

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 4th November 2024 held in Ollaberry Primary School.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:
Cllr D Brown
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr R McGeady
Cllr G Anderson
Cllr D Robertson

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr E MacDonald

Apologies Submitted:
Cllr K Scollay
Cllr B Wilcock
Cllr R Doull
Cllr J Parry
Ms L Hall - SIC
Ms S Gillivary – Police Scotland

In attendance:
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk
Mr R Mullay
Ms J MacKenzie – Scottish Water
Mr J Shaw – Scottish Water

The meeting started at: 19.31
Cllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2.Declarations of Interest.	Cllr R McGeady any NDCD or Hjaltland Housing Association business Cllr D Brown any NDCD related business
3.Approval Of Previous Minute	Cllr D Robertson noted a correction needed in correspondence. In the previous minute it states that children attending the Urafirth Primary School get year round transport but bairns living between Stucca and Valladale do not receive school transport from Easter to October holidays. With the above correction the minutes were approved by Cllr E Robertson and seconded by Cllr D Brown.
4. Scottish Water – New Eela Water Development	Cllr D Brown introduced Ms J MacKenzie and Mr J Shaw from Scottish Water. Mr J Shaw updated Cllrs that planning had been received in August 2024 and work on site began on the 16 th September. The initial works being carried out are offsite works including earthworks and civil works. The modules for the site are being built in Muir of Ord before being shipped to Sullom Voe and taken to site by truck. As the modules are around 4m wide this will need police escort. The plan is to complete construction by Spring 2026, testing through the summer and be operational by Winter 2026 although Mr J Shaw

	<p>noted that weather could affect timescales slightly. Mr J Shaw showed those present some drone footage of the work so far. CCllr D Brown asked if the new tanks will be at the same level as the existing site? Mr J Shaw said they would be slightly higher. He also said that part of the old site will be decommissioned but this will only be in 2.5 years time. CCllr D Brown asked if the access track into the new site will be the same once construction is completed. Mr J Shaw said yes and that is why they have tarred it. Mr J Shaw said that Scottish Water are happy to accommodate a site visit. CCllr D Brown suggested waiting until earthworks are completed. CCllr D Brown asked if new pipes need to be tied into existing network. Mr J Shaw said that there are two road crossings needed to tie into existing pipes which will need road closures. This will either be done at night or with partial road closures to mitigate disruption. Ms J MacKenzie added that there will be plenty of notice given. CCllr R McGeady asked if the road will need reinforcement over the pipes. Mr J Shaw didn't think that would be necessary. CCllr R McGeady said that he had received comments from the community about the variable amount of muck on the road around the site works and asked if there is wheel washing facilities on site and what instruction the contractor has received, adding that it is a concern going into winter. Mr J Shaw said there is wheel washing facilities on site and a tanker that cleans the road. Ms J MacKenzie added that they have had road sweepers deployed in other construction projects which can be done weekly or daily as needed and asked NCC to keep in touch about the concern. CCllr D Brown added that concerns around the speed of trucks was raised at the October meeting but thought that had been dealt with. Ms J MacKenzie said that if anyone had registration numbers of trucks going too fast to pass it on. CCllr D Brown said the last time Scottish Water had attended a NCC meeting they had mentioned that the new waterworks would take more water, would this have to be pumped from Eela Water. Mr J Shaw said the new site would take more water and it would be split between Eela Water and Roer Water which is gravity fed. CCllr D Brown suggested a site visit in Spring 2025. Ms J MacKenzie asked for future NCC meeting dates to be sent over and if they were in Shetland they would try to attend meetings. CCllr D Brown thanked Mr J Shaw and Ms J MacKenzie for attending the meeting</p> <p>Mr J Shaw and Ms J MacKenzie left the meeting at 19.49</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send 2025 meeting dates</p>
<p>5. Police Report</p>	<p>No report received before the meeting. Police Scotland sent an apology during the meeting due to problems getting logged in. An updated list of incidents was circulated after the meeting.</p>
<p>6. Accounts and Provisional Dates for 2025</p>	<p>The clerk informed CCllrs that a mistake had been noticed on page 4 of the 2023/24 accounts with the donation to the Hillswick Hall not included in the final figure. CCllrs agreed to the correction. The clerk also put up the proposed meeting dates for 2025 on the screen for CCllrs to look at. These were also agreed.</p> <p>Action: Send updated accounts and agreed meeting dates to Michael Duncan</p>

