

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 3rd February 2025 held in Ollaberry Primary School.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:

Cllr D Brown
Cllr B Wilcock
Cllr J Parry
Cllr R Doull
Cllr G Anderson

Ex Officio Present:

Cllr E MacDonald
Cllr A Hall

Apologies Submitted:

Police Scotland
Ms L Hall – SIC
Cllr D Robertson
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr K Scollay

In attendance:

Mrs C Anderson – Clerk
Ms J Graham – UHI Shetland

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

Agenda Item	Narrative
2.Declarations of Interest.	Cllr D Brown any NCDG related business Cllr J Parry any SCBF Business Cllr E MacDonald UHI Shetland discussion
3.Approval Of Previous Minute	Cllr J Parry approved, Cllr G Anderson seconded
Welcome	Cllr D Brown thanked everyone for attending and offered congratulations to Cllr A Hall for winning the Shetland North seat in the recent byelection. He also thanked Ms N Cornick for standing and hoped she would stand again in the next election. Cllr R Doull joined the meeting at 19.34
4. UHI Shetland	Ms J Graham informed those present that she had been in post since October 2024 as UHI Engagement Officer. She wants to engage with local communities to find out if there are learning opportunities missing and people's thoughts on learning hubs. Cllr R Doull asked what courses are currently offered by UHI. Ms J Graham said she had taken leaflets with her about all the courses currently offered and has also been speaking to each department at Shetland UHI. Cllr R Doull said that historically folk in the agricultural sector needed courses like welding. Ms J Graham said this has been spoken about and would likely need to be done at the college. Cllr G Anderson agreed saying the

	<p>college has the proper set up with extractor fans to comply with health and safety. CCllr R Doull said that advertising courses would be key. Ms J Graham asked if people thought UHI Shetland courses were advertised well, CCllrs present said no. CCllr G Anderson highlighted that because there is no guarantee that a course is going to be run he is often sent south to complete training for his work which is a shame when UHI Shetland has the set up to do it. Ms Graham said that financial viability is a major factor in courses being run. CCllr D Brown suggested getting a list of courses emailed and NCC could put it out into the community. Ms Graham said she was keen to make learning and training available for everyone. Cllr A Hall said that there used to be computer courses available at learning hubs in the community. CCllr R Doull agreed saying there were also free courses in schools. The clerk suggested for some courses such as minute taking, a pre recorded webinar could be made available so that they don't have to wait for a minimum number to run the course. Ms Graham said that UHI were looking at alternative ways to deliver courses especially in remote communities. CCllr J Parry said the community need to know what is on offer. CCllr D Brown said it is important to support young people in Shetland especially with vocational qualifications to make sure people not leaving to attend university still have ways to progress their learning. He also highlighted that Robert Gordon University offer Graduate Placements. Ms Graham said that UHI offer a wide range of online degrees and masters but admitted that some people find the UHI website difficult to navigate and maybe UHI should look at other ways to cascade the information out into the community. Cllr A Hall said it is important to engage with pupils from S3 and up. CCllr D Brown added that industries are very keen to get young people in CCllr J Parry added that SCBF are also keen to retain and encourage young people to come back to Shetland offering funding for apprenticeship and training. The clerk added that currently anyone unable to drive can not get to the Scalloway Campus for a 9 o'clock start time. Ms Graham agreed that this was an issue and added that she was also in discussions about bus safety for young people travelling to college. Cllr A Hall added that with under 22's getting free public transport it seems a shame that they can't use the service. Ms Graham agreed and said that the overall aim is to remove barriers to make courses more accessible whether that is in person or online. CCllr D Brown thanked Ms J Graham for attending.</p> <p>Ms J Graham left the meeting at 19.56.</p>
5. Police Report	No report received this month.
6. Banking	No update
7. SCBF Applications	No applications received this month. CCllr D Brown asked about the reduction of money to community councils that had been highlighted at the last ASCC meeting. CCllr J Parry explained

