

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

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 8<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2024 at 7.00 pm at Whalsay Primary School (Venue changed at last minute)

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
Cllr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	Cllr Margaret Hughson ( MH)
Cllr William Polson (WP) –Vice Chair	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD)
Cllr Gilbert Irvine (Gil )	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland via teams	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)
Neil Hutchinson – SIC Roads via teams	Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH)
	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT)
	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. WP approved; Gil seconded.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Current account was shared with members by clerk.

**ACTIONS:** Ongoing

**1. POLICE MATTERS**

Dana gave an overall update on police matters and asked if cover was needed over Christmas and New Year. Last year's arrangements was discussed and JL asked if similar arrangements could be put forward for this year. JL discussed the recent vandalised disabled toilet and discussed the new key system would eliminate further damage.

**ACTION:** Clerk asked to follow up

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

NH joined the meeting and discussed the winter maintenance programme over Festive Season. All discussed about gritting up to Vidlin during this period as well. NH would speak to Ports about extending the gritting up to Vidlin if

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ferries schedules change due to change in weather. 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. NH discussed that funding was being sourced also permission from landowners for proposed works to be carried out in 2025/2026 and in summary indicated that Powster and Clate Roads were to be done in 2025/2026 and North Beach/Hamister need further funding from Active Travel under Tier 2. WP discussed other areas within isle that needed to be addressed as well. NH asked for photos of these areas to be submitted.

ACTION – Clerk to follow up

### 3. Whalsay Tunnel Action Group

No update

**ACTIONS:** Clerk asked to get update for each meeting

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> July , clerk to follow up.

**ACTION:** Clerk to follow up with ferry

### 7. MAP/NEWSLETTER

Funding received

**ACTION** Ongoing

### 8. Skips

All discussed a skip to be organised for November. Clerk confirmed that 12<sup>th</sup> Nov was booked and all asked for more posters and reminders to be placed beforehand.

**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. Festive Timetable

All 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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### **11. Bus Review**

All asked for feedback about the review

**ACTIONS:** Clerk to follow up

### **12. ESB Stoura Review**

Clerk confirmed the public meeting for this

**ACTIONS:** None

### **13. SSEN Transmission**

Clerk confirmed public meeting for this

**ACTIONS:** None

### **14. Bus Shelter**

All asked clerk to request map so that proposal could be put forward.

**ACTIONS:** Clerk to follow up

**Meeting closed at 8.29 pm Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 @ 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Teams for others considering joining.**