<p>7. Banking</p>	<p>Clerk informed CCllrs that a letter had been received from the Bank of Scotland to inform NCC that the bank account will be changing from a treasurer account to a community account with a monthly charge of £4.25 as well as additional charges for banking/ withdrawing cash and cheques and using BACs for payments. The clerk has put a post in the DTAS members group on facebook to see if any other groups across Scotland have recommendations for alternative bank accounts. CCllr D Brown suggested asking Michael Duncan if other CCs are also with the Bank of Scotland and had received similar letters. CCllr R McGeady asked whether SIC could manage the bank account since the majority of the money in the account comes from SIC core funding each year.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Michael Duncan</p>
<p>8. Planning Applications</p>	<p>One planning consultation Ref 2024/109/PPF had been circulated to CCllrs prior to the meeting. Mr R Mullay attended the meeting to discuss the proposal. CCllr D Brown informed those present that the application was for retrospective planning for the laydown area and to demolish the croft house in front of the mast. Mr R Mullay said the first he had heard about the house getting demolished was in 2023 when he saw Tulloch Development advertising stone for sale. We he got in touch with them to check if they had the correct documentation to remove the house he was informed that it had been organised by an Irish contractor but they were sure they had gotten all the relevant paperwork. However, shortly after the plant left the site and the house left intact. CCllr D Brown stated that it had been spoken about before at an NCC meeting but that the house must belong to someone. Mr R Mullay said that he was under the impression that the house had been sold to EE. He also said that Heylor and Ronas Voe are part of the local landscape area which should be given consideration for planning developments. Mr R Mullay showed those present a old photo of Heylor highlighting how many houses have since disappeared. He also said that the house referred to in the planning application had been there since at least the 1860s with a family moving there when Tington, Eshaness was cleared of tenants making it one of the oldest buildings left in Heylor. Mr R Mullay also pointed out that the mast is already in place and there was no issue with the house. CCllr R McGeady stated although he had sympathy and that it was a very beautiful landscape, the house is derelict and there would be liability issues if someone were to go inside and get hurt. Mr R Mullay asked could a warning sign not go close to the building to stop folk going inside. CCllr R McGeady stated that it may reduce damages but not the liability. Mr R Mullay said the mast didn't need to go where it has been close to the house, there were two other sites. CCllr D Brown said that NCC could write a letter to planning but that NCC may not be able to stop the demolition. CCllr R McGeady added that if the house does get demolished, a full record of the house should be completed and donated to the museum. Mr R Mullay reiterated that it was a shame to loose such an old building from Heylor. CCllr D Brown thanked Mr R Mullay for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Mr R Mullay left meeting at 20.11</p> <p>Action: Clerk to write response to planning</p>

<p>9.Matters Arising</p>	<p>NCDC No update</p> <p>Bench Donation No update Action: CCllr D Brown to move to Mavis Grind. CCllr G Anderson offered to help.</p> <p>Transport Planning No update</p> <p>Redundant car removal One member of the community has come forward wanting 4 vehicles uplifted. CCllrs discussed some other members of the community who could be approached to add to the list. CCllr R McGeady suggested tying in with Da Voar Redd Up next year and making sure the scrappie was in Shetland for 7-10 days to collect vehicles. Discussion then moved on to a complaint received about the parking at the Sand Voe kirk yard. It has become overgrown and full of old vehicles, making parking difficult especially during funerals. CCllr G Anderson said he had spoken with SIC Estates and discovered that the land owned by Mr J A Cromarty. CCllr D Brown suggested writing a letter to the landlord. Action: Clerk to send letter to Mr J A Cromarty</p> <p>Marine Restoration and Enhancement Action Plan CCllr D Brown informed those present that there had been a visit from UHI at the last meeting about the marine action plan. CCllr R McGeady stated that he had received a letter about the marine works license applied for in Burravoe, North Roe had been withdrawn. The clerk informed CCllrs that all the work licences for kelp farms around Sullom Voe had been withdrawn at the end of October.</p> <p>School Transport Clerk informed CCllrs that she had been back in contact with Mr Tulloch and he had been informed that the school bus can't go past the school with bairns already on board to pick up other bairns. CCllr D Robertson added that bairns at Findlin don't get picked up either and have to go to Stucca for school transport. The clerk also said that she had contacted Brenda Leask at SIC but hasn't received a response yet. CCllr D Brown suggested contacting Brenda again and asking for clarification on school transport provision. Action: Clerk to contact Brenda Leask</p>
<p>10.Community Council Scheme Review</p>	<p>No update, should receive an update at the next ASCC meeting on the 6th of November.</p>
<p>11. Correspondence</p>	<p>The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have been in touch offering CPR and defibrillation skills training. CCllr D Robertson said it is a very worthwhile course to do. CCllr D Brown suggested sharing the information on social media and CCllr R McGeady suggested a training session in each hall should be organised.</p>

	<p>Action: Clerk to respond</p> <p>Minister of Climate Action Alasdair Allan had been in touch looking for community feedback around the Fuel Poverty Act 2019. There was a discussion between CCllrs about the various factors affecting fuel poverty such as higher energy prices, cost of putting in better insulation and weather especially in the winter. CCllr R McGeady offered to put together a response for submission.</p> <p>Action: CCllr R McGeady to send response to the clerk</p> <p>A student from the University of Stirling has been in touch looking to survey anyone with a private water supply. CCllr D Brown suggested sharing on social media.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to post on facebook</p> <p>The Scottish Government's Resilient Communities Team have a survey out looking for insight into community resilience in emergencies. CCllrs thought there was already a plan in place.</p>
9. AOCB	<p>CCllr D Brown asked if Cllr E MacDonald had any updates she would like to share. Cllr E MacDonald asked if NCC had heard of anyone interested in standing for the North Ward by election, conceding the timing was poor happening over Christmas with the new councillor due to be in place around the 23rd of January. She had heard of a couple folk interested. CCllr D Brown said he had heard of one person as well. CCllr D Brown asked how long was left of this term. Cllr E MacDonald said that it was just over half way so it was a good chance for anyone interested to see how it works before committing to a full 5 year term. CCllr D Brown gave thanks to Cllr T Morton for his time as a North Councillor.</p>
10. Date and time of next meeting	<p>Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the North Roe Primary School</p>

The meeting ended at: 20.33