

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 27th February 2025 At Voe Public Hall

2025/02/01 MEMBERS

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)
Ms J Dennison
Mr B Moreland

Mr A Hall
Mr J Milne
Ms E Macdonald

2025/02/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer

Mr T Tyler – To be Co-Opted

2025/02/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2025/02/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Cooper (Chairman), Ms R Griffiths, and Mr M Duncan.

2025/02/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2025 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2025/02/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Ms L Ratter, Clerk declared an interest for 2025/02/13.3

2025/02/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

7.1 Mr T Tyler was Co-Opted onto Delting Community Council. The forms were completed by Mr E Smith, Vice Chairman at the meeting. Forms to be sent to Returning Officer. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/02/08 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – Clerk emailed Halls and sent out a few applications. **Clerk to progress**

8.2 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – There was no update on this item.

8.3 **Testing at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.

8.4 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.

8.5 **Graveyard bin** – There was no update on this item.

8.6 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – Ms E Macdonald said they were still working on a date. **Ms E Macdonald to progress**

8.7 **Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.

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- 8.8 Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – The clerk emailed Mr A Hunter and Mr M Craigie again to get a response to their previous query and ask if funding had been applied for in December and January. Mr N Grant be copied into the email as requested by members. There was no response to the email. Mr A Hall updated the members with the information he had. Members want email sent again to Mr M Craigie for a third time to get a response. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.9 Sign at Sparl** – Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson and his response on 20th January was that the replacement was ordered last financial year. Unfortunately, their contractor has been very busy with safety barrier and cattle grid repairs. They have now moved on to sign repairs so this job should be done in the next week or two. This still has not been completed. Clerk to email again to get an update on progress. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.10 Loose Chips at Maidenfield Mossbank** – Loose chips have been swept and sorted.
- 8.11 Archiving** - Records go back as far as 1977 all in reverse order, needs sorted into chronological order. Mr A Cooper will sign paperwork when complete. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/02/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1** There have been 20 incidents recorded for December and January in Delting which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Speeding (6)
 - Road Traffic Collision
 - Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury (2)
 - Acquisitive Crime
 - Theft
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Concern for Person
 - Domestic Assault
 - Domestic Incident (2)
 - Mental Health (4)
 - Other
 - Firearms Seizure
 - Waterborne Incident

2025/02/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 2025/004/MAR** - To moor a 22m x 18m concrete barge adjacent to an existing pier, with a connecting walkway, to be used for berthing by workboats associated with aquaculture farming operations. Colla Firth, Delting, Shetland. John Laurenson. All plans can be viewed at [Simple Search](#) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 10.2 2025/001/WL** - To install a 33kV subsea cable and associated works. Mossbank, Yell, Shetland Mr Nicky Hufstetler. All plans can be viewed at [Simple Search](#). There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 10.3 Disabled Parking Revocation** - to revoke an existing traffic order and to allow disabled persons' parking places to be removed from Ladies Mire. A copy of the proposed Order together with a plan showing the area of road affected and a Statement of Reasons for the making of the proposed Order, may be inspected at the Roads Service, Gremista, Lerwick during normal office hours between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order must send an objection in writing specifying the grounds on which the objection is made to the undersigned by 14 March 2025. There were no objections to this. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 10.4 2024/278/VCON - Temporary Residential Accommodation, Sella Ness Industrial Estate, Graven, Mossbank, Shetland ZE29UR** – The response was as follows: The accommodation

