

## NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 held in North Roe Primary School.

*This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting*

<b>Present:</b>
Cllr D Brown
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr R McGeady
Cllr J Parry
Cllr K Scollay
Cllr D Robertson
Cllr R Doull

<b>Ex Officio Present:</b>
Cllr E MacDonald

<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>
Cllr B Wilcock
Ms L Hall - SIC

<b>In attendance:</b>
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk

The meeting started at: 19.32  
Cllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
<b>2. Declarations of Interest.</b>	Cllr R McGeady any NCDL or Hjalmland Housing Association business Cllr D Brown any NCDL related business Cllr J Parry any SCBF Business
<b>3. Approval Of Previous Minute</b>	Cllr R McGeady approved, Cllr E Robertson
<b>4. Police Report</b>	No report was received this month
<b>5. Banking</b>	The clerk updated Cllrs that she had been in touch with Michael Duncan at SIC who said that it is up to each Community Council who they bank with and that SIC cannot manage their bank accounts. Currently the best alternative the clerk has found is with NatWest which is free for 2 years but would then need to be moved again. Cllr J Parry said that was what SCBF currently do. <b>Action: Clerk to look into moving bank to NatWest</b>
<b>6. SCBF Applications</b>	The clerk informed Cllrs there was £15851.40 left in the SCBF budget. There had been one application from the Hillswick Shop for £3000 to go towards purchase of a new chill and lights for the show with a total project cost of £13745. Cllr R Doull asked if the shop was able to apply as a business. The clerk said that the

	<p>shop had spoken with SCBF before submitting the application to make sure they were eligible. CCllr D Brown added that it would have gone through the appropriate vetting process. CCllrs were in agreement to award the Hillswick Shop the full amount asked for.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to respond to application</b></p>
<p><b>7. Local Grant Applications</b></p>	<p>Six applications had been received for the local grant scheme with a total cost of £4740. The clerk highlighted there was around £3600 left in the budget. CCllrs agreed to giving each project a percentage of what they asked for. CCllr D Brown added to signpost groups to the SCBF funding.</p> <p><b>Clerk to award funding to applicants</b></p>
<p><b>8.Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><b>Eela Water</b> Staff from Scottish Water had joined the November meeting. Keen to organise a site visit once the project is further along. CCllr R McGeady raised that the road hasn't been cleaned much. CCllr E Robertson said it varied depending on the weather. CCllr D Brown said that another reminder can be sent to Scottish Water.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to send reminder to Scottish Water.</b></p> <p><b>Planning Application</b> Clerk had submitted response after Mr R Mullay had attended the last meeting but no response has been provided.</p> <p><b>NCDC</b> No update</p> <p><b>Bench Donation</b> No update</p> <p><b>Transport Planning</b> No update</p> <p><b>Redundant car removal</b> Clerk has drafted letter. Will send to the chair before sending out.</p> <p><b>Marine Restoration and Enhancement Action Plan</b> No update</p> <p><b>School Transport</b> CCllr D Brown updated CCllrs that a response had been received from Brenda Leask stating that a number of operators had been contacted but none had been able to provide transport. She added that the parents received remuneration for their mileage. She also suggested contacting the roads department about getting the road gritted earlier. The clerk added that no response from the roads department had been received before the meeting. CCllr D Brown thought it was a strange response since every child had a right to school transport. CCllr K Scollay said that any bairn more that 1.5 miles from the school was entitled to transport and that neither himself nor Gary Johnson another local school transport provider had been contacted. CCllr R Doull asked if CCllr K Scollay would be able to provide transport. CCllr K Scollay said it could have been done when the school started</p>

	<p>at 9.15am but it would be tight now. CCllr K Scollay added that he had spoken to roads about the lack of salt on the road in Ollaberry after gritters had been out. CCllr D Brown said it would be best to go back to the parents and although they are getting reimbursed for mileage, they are obviously still concerned before raising it with NCC. CCllr K Scollay added that the bairns are entitled to school transport. CCllr R Doull suggested collating a list of local transport providers.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to give update to parents and collate a list of transport providers and contact Brenda Leask</b></p>
<p><b>9.Community Council Scheme Review</b></p>	<p>Clerk updated CCllrs that the Phase 3 Consultation is now open for responses with a deadline of 5pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> January.</p>
<p><b>10. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>Online Networking Event for Community Councils in Islands areas will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-7:30pm CCllrs can register using the link in the email.</p> <p>The Scottish Government has opened their consultation on the NMP2 Planning Position Statement, with a response deadline of 28 January 2025.</p> <p>CCllrs have been invited to a webinar by SSEN regarding the North Shetland Reinforcement Project. The webinar is scheduled to take place on Thursday 5 December 2024. CCllrs can register using the email received.</p> <p>SSEN have a draft stakeholder engagement strategy out for consultation. Responses are due back by the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.</p> <p>A thank you had been sent to everyone that had attended the Stoura Project public exhibition and to inform people that they can still feedback with the exhibition now on the website.</p>
<p><b>9. AOCB</b></p>	<p>CCllr D Brown brought up gritting. CCllr D Robertson said that the gritter came to Eshaness after the school bus had left and thought this was meant to be done before. CCllrs asked what priority the road was. The Clerk put up the winter review on the smart board. Eshaness is priority 2 and gets done once priority 1 routes have been completed. CCllr D Brown asked whether there was a feeling in the community that not enough salt was being used. CCllr D Robertson said it was around a quarter of what used to be used. CCllr K Scollay asked if salt is too expensive, could grit not be used to give a bit of grip on the road. CCllr D Robertson added there isn't the same amount of equipment but suggested that different crews could stagger start times so that roads are gritted for shift workers.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to draft a response to send to roads department</b></p> <p>CCllr D Brown asked Cllr E MacDonald if she had any updates. Cllr E MacDonald suggested asking Neil Hutcheson to a NCC meeting to explain about gritting priorities. CCllr E MacDonald added the biggest thing is currently the budget with the Scottish Government setting their budget in the next few days. She</p>

	<p>added there is a survey coming out shortly about potential Council Tax increases. Currently Shetland has the lowest Council Tax but some of the highest cost of services and SIC need to get closer to the average. CCllr D Brown asked if this would be coming through Community Councils. Cllr E MacDonald said she wasn't sure but would check. She added that the North By Election was the other main thing at the moment with the new Councillor announced on the 23rd January. CCllr D Brown said there was one nominee so far. CCllr D Brown congratulated Cllr E MacDonald on her recent award win.</p>
<b>10. Date and time of next meeting</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January in the Urafirth Primary School at 7.30pm.

**The meeting ended at: 20.02**