

# Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 27th March 2025 At Mossbank School

## 2025/03/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)  
Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)  
Mr B Moreland  
Mr A Hall - Ex Officio

Ms J Dennison  
Ms R Griffiths  
Mr T Tyler

## 2025/03/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk  
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer  
Mr A Lavery SSEN Distribution - Project Manager TEAMS  
Mr R Burnett SSEN Distribution - Marine Consents TEAMS  
Dr K Urquhart SSEN Distribution – Environmentalist TEAMS  
Ms G Higgins SSEN Distribution - Strategic Project Liaison TEAMS  
Sgt A Patrick - Police Scotland  
Members of Public (MOP)

## 2025/03/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## 2025/03/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne and Ms E Macdonald Ex Officio.

## 2025/03/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were approved by Ms J Dennison and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

## 2025/03/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 2025/03/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

7.1 There were no new members to Co-Opt.

7.2 All forms submitted and Mr T Tyler information has been updated.

## 2025/03/08 MATTERS ARISING

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

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

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

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

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

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- 8.6 **Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – Mr M Craigie Email Response: The Active Travel funding landscape at the moment I would describe as 'dynamic'. Back in February '24 we had submitted a bid for infrastructure funding and Transport Scotland had given a sense what our funding was all but a certainty. The overall Transport Scotland programme budget at the at time was £60 million. However, shortly after that, Scottish Government then went into the process of reviewing all its spending plans and the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund (or the Active Travel Transformation Fund as it was called then) did not survive the review of spending. Ultimately, we got nothing from that fund and we were not advised of that until then end of September '24. This meant that our anticipated projects in 24/25 could not be delivered and we are now going through a process of overhauling the plans, which include taking projects such as those in the Brae settlement audit, but with still no certainty on what likely funding will be. It is an unfortunate consequence of this that we aren't moving at the pace we had initially envisaged. Also, during 24/25 the Transport Planning Service has faced some challenges in terms of staffing which has further impacted on the pace at which we can work. Over the last few months, I have been working with Transport Scotland to make a case for funding for 25/26 and at this point I can say that some funding will be available but at this stage Transport Scotland cannot give me any definition of what the level will be. So, we are still in a period of uncertainty around what we can deliver and when and I'd ask the Community Council to bear with us we try and piece this together as Transport Scotland funding settles. The Brae settlement audit output remains high on the list of priorities for active travel and I anticipate that we will be able to deliver at least some of the elements of it in 25/26, I'm just not able to describe precisely what yet. I hope to be in a better position on that over the next 6 weeks or so, dependent on Transport Scotland funding announcements. As the level of funding becomes clearer, I aim to prepare a definitive programme of work for 25/26 and will be able to describe where Brae fits into that soon. I'll update the Community Council as soon as that is available. I appreciate that the Community Council would prefer a more definitive position but I am unable to give that just yet. In the meantime, I appreciate the Community Council's patience. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 8.8 **Sign at Sparl** – Since the meeting in February, Ms E Murphy emailed Delting Community Council providing an update she had received from SIC Roads Department with the repairs to the sign at the Sparl Road Junction. She reported the sign missing in November 2023 and received an update on February 2024 to say essential road barrier maintenance and cattle grid repairs would made priority and the sign had been ordered. In November she was told by SIC Roads it would not be too much longer for the replacement, like what was relayed to Delting Community Council in January. The clerk emailed Mr N Hutchison after February meeting for an update as replacement was still not there at end of February. Mr M Smith replied to say the sign replacement for Sparl has been ordered, there was an oversight on his part where it was late being issued to the contractor. The sign will be replaced in due course; however, they are having to prioritise essential grid and barrier repairs and regulatory traffic signs at this time. As this response was very similar to the response received by Ms Murphy 12 months ago the clerk emailed Mr M Smith for clarification and a more specific timescale. Mr M Smith replied that he cannot give a more specific timeframe. There is no statutory duty on the Council as Roads Authority to provide directional signage, and so it must take a lower priority. While minor directional signage used to have a greater importance in route finding, particularly towards the end of a journey, that need/use is much diminished these days. This is due to the prevalence and common usage of in-built Satellite Navigation systems and Google Maps on handheld/ portable devices – particularly for blue light responder services and deliveries. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 8.9 **Loose Chips at Maidenfield Mossbank** – Mr E Smith said as soon as chips swept, they reappear. Can we email Mr J Duncan SIC and ask if he can have a look at the road again to see what the issue was. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 8.10 Archiving** – All paperwork been signed and now in process of getting documents to Lerwick Archives. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.11 Community Resilience Plans** – The Clerk invited Mr I Taylor to the next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March but he did not respond. Ms L Hall sent through NYDC North Yell Development Council plan for Yell to show a completed plan. We will wait for Mr I Taylor to come to a meeting.