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is required in connection with the ORION (Opportunity for Renewable Integration with Offshore Networks) Clean Energy Project, and the operators of SVT expect high levels of activity resulting from decommissioning works and establishment of the site as a renewable energy and decarbonisation hub. The continued use of the existing buildings rather than their replacement with a new structure will also contribute to the sustainability of the proposal. Retention of the buildings for a longer period will allow adaptations in order to minimise greenhouse gas emissions. The proposal is therefore considered to comply with the requirements of NPF4 Policies 1 and 2. It is considered that the previous periods of temporary use granted were for a specific purpose, and that the special circumstances that were prevalent at that time are similarly predicted to exist in the near future due to the projects such as ORION that are intended to take place. The proposal would therefore comply with NPF4 Policy 26 and SLDP Policies ED1 and ED2. The site is located within an industrial complex and as the buildings are already in place the scope for biodiversity enhancement is constrained. A landscaping plan incorporating native plant species has been submitted and is considered acceptable subject to a condition ensuring timely implementation and management of the planting. In order to ensure compliance with Policy 3 Condition 3 of the facility's existing permission will require to be amended to include the requirement to submit a biodiversity enhancement and management plan in accordance with the criteria set out in the policy. Condition 4 needs then also to be amended to include a requirement for submission and approval of a biodiversity enhancement plan including details of future management. The proposal is with these additional requirements therefore considered to comply with the requirements of NPF4 Policy 3. A Transport Statement has been submitted by the applicants which states that the location of the accommodation close to the Sullom Voe Terminal where the majority of occupants work reduces the requirement for workers to travel longer distances. Shuttle buses are provided and cycles and cycle parking are available for occupants of the facility. The scale, massing and design of the building is in keeping with its location within an industrial area. Timber cladding reduces its wider landscape impact and there are no concerns regarding visual amenity arising from the development. Although the site is not located within a settlement it is in an industrial area with services and infrastructure. The development is therefore considered to comply with NPF4 Policies 13, 14 and 15 and SLDP Policy GP1. A copy of the decision notice is available for inspection on our website [Simple Search](#) at or at our office at the above address. **The Clerk shared email and decision letter with Delting Community Council members.**

- 10.5 Proposed Disabled Parking Space - SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL (Runafirth, Brae)** (Parking Places for Disabled Person's Vehicle) Order 2025. The general effect of the proposed Order is that a place in Runafirth, Brae, shall be used exclusively for the causing to remain at rest or the leaving of any vehicle which is being driven by a disabled person or used for the transportation of a disabled person and which displays in the relevant position a disabled person's badge. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**
- 10.6** Following on from the application 10.5 Mr J Milne asked what was happening with the existing disabled parking space in Runafirth, located at the other side of the carpark, as the person who this space was allocated to no longer resides in the house. Mr J Milne believes it is now being used by someone it is not allocated to. The members asked the clerk to email planning/roads department to enquire about the existing space. Mr J Milne will provide a photograph of the existing space and the proposed space. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/02/11 Community Work

- 11.1 Community Resilience Plans –** Ms L Hall has been asked by Mr I Taylor from Emergency Planning to liaise with the community councils. They want to create an emergency response plan in the community in case an emergency occurs like the power cuts a few years ago. They want to make sure the council has contacts for responders. There is a template with examples to use and Ms L Hall has asked if we can take it away and gather thoughts on it and make it an agenda item for the next meeting. They are wanting a final draft by June 2025. In July and August, they will test the plan and then annually updated. Ms L hall asked if there were any questions, she would note them and take them back to Mr I Taylor.

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Ms E Macdonald asked if this was for the wider Delting Area or more specifically each individual area, Brae, Voe, Mossbank, Muckle Roe? Ms L Hall said she was aware the Voe Hall committee have done one a few years ago due to the funding they received from SSE for their generator and that was part of the conditions and therefore already have one established. She asked Mr M Duncan and he said he would prefer it to be held by the Community Council as they are the body representing the entire area but you would have individual details from the various areas. It would be one plan for the whole area.

Ms E Macdonald asked if this was something we had to do? Ms L Hall said it was not statutory but it was recommended as following the last outage they realised they did not know who to contact if there were vulnerable people in the community.

Mr E Smith asked if this would not be the responsibility or part of the care system emergency response plan instead of the community.

Ms E Macdonald suggested that people in the community would be better placed to know who is vulnerable within the community and their families.

Ms E Macdonald asked if the plan was for community groups to get together to have a discussion around to how they would act in this as Voe already had a plan, how does this fit into the whole community plan. If Voe Hall already has one there is no point in doing it again or something different. Can we fill in those details Voe has to the Community Council plan? Ms L Hall said as Voe already has a plan whoever was going to speak to them would need to establish if they wanted to be included in this plan.

Ms E Macdonald thinks it should be a wider group discussion as we cannot decide what other community groups are doing.

Mr E Smith asked if we could go to the hall committees to ask what their role could be in the plan.

Ms L Hall thinks the Community Council is the obvious secure body that exists. Mr E Smith said he envisaged someone from Delting Community Council at top of the tree then communicating with individuals in the various areas who then communicate within the communities. The community halls could play a part in each area.

Mr A Hall said it was sad this is needed as he thinks the people in the community already looks out for vulnerable people in their area.

