

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 7th April 2025 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr. M. Fullerton
Mrs. C. Smith
Ms M. Garnier

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurensen
Mr. R. Black
Mr. B. Adamson
Miss N. Fullerton
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. R. Fraser, SIC
Mr. M. Duncan, SIC

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest – None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 3rd March 2025 were approved. Proposed by Niall O'Rourke and seconded by Carole Smith.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Active Travel Audit

Niall had emailed Robina Barton for an update on this. She replied to say she is now back in post after being seconded to another role for several months so is still trying to get her head round what is progressing. They are currently trying to firm up plans for 2025-26 activities and when she has a clearer idea of what's what she will let us know.

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

It was reported that the sign has still not been put in place.

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

The Clerk had contacted Michael Hannah and had passed on his email address to Eleanor Gear, SCBF so she can contact with details of meetings etc. A meeting is to take place this Wednesday and are held every second month.

(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 received an email from Scott Johnstone of Tulloch Developments with a quote for the work involved regarding rock armour repair works at Minn beach. There was a detailed list of the work together with a plan attached showing their proposals. The total cost was £75,000 + VAT. The Clerk had also contacted Jonathan Duncan who was involved around 12 years ago

when the last major repairs were carried out at Minn (he was Coast Protection Engineer with the SIC at that time.) This was funded by the SIC Planning Dept but he said that this budget code no longer exists. That work was carried out by the Shetland Amenity Trust and Austin Taylor worked closely with them and he could possibly be contacted for more information. It was decided that Michael Duncan be contacted in the first instance as he knows about various funding sources. Niall will get in touch with Michael.

ACTION: Niall

(f) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

Cllr. Scott reported that the phone boxes in Scalloway appear to have been cleaned up and no further action is needed on them meantime. He had also looked at the one in Hamnavoe and noted it is located on the path leading to the ladies public toilets which hinders access. The members agreed that this phone box should be removed due to it's poor state and the fact that it is blocking access to the toilets. There is no need for it to be relocated as there is now adequate mobile signal throughout Hamnavoe. Cllr. Scott will contact BT and lodge the request to have it removed.

ACTION: Cllr. Scott

(g) CPR & Defibrillator Training

The Clerk has arranged the training for Thursday, 10th April, 7-8.30pm in the Burra Baptist Hall. James Tulloch, who originally offered the training, had emailed last Friday to cancel but as the Clerk had already advertised on facebook etc. and had a good response, she had contacted Kaylee Williamson (paramedic) who has very kindly offered to do the training herself.

(h) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

No further information on this to date.

(i) 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). The Clerk will contact Neil Hutcheson again.

ACTION: Clerk

(j) Tree planting

Dr. Reeves, who lives at Bridge End, had previously contacted the Chairman as she is keen to plant some trees in Burra. No further ahead with finding a suitable area as yet.

(k) ASCC meeting – Tue 11 March 2025

An updated on the above meeting had been received from Michael Duncan and had been circulated to the members for information.

(l) Burra & Trondra bridges – potholes on Burra bridge & dip at Trondra bridge

Both the above had previously been reported to Barrie Scobie who replied that he was aware of these issues. Nothing has been done about this to date.

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

Nothing heard back from Neil Hutcheson regarding this. He had instructed Garriock Bros to install a railing on the top of the existing low wall back in January 2023 but this had never been done.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Application Ref 2025/063/PPF

Erect 2 glamping pods with utility building, West of Westerlea, Papal, Burra

Applicant: Alison Beattie

The above application was discussed by the members. There were no objections.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Community Council Scheme of Establishment

An email had been received from Michael Duncan attaching the new Scheme of Establishment documents. The new Scheme and associated documentation came into effect from 25th March 2025. Circulated to the members for information.

(c) SCBF Tier 1 Application – Langsound Community Development Group

An application had been received from the above through the Viking Community Fund who were looking for £1,000 for repainting the Hamnavoe public toilets and some door and handrail refurbishment and repairs. The members agreed to grant the sum requested of £1,000.

ACTION: Clerk

An application was also expected from Burra Isles Football Association (discussed at March meeting) The Clerk had contacted SCBF and they advised that they did receive an application from them but could not process it as they were asking for funding for running costs and this cannot be funded.

(A summary of funding available had also been received from SCBF - Burra & Trondra Community Council currently have £20,986.83 – less £1,000 granted above.)

(d) Community Council Core Funding 2025-26

Michael Duncan had also sent an email advising that the Burra & Trondra Community Council had been allocated the sum of £11,430.53 for 2025-26. The Community Council Core Funding application form was attached and will need to be completed and submitted. **ACTION: Niall**

(e) Da Voar Redd Up 2025

The Amenity Trust had emailed advising that Da Voar Redd Up will take place between 19th-25th April 2025.

(f) VoiceAbility in Shetland

An email had been received from Vikki Parry who is an Advocate with VoiceAbility in Shetland. They are an independent charity and one of the UK's largest providers of advocacy and involvement services. They support people to be heard in decisions about their health, care and wellbeing. A link was also shared to their website.

(g) Various correspondence

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

- Council's Burial Service – update
- Public & School Bus Business Case - update

5. AOCB

(a) Signs at Meal beach - dogs

It was noted that both dog signs which we had put up at the Meal beach last year had been broken off. One was located at the top of the path leading down to the beach and the other near the peerie sand. The Clerk has one more sign and this will be put up at the top of the path again.

(b) Papal Stone

The Clerk had visited the graveyard recently and noticed that the Papal Stone has been boarded up with wood as it is unstable. She will contact the Amenity Trust in the first instance to see who is responsible. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 5th May 2025 at 6pm.