### **2025/03/09 POLICE REPORT**

- 9.1** There was no police report.
- 9.2** Sgt A Patrick from Police Scotland attended the meeting. There were three crimes in the area. Two were drugs offences and one was a road traffic offence. Mr A Cooper asked if Delting Up Helly Aa passed without incident. Sgt Patrick said there was no issues. Mr A hall asked if there had been an y Speeding checks. Sgt Patrick said they were continually doing speeding checks. It depended who was working as some officers trained and some are not. Mr A Cooper asked when the police would be getting bodycams. Sgt Patrick said it was going to be around June.

### **2025/03/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 2025/006/MAR-** To redevelop and expand an existing consented salmon farm by siting up to 12 x 160m-circumference pens in a 110m mooring grid and a 39m x 13m feed barge. Fish Holm Fish Farm, Yell Sound, Shetland Andrew Barrie, Scottish Sea Farms All plans and documents can be viewed at: [Simple Search](#) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 10.2 JJ/SMG/R/E3/29 - Proposed Disabled Parking, Housaquoy, Brae** There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**
- 10.3 Existing Disabled Parking Space in Runafirth** – Clerk emailed Roads Department and Mr J Johnson went out to Runafirth and marked where the proposed disabled parking space will be. He knocked on a few doors to establish who was using the existing space and provided them with an application form. This is now pending receipt of the application from the household.
- 10.4 2025/071/PPF** - To extend and change of use of existing garage building to self-contained residential unit; extend existing curtilage boundary to the south; upgrade existing surface water device; install connection to existing main sewer system. Imoshan, Hillside, Voe, Shetland ZE2 9PX. Mr Mark Leslie. All Plans can be viewed [Simple Search \(shetland.gov.uk\)](#) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to Progress.**

### **2025/03/11 SSEN DISTRIBUTION – UPDATE ON CABLE REPAIRS MOSSBANK TO YELL TEAMS**

- 11.1** Ms G Higgins - Strategic Project Liaison joined the meeting on TEAMS and introduced her colleagues, Mr Auben Lavery Project Manager, Mr Robin Burnett - Marine Consents, and Dr Katy Urquhart – Environmentalist to the members and thanked them for their time. She has slides which they are going to take the members through and update them on the proposed cable route between Mossbank and Yell and the installation method and the expected timing of the project later this summer. They will explain the environmental constraints in relation to marine and onshore wildlife habitat and explain some of the key stakeholder and consultees they work with when planning a project like this. Mr A Lavery, Project Manager, showed the members a slide with the depicted cable route that is there just now and was faulted in May 2024. They are providing power to Yell via the existing circuit so it has been reconfigured for the necessary supply. With the initial fault-finding exercise in May the team were working quickly to ensure they were working to design and engineer the route. Their requirements as an operator are to restore functionality to this route. The cable will

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be an upgrade and it is a larger cable with ability to carry more capacity and voltage and a more modern construction. This is more robust and adds longevity. The proposed route was shown to members. They have available survey data of the seabed in this area due to recent existing circuit that was installed in 2019 so they could progress the engineering and route very quickly to try and bring back online as quickly as possible. The new cable closely mirrors the existing cable. The cable will be further away from the isle Samphrey where there is a lot more rocky outcrops which are not good for cable life and provides more substance with seabed habitat which is better for the cable to embed itself and find stability. That channel of water is very tidal and exposed to currents which are also not good for the cable. The cable will be laid with a vessel with Dynamic Positioning and will be stabilised with rock bags. Installation expected to take place in August 2025. They have been in contact with SIC Ferries and Sullom Voe. There will be activities taking place onshore for couple of weeks before and after installation. They are utilising the landfall on Yell network so there will be no changes there. It will be slightly different on the Mossbank side as it will be moved to a more preferential location and a bit of reconfiguration on the network. This will be conducted by the regional team on Shetland. It will take approximately two months to get back online from when they start.

Dr K Urquhart, Environmentalist. To determine and understand environmental sensitivities on the landfalls on Mossbank and Yell they would do an environmental desktop review and this takes all the known environmental data in the area. With this data they can refine what surveys are required to provide information on the status of both land Falls. This has included an array of surveys including species surveys, bird surveys, vegetation surveys and peat surveys to name a few. They then produce a habitat risk assessment which determines any likely significant effects from their activities and the interaction with the environmental domain and it considers any mitigation controls to be put in place to reduce impacts to as low as possibly practicable. They may need more documentation such as an environmental appraisal, a written scheme of investigation and they develop a Construction Environmental Management Plan. Within that CEMP document they list all the mitigation they are required to put in. This then goes to SIC for planning and support of the application. They will then employ an independent archaeological clerk of work and an ecological clerk of work which will oversee the implementation to ensure compliance with all aspects. While surveying there was no sign of otter holt features but as they are a mobile species so are doing additional otter surveys now and periodically up to construction phase. They will be carrying out pre construction checks prior to any works going ahead and will look at breeding beds.

