to be sent to the SIC. In the past there was a 'push button' in place which switched the lights on for a limited time before it automatically switched off and this worked well. It would be good to see this facility back in place which would enable local groups to use the multicourt now that the nights are drawing in.

It was also point out that the pockets/holes where the tennis net poles slot into, are needing to be replaced as these are rusting which makes it difficult to get the poles in and out when the net is put up during the summer. There also used to be lids on these pockets/holes but they are now missing.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Tree of Life, Interrupted

The Clerk had received delivery of the glass plaque – 21 have been distributed across Shetland's communities. It was designed by Helen Robertson and the Tree of Life is knitted in copper wire and encased in glass by Glansin Glass and set on a wooden plinth by Paperwark Furniture. (A flag with the Tree of Life, Interrupted symbol is flown from the Lerwick Town Hall on the 29th May each year commemorating the anniversary of the partial lifting of the first Lockdown in 2020 and prompting collective reflection of the time.) The members were unsure where would be best to display the plaque. The Clerk will speak with the History Group in the first instance.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Viking Genes

Professor Jim Wilson from Edinburgh University had been on a visit to Shetland recently and had requested a meeting with our Community Council members. Niall and Brian were the only members available to meet him during the day and it had been very interesting. A gene has come to light in Burra which they are concerned about and they are keen to do further studies. They are looking to raise funding to do more screening throughout Shetland of a certain age group. They have approached the Windfarm for funding but have been unsuccessful and are also contacting the Shetland Charitable Trust. The members were surprised that the Windfarm could not provide any funding and Niall said he would contact Michael Duncan and get this added to the ASCC Agenda for the meeting on 6th November. The Clerk was also asked to contact Professor Wilson to ask why they were turned down by the Windfarm.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 4th November 2024 at 6pm. (Later changed to Monday 11th November 2024.)