

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 6pm.

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

Mr. G. Laurenson  
Mr. M. Fullerton  
Mrs. R. Fraser, SIC  
Mr. M. Duncan, SIC

### **In Attendance**

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

**1. Declaration of Interest** – Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Hughson declared an interest with regard to the Marine Planning Application to be discussed.

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 were approved. Proposed by Narene Fullerton and seconded by Niall O'Rourke.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) Active Travel Audit**

Cllr. Lyall advised that Robina Barton is now back in post and a Report on this should be at the next SIC meeting. The Chairman said he would ask Robina Barton for an update.

**ACTION: Niall**

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

This sign has still not been put in place. It was noted that various signs are now being attended to so hopefully this will be done soon. The Clerk had heard nothing further from Neil Hutcheson.

#### **(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director**

The Clerk had let Eleanor Gear, SCBF, know that Michael Hannah is taking on this role. She was delighted to hear this and advised that their meetings are now every second month and the next one is on 9<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk will contact Mr. Hannah on his return from holiday. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### **(d) Road at Meal – white centre lines/arrows**

Barrie Scobie advised previously that this will be done in Spring as it's weather dependent.

#### **(e) Coastal erosion – Minn Beach**

Niall had been at Minn today with Sean Tulloch and Scott Johnson from Tulloch's. They would hope to get a truck down to off-load rocks, or possibly a trailer, or by boat. About 25m is really

poor and various other small sections. The erosion is mainly on the East side with the West side okay. Tulloch's will come with a price and then we will have to look at sourcing funding. The last work done here was in 2008 when Jonathan Duncan was involved. The Clerk will contact Jonathan and get more information on where the funding came from etc.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(f) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

Cllr. Scott had brought this up with the Scalloway Community Council as they also have phone boxes in the same poor state of repair. They are happy for us to work together to try and get something done about this. Cllr. Scott will email the Clerk with details re the Scalloway phone boxes and she will send an email to BT on behalf of both Community Councils. We would be looking to have the phone box at Hamnavoe removed as it is in a disgraceful state, with no door, and is also blocking access to the public toilets.

**ACTION: Cllr. Scott / Clerk**

(g) CPR & Defibrillator Training

Mr. James Tulloch, Lerwick Fire Station, had replied to say they have a lot on just now and would only be setting dates at the end of March. He also needs to know numbers as the maximum per session is 20 (sessions last 60-90 minutes) but they could do more than one if necessary. The Clerk will advertise this on the Burra & Trondra Community facebook page and get numbers in the first instance and then get a date from Mr. Tulloch. The training will take place either upstairs in the hall or possibly across the road at the Pink Hall. It was agreed that a weekday would be best, during the evening.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(h) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

No further information on this to date.

(i) Light outside school

The members were delighted to hear that both lights have now been reinstated.

(j) Bus Shelter – Burra Hall

Still no reply from Neil Hutcheson regarding our request for a bus shelter alongside the Burra Public Hall. It was pointed out to him that there is only one bus shelter in Hamnavoe at The Glen and there is also one at the Meal junction (which is hardly ever used). Cllr. Lyall reported that work is being done on various bus shelters at the moment throughout Shetland so hopefully this will be looked at soon.

(k) Tree planting

Dr. Reeves, who lives at Bridge End, had previously contacted the Chairman as she is keen to plant some trees in Burra and wondered about the park below the Hulsidale playpark along the fence, just beyond the stile. Niall will speak with Gideon who owns the park. **ACTION: Niall**

(l) ASCC meeting – Tue 11 March 2025

Niall confirmed that he will be attending the ASCC meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(m) Burra & Trondra bridges

Barrie Scobie had replied regarding the potholes on the Burra bridge and also said he was aware of the dip at the mainland side of the Trondra bridge. He pointed out that this is an awkward one where the bridge is sloping the opposite way from the approach to the bridge and would mean closing the road for the time it will take to fix it.

(n) Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke

The Clerk had emailed Neil Hutcheson as it was noticed this work had never been done. Back in January 2023 he advised that Garriock Bros had been instructed to install a railing on the top of the existing low wall but did state it would have to be made to measure and may take time. No reply had been received from him as yet.

(o) Road materials

The Clerk had contacted Michael Duncan regarding road material grants as we no longer have enough funding to cover this extra cost. He advised that Community Councils have discretion on whether or not to allocate funding to road grants and stated that less than half of Community Councils still provide funding for road grants and many stopped years ago. The members discussed this and agreed that no further funding would be available for road grants. The Clerk will pass this on to Michael Duncan.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Planning Ref: 2025/005/MAR

Proposal: To develop a new mussel farm comprising of 6 x 330m twin-headline longlines

Address: East of Bruna Ness, West Burra Applicant: John Laurenson

This application was discussed by the members. There were no objections raised. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Funding Applications

The following grant applications had been received from local groups and these were discussed. The following donations were agreed by the members from the remaining CDF funding:

Burra History Group – Easthouse roof expenses.....	£670
Burra Soccer School – Summer session 2025 .....	£490
Burra Public Hall – TV & trolley for downstairs .....	£465

Applications had also been received from the Langsound Community Development Group and the Burra Isle Football Association who were both looking for larger sums of money. As there was insufficient funds to cover all the applications it was agreed that these two groups should apply to the Viking Community Fund, Community Grant Scheme, through Tier 1 which covers £50 - £1,000. These applications come back to the Community Council for approval and the members agreed that these would be approved for the amount they were asking for. The Clerk will contact these two groups with information on how to apply and hopefully they will come through before the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(c) Shetland Policing Report – Dec 2024 / Jan 2025

One incident recorded for Burra & Trondra: Acquisitive Crime – Fraud

(d) Letter of thanks

An email had been received from Claire Ward, RVS, thanking the Community Council for the donation towards the cost of the Christmas party. (Receipts were also enclosed.)

(e) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had also been received and circulated to the members prior to the meeting for information:

- Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign
- Gremista Grid Supply Point (Shetland) – SSEN Draft Strategic Development Planning
- R100 Evaluation (Survey)
- Corra Foundation Boost Fund
- Relationship Scotland – Shetland (Survey)
- The Robertson Trust – Community Spaces Fund
- Highland Council Visitor Levy

**5. AOCB – None**

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**