Ms E Macdonald asked why it was Ms L Hall there explaining the process and not Mr I Taylor as he is emergency planning.

Mr E Smith suggested the community council invites Mr I Taylor to the next meeting to answer the questions raised. **Clerk to progress.**

- 11.2 Local Place Plans** – Ms L Hall told the members there was an event for local place plans on 4th April 10am – 4pm. Ms L Hall thinks it would be worthwhile to attend. Ms L Hall has been asked by a member of the planning team why Delting area have not done a local place plan with all the changes happening in the area. Mr E Smith said that was exactly the reason why we had not done one due to all the changes in the area. It is still the consensus that it would be beneficial to have one. Mr E Smith said the intension is to wait for the changes then make one rather than doing it twice. Ms E Macdonald thinks plannings take on it would be that it was good to do one while things are developing and use it to shape how some of that happened. Ms E Macdonald thinks the capacity to undertake place plans is very difficult and take up a huge amount of time and need lots of people willing to get involved and its difficult for community councils to take this on. Mr E Smith said we can raise with Chairman again and see if any views have changed and make him aware we are being encouraged to do something. Mr A Hall said he will try and attend the event.

2025/02/12 FINANCE UPDATE

- 12.1** The clerk updated members on the current financial position for 24/25.

2025/02/13 CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Grant Application Form – Delting Badminton Club** – The club provides badminton in Brae for players from P4-Seniors once per week. Sessions for all P4-S4 school pupils are free with payments being made from S5+ per session. They would be seeking financial support to help cover some costs for S5-Senior members and funding for an end of season competition with

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trophies which would be presented year on year. The following dates remain for this season: 13, 20, 27 Feb 6, 13, 27 Mar and 3 Apr. All sessions all take part in the Brae Games Hall. They would like to offer the chance for S5-Seniors to pay less for the remainder of the year. They would also like to purchase some proper trophies that will form part of the club's season culmination. There are over 100 active Badminton players at the club from North Roe to Vidlin and everywhere in between including Mossbank. The project would allow the opportunity for cheaper physical activity at a time where everything is escalating in cost. It would also help forge club identity and player's affiliation to the club through competition. They are looking for £100.00 for reducing costs to S5-senior players, 7 remaining sessions (contribution) for the remainder of the season and £100.00 to purchase of trophies for yearly Badminton competitions They are applying for £200.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £200.00. **Clerk to progress.**

- 13.2 Grant Application Form – Voe Public Hall** – The main purpose of the organisation is to provide a welcoming space for the Voe community and greater community to gather for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes. The Voe Hall requires funding for a new floor cleaner to use in the hall after events. Large events create the need for a professional cleaner. They have several large bookings for 2025. People in Delting will benefit from a clean floor and help volunteers with more manageable cleaning, therefore keeping the hall operational. The total cost of a new cleaner is £3368.00. They are applying for £3368.00. Members agreed unanimously to decline this application due to grant funds remaining to Delting Community Council and alternative schemes available to request funding. It was suggested to direct them to the Shetland Community Benefit fund. **Clerk to progress.**
- 13.3 Grant Application Form – Delting Football Club** – Delting Football Club provide weekly football training and support eight teams from Under 6s to adults, including Shetland's only 'All Ability' club team. Separate to their football function, through a team of committed volunteers, the club also undertakes maintenance (grass cutting, turf replacement, litter collection and lining) of the Brae School pitch, owned by Shetland Islands Council. A new kit is required for the Under 16s as the current one is no longer suitable for playing in. This is normal where wear and tear from playing competitive games over a few seasons results in shirts being torn and socks (particularly as shinpads are worn at this age-group), can become laddered and tattered. Unfortunately, the normal lifespan for a kit nowadays is not that long and the current gear is no longer suitable for the team's needs. Delting FC is a club that takes pride from the fact they are based on the positive core value of inclusion. They believe that any person should be able to participate in football, regardless of their ability or financial situation. Their club policy on player subscription fees means: - under 6 players participate for free - All Ability players participate for free - children whose parents are in receipt of school clothing or free school meals allowances participate for free. - new players to an age group do not pay for the first 3 months - siblings pay 50%. The approach also includes providing all equipment and suitable kit to take part with, which is the subject of this application. The total cost is £800.00. They are applying for £600.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £600.00. **Clerk to progress.**
- 13.4 UHI Engagement Officer** – Julie Graham UHI Shetland Engagement officer will attend the Delting Community Council meeting in April gather information to support UHI Shetland's development plans going forward to better understand the learning needs of people in your area and communities throughout Shetland.
- 13.5 National Marine Plan 2** – Mr A Cooper submitted a response to National Marine Plan 2 planning position statement. Response was shared with members via email. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.6 Scottish Sea Farms - community sustainability focus group request** - Scottish Sea Farms are looking to strengthen their strategic approach to sustainability to comply with EU sustainability reporting rules. They have partnered with Simply Sustainable, an independent global management consultancy specialising in sustainability, to gather insights from our external stakeholders. As part of this, they would like to invite us to participate in a focus group (45-60 minutes, online), to share our views (and those of the local community) on the most important