	<p>that community councils were still receiving the same level of funding however, SCBF process Tier 3 for 3 or more community councils applications internally because it had proven difficult to get all community councils to respond to applications in a timely fashion. CCllr D Brown said that there was a discussion at the ASCC meeting about whether the money could be increased. CCllr J Parry said it had all been agreed with SSE and would be costly to change now, however he said the process will be reviewed annually. Cllr A Hall asked how much of the £2 million was getting spent. CCllr J Parry said that he wasn't sure yet since the scheme only began in September 2024. He added the money given to community councils rolls over annually if not spent. He added that it was disappointing that it was only £2.2 million but it had been decided over 10 years ago. CCllr D Brown asked if it was linked to RPI. CCllr J Parry said yes it was. He added that the shut off payments to SSE had been backdated to the original agreement date and maybe it would need to be questioned why the benefit fund couldn't be the same.</p>
<p>8.Matters Arising</p>	<p>Eela Water / Roads CCllr D Brown informed those present that Neil Hutcheson from the Roads Department would be attending the March meeting. Cllr A Hall said he had received a complaint about the state of the verges especially around Eela Water. CCllr G Anderson said he thought the road was much cleaner while he had been off shift this time but agreed that some of the verges between Eela Water and the Ollaberry Shop were getting damaged. CCllrs also agreed it was good that the shop was getting used for fuelling the trucks.</p> <p>Collafirth Pier Clerk had contacted small ports and harbours and received a response saying they were aware of the problem, that they were deploying CCTV cameras in all their small ports and they were keen to attend a meeting to discuss any other issues the community may have. The clerk had sent over meeting dates but hadn't received a reply. CCllr D Brown said he had also raised the issue at a recent small ports and harbour meeting. Action: Clerk to contact harbours to invite to a future meeting.</p> <p>Planning Application No planning applications received this month</p> <p>Transport Planning No update</p> <p>Redundant car removal Clerk updated CCllrs that a letter has been sent to a local land owner. CCllr D Brown explained to Cllr A Hall about the redundant vehicle removal that NDCD and NCC organised which had been successful and were now doing it again.</p> <p>Marine Restoration and Enhancement Action Plan No update</p>

	<p>School Transport No update</p>
<p>9.Community Council Scheme Review</p>	<p>Consultation on phase two closed on Friday 31st January. Cllr A Hall asked if NCC filled all it's seats. CCllrs said that all seats were filled and had been for a number of years. CCllr J Parry added that with the proposed review NCC would loose a seat.</p>
<p>10. Correspondence</p>	<p>Gremista Grid Supply Point – online consultation with closing date 14th March 2025</p> <p>Save the Date Tunnel Vision Roadshow 2025 – CCllr D Brown suggested sharing event closer to the time on facebook.</p> <p>ASCC meeting 11th March – names to be in by Wednesday 5th March. CCllr D Brown said he should be able to attend.</p> <p>Pathway 2030 – overhead line Project update webinar – Tuesday 4th February 2-3.30pm</p> <p>Clerk informed those present that CCllr R McGeady had been approached by a member of the community concerned about the state of the North Roe war memorial because the fence has come down, sheep have been able to get in and cause damage. The clerk contacted burial services at SIC but because the memorial is not within the graveyard and was put up by the community, it doesn't fall under SIC maintenance. There may be funding available from the War Memorial Trust and the clerk said there was around £481 left in this years NCC budget. CCllr D Brown said it is important to maintain the memorial and suggested seeing what funding is available from the War Memorial Trust before getting quotes. Action: Clerk to view extent of damage at the memorial and looking into funding opportunities.</p> <p>R100 Broadband Evaluation – There is opportunity to feedback to the Scottish Government. NCC have been asked to share the poster. CCllr D Brown admitted he didn't know much about R100 but that it was critical for Northmavine to have good broadband connections. He told those present that NCDC have been working on a project but that it should also be driven by NCC. Action: CCllr D Brown to speak to Craig Johnson, NCDC.</p> <p>Scottish Climate Intelligence Service event for rural and islands Community Councils – Wednesday 5th February at 6pm online. SIC Publishes Planning Advice Note 14 – Delivery of Biodiversity Enhancement on Local Developments – available for anyone to read.</p>

11. AOCB	<p>CCllr D Brown raised that the cattle grid above the Ollaberry Hall was completely full of water and needs to be dug out.</p> <p>Action: Clerk contact road department</p> <p>CCllr D Brown asked both councillors if they had anything they would like to add. Cllr A Hall said it was a steep learning curve but looking forward to it. Cllr E MacDonald said she had nothing to report on this month.</p>
12. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 3 rd March in the North Roe Primary School at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at: 20.28