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sustainability topics for Scottish Sea Farms to consider in their sustainability reporting. To ensure each of our farming regions has direct representation, for Shetland they would like to extend an invitation to representatives from Delting; Nesting and Lunnasting; Sandsting and Aithsting; Scalloway; Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale; and Whalsay Community Councils. The focus group will take place with a couple of representatives from Simply Sustainable, via Microsoft Teams. Our feedback will help us identify the impacts, risks, and opportunities related to their business and improve their sustainability efforts. Would a member of the Community Council be happy to take part in the focus group. A suitable time to connect the most participants will then be organised. Our insight would be hugely valuable, Mr E Smith said either himself or Mr A Cooper will attend. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 13.7 Association of Shetland Community Councils - 11 March 2025** – Michael Duncan requests attendance at the next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils. The meeting shall take place as follows: Tuesday 11th March 2025, 6pm – 8pm at Town Hall (chamber) Meeting papers are attached for your attention. As always, a good turnout is requested so please ensure your Community Council confirms its attendance to me by no later than 2pm, Wednesday 5th March 2025. Mr A Cooper will be attending the meeting. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.8 SAVE THE DATE Tunnel Vision Roadshow 2025 - Email from Beatrice Wishart MSP** - Tunnel Vision Roadshow week beginning 18th August 2025. This year Alistair Carmichael and Beatrice Wishart will once again host a week of Tunnel Vision Roadshow events to report back and listen to community views on inter-island connectivity and tunnel proposals. They would value our attendance and help in spreading the word of this provisional date. We plan to return to Unst, Yell, Fetlar, Bressay and one in Brae. More details are to follow. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.9 Gremista Grid Supply Point (Shetland) - SSEN Draft Strategic Development Plan** - SSEN's Whole System teams draft Strategic Development Plan for Gremista Grid Supply Point in Shetland is now available for consultation on their website. The paper can be found using the following link: [DSO Consultation Library - SSEN](#), and the consultation survey can be accessed here: [Survey Details | Gremista GSP \(Shetland\) Strategic Development Plan - Draft for Consultation](#). The plan encompasses the current state of the network along with high level potential options for strategic network planning. The consultation will close on the 14th of March at 23:59 (6-week period). They would greatly appreciate our thoughts and input on the draft plan where possible. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.10 Geraldine Higgins - Strategic Project Liaison Lead (North) SSEN** – SSEN want to update on the cable repair between Mossbank and Yell which is taking place later this summer. They will be joining DCC meeting on March 27th Via TEAMS to update. They are also going to start doing some community drop in events at the start of May and would like to connect with DCC to involve you and/or get advice on where the events would be best to be held. They were planning a community event in Yell in the Hall and have been in touch with Yell Community Council. They plan to have an event in Mossbank.
- 13.11 Increase to Distant Island Allowance** – There has been an increase in DIA.
- 13.12 Proposed Redevelopment and Expansion of Fish Holm Fish Farm** – Scottish Seafarms, in relation to redevelopment and expansion of Fish Holm Fish Farm in the Setterness area, have submitted planning application to Shetland Islands Council., you can view additional information about the proposal on our website at [Fish Holm salmon farm consolidation plans | Scottish Sea Farms](#). Their planning application references their Heart of the Community Fund and funding support that they offered to Shetland causes, and their community team would like to provide us with more information on this directly. They supplied a poster for information. They are trying to raise more awareness of the availability of their funding in communities – they are reliant on local projects and organisations applying to them, to guide us as to where their support would make the most difference. This could be financial, but it may also be donations in kind or through offering raffle prizes (such as a fresh salmon). **Clerk shared email with Delting Community**

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Council members. Mr A Cooper responded via email to say it is highly irregular to push this programme when they have a planning application for a new farm. Members suggested after it is out of planning stage, we can maybe share their poster and promote.

2025/02/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 14.1 R100 Broadband Evaluation** - The Scottish Government is investing in broadband infrastructure in your area through its **Reaching 100% (R100) programme** and want to gather feedback. You can find out more about R100 at: gov.scot/digitalconnectivity. To understand whether and how households and organisations have benefited from R100, the Scottish Government is undertaking an evaluation of the programme. As part of this, they are surveying households and organisations who:
- Are **scheduled to receive** broadband access via R100 but **have not yet been connected**
 - Have been **provided with broadband access via R100** and **have** taken up the connection
 - Have been **provided with broadband access via R100** but **have not** taken up the connection
- The surveys are available online and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/R100Evaluation>
Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members, and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.
- 14.2 Bank of Scotland Foundation** - The Bank of Scotland Foundation is about to open its Empower programme on the 3rd February and close shortly after at noon on the 12th February. The funding is a grant of £150,000 over 3 years (£50,000 per year). This funding is entirely unrestricted, meaning organisations can spend it on anything they require. Charity income must be between £150k - £500k per year as stated in the most recent accounts. More info: <https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/empower> **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.3 SCIS event for rural and islands Community Councils** - Join the [Scottish Climate Intelligence Service](#) (SCIS) for a free webinar about this newly established climate action programme that is jointly funded by Scottish Government and all 32 local authorities in Scotland. Community councils can expect to;
- gain a better understanding of the SCIS
 - experience a live demonstration of 'ClimateView', the data platform used to track, monitor and assess local authority climate action, and
 - learn how insights from this platform could inform their work in communities.
- The first session at 6pm on Wednesday 5 February will focus on the specific needs of rural and islands Community Councils, while the second session on Wednesday 26 March is open to all. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.4 SIC Publishes Planning Advice Note 14 – Delivery of Biodiversity Enhancement on Local Developments** - Please see attached and link below for the latest Planning Blog on the Delivery of Biodiversity on Local Developments.
<https://www.shetland.gov.uk/blog/planningnews/post/1094/sic-publishes-planning-advice-note-14>
Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.
- 14.5 Free Local Place Plan training and webinars for Community Councils** - The sessions will take place between 5:30pm and 6:30pm on Wednesday nights on MS Teams and you can sign up for all the sessions, or choose ones you are particularly interested in. The remaining sessions are:
- Wednesday 5 March - Designing an Engagement Strategy for your Local Place Plan.
 - Wednesday 12 March - Processing the Data you gather for your Local Place Plan.
 - Wednesday 19 March - Writing your Statement of Regard to Statutory Plans: An Intro to National Planning Framework 4 for your Local Place Plan. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.6 Have your say - community benefits from offshore and onshore renewable energy developments** - The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) will shortly be hosting a number of community conversations across Scotland to gather local peoples' opinions on

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community benefits generated through offshore and onshore renewable energy developments. This is part of a bigger, national conversation so they will be holding two online webinars to allow us to find out more about what is planned, and how we can get involved. [You can find out more about the webinars by following this link](#). The webinars and conversations are open to individuals as well as community groups. They aim to attract as wide an audience as possible from local people and organisations. We wanted to ask whether it would also be possible for us to promote the opportunities amongst our networks and members. [register your interest and find out more here](#). If we have any questions about any of the [information about the webinar](#) they will be happy to have a quick chat or answer any queries. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.7 Visitor Levy - Full Islands Act ICIA Required – Email received by Kathryn Johnson North Uist, Western Isles regarding the [Highland Council Visitor Levy](#) consultation and to request that we represent the interests of our island residents. Please confirm whether you will add this issue to your Community Council agenda, raise awareness, and respond to the [consultation](#), ending 31st March, accordingly. She wishes to draw attention to the failure of the Visitor Levy to meet the legal obligations of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and encourage us to ask for an immediate pause in the Visitor Levy rollout until the full impact on island communities can be properly understood and addressed. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.8 National Lottery Community Fund - Strengthening Organisations - This grant programme is targeted at organisations in Scotland that National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) currently fund. NLCF want to support organisations to try out new ideas and ways of working, or to develop their organisation and improve their current work. To be considered for this funding programme applicants must:

- Currently have funding from NLCF for one or more projects
- Work with people affected by poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- Involve the people you support in designing how you work

The work to be funded must meet one of the following outcomes

Organisations that are funded are able to:

- Overcome challenges and plan for the future
- Try out new ideas and ways of working

Funding between £300 to £50,000 is available, for up to two years. For more information and to discuss your idea please refer to website: [Strengthening Organisations | The National Lottery Community Fund](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.9 Corra Foundation Boost Fund - the “Boost Fund” will re-open for applications on 25 February 2025 at 12 noon. Boost Small Grants programme is managed by Corra and is funded in partnership with STV Children's Appeal and Comic Relief. Boost is for local community organisations across Scotland supporting children and families affected by poverty. Not all of the work has to be with children and families but the project you want a grant for should directly benefit children and families. The work you are doing might be about providing practical help, or organising activities and gatherings, or addressing another local need. Boost Small Grants will provide grants of £500 - £3,000 to constituted groups and charities with an annual income of £50,000 or less. Unconstituted groups can apply for grants of between £250 - £1,500. There will be around £400,000 available to distribute in 2025, and Corra expects to make around 160 grants. Approximately 10% of the funding available will be made in grants to unconstituted groups. This year Boost will be run in three rounds, with about 1/3 of the grants made in each round.

- Round 1 will open at noon on 25 February 2025 and will close at noon on 11 March 2025
- Round 2 will open at the end of April
- Round 3 will open at the start of September

More information and application forms will be available at link below later in the month once Boost Round 1 opens. [Boost Fund supporting children and families](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

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- 14.10 Creative Scotland - National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations** - The National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations is a funding programme for artistic, creative and cultural organisations based in Scotland operated by Creative Scotland. Any type of constituted artistic, creative or cultural organisations based in Scotland can apply. The funding programme is open all year round, with no deadlines. Eligible organisations can apply at any time. For more information please refer to web link below: [National Lottery Open Fund for Organisations | Creative Scotland](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.11 Agricultural Advisory Support Scheme for Small Claimants of Rural Support** - In partnership with the Shetland Livestock Marketing Group, SAC have recently been awarded Community Led Local Development funding to provide fully funded agricultural advisory support to those claiming Rural Support Payments in 2025. This is in response to the new Whole Farm Plan requirements and the government's removal of subsidised advisory support for Crofts and Small Farms last year. Those claiming £1000 or less in Basic Payment claims are eligible to receive free one-to-one support to prepare for their Single Farm Application in 2025. We will also be holding a series of drop-in information sessions and the first drop-in is on Monday the 17th Feb. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members, and put poster on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 14.12 Relationships Scotland – Shetland** - Relationship Scotland- Shetland are conducting a community survey to better understand the needs of local people in relation to whether or not they have experienced conflict in the community, what concerns that raised and if people have sought support from organisations or not. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members, and put poster on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 14.13 The Robertson Trust - Community Spaces Fund** Community Spaces aims to support local communities experiencing poverty and trauma in Scotland and is for registered charities with an annual income of between £30,000 and £500,000. By community, this means a geographic community. This could be in an urban or rural area experiencing high rates of poverty and trauma. The Fund can provide revenue funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per annum, for up to 3 years, to support the costs of community centres, hubs and anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities to meet the needs of their community. Applicants should show how the various services they deliver and/or host relate to preventing or reducing poverty and trauma for local people. The Robertson Trust are particularly interested in supporting applications from organisations that can show how they reach out to and remove barriers for groups of people in their community who are at higher risk of experiencing poverty and trauma, such as disabled people, people experiencing racial inequity and asylum seekers and refugees, to ensure that they know about and can access the services and activities on offer. Applicants can apply at any time and there is no set closing date for applications. For more information see web link [here](#). **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2025/02/15 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 15.1** Mr E Smith has been approached by a member of the Mossbank community to say the telephone signal in the area is very poor and having a knock-on effect that they could not get their smart meter fitted. They want it raised at the meeting. The members said there are a lot of Smart Meters which do not work especially if the property is in an area with poor mobile signal. Lower Mossbank, Voe and other areas have poor mobile signals. Mobile signal was being addressed recently by BT.

2025/02/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 16.1** The Vice Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank School on Thursday 27th March commencing at 7.30pm
Vice Chairman