Mr Robin Burnett - Marine Consents introduced himself to the members. He went over the process of getting to the cable route and the environmental implications. The main concerns on the route are other marine users. They carried out a navigational risk assessment last year and has been followed up between installation contractors, SIC Ferries and the Harbour masters and discussing ways to minimise disruption. Works Licence applications were submitted to SIC and a Marine Licence from Marine Scotland on 31st January. They are required to get a European Protected Species Licence which permits them to using noisy equipment on activities taking place. These are the links to the applications <https://pa.shetland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SQY87GOA03100&activeTab=summary> and [Marine Licence - Cable Replacement - Mossbank-Yell - 00011142 | marine.gov.scot.](https://marine.gov.scot/) As part of the process the Marine Directorate will go out and consult with a number of statutory stakeholders like Northern Lighthouse board, MCA, Nature Scot, SEPA, Historic environment Scotland and they will collate their responses and come back to them and will inform what comes out of the licencing process at the end of it. They then get the licence and conditions around how they manage the works. Until Licence in place works cannot progress.

Mr A Hall asked what they do with the old Cable. Mr A Lavery responded by saying they were unlikely to remove what was on the offshore section but would be removing sections of the inshore cable so its not visible on the beach. They may hear they need to remove further sections when the marine licence comes back. Mr R Burnett said it would depend on what came back from Marine Scotland but they do not typically remove out of service cables.

Mr A Cooper asked if the cable was coming ashore immediately adjacent to the existing one and go into overhead line at the point the existing cable goes into overhead line. Mr A Lavery responded saying no it will come ashore slightly further round the peninsula further towards the North and will have cable underground that will go up the hill and connect to pole at top of hill.

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Therefore, they would be removing poles on the Mossbank side. They will need to provide fencing so there is no interaction with livestock.

Mr A Lavery pointed out they had mobilised a large amount of temporary generation onto Yell, Fetlar, and Unst to safeguard against any fault that may occur in the existing cable. Backup generation is ready to go.

Mr A Cooper noted it was a project that was needed to happen as people need power and a continuity of supply and a guarantee of supply.

Mr Cooper asked if the slides can be shared with the Community Council Members. Ms G Higgins agreed.

Mr Cooper thanked them for their time and he looks forward to the work being done with little disruption to the community.

## 2025/03/12 COMMUNITY WORK

There Was No Community Work Update

## 2025/03/13 FINANCE UPDATE

13.1 The clerk updated members on the current financial position for 24/25.

13.2 **Voe Public Hall - Invoice** – An invoice for Hall hire, from Voe Hall for £10.00. This was approved by members via email **Clerk to progress.**

13.3 **Bitdefender Antivirus Renewal** – Invoice for £37.49 paid by Clerk. Clerk to be reimbursed. Payment Approved **Clerk to progress.**

## 2025/03/14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 **Grant Application Form – Open Door Drama Group (SCIO)** - Their project is for our Youth Drama to attend and perform at National Theatre Connections programme in Pitlochry Festival Theatre on 10-12th April which is an exciting opportunity for their youth group and volunteers. They have a total of 18 participants and 4 volunteers. As well as performing at Pitlochry Festival Theatre the group will also give two performances in Shetland on 28th and 29th March prior to going South. They need financial assistance with travel costs and accommodation for their trip south as many of their participants cannot afford to contribute to the costs. They are immensely proud to have been selected to take part in National Theatre Connections. They have 2 participants and a volunteer from this area. They are applying for £500.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500.00 **Clerk to progress.**

14.2 **Grant Application Form - Mossbank Hall** - They are looking to undertake a selection of works to upgrade our hall over the next year as the current building is worn and tired. They have received a quote of £420 from George Robertsons to replace our spotlights in the hall to more energy efficient Ansell LED's. Their current lights are no longer fully functional and are long overdue replacement. They host the Delting UHA lunch, and an evening dance each year. New lights will ensure the hall is sufficiently lit. Their frequent user groups, such as Ability Shetland and Mossbank under 5's, will also benefit from a brighter space to use whilst helping bring their running costs down. They are applying for £420.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £420.00 **Clerk to progress.**

14.3 Mr A Hall has formally resigned as a Delting Community Councillor with immediate effect. He will continue to attend meetings as an ex officio member of the Delting Community Council, with no voting rights.

14.4 Delting Football Club would like to pass on our thanks to Community Council members for their ongoing support. They would like to invite the Chairman or a Community Councillor along to the pitch when kit arrives to get a picture taken with the team for their spring Newsletter. Members agreed to look at it when they get the kit.

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- 14.5 Public and School Bus Business Case - Update for Community Councils –** Ms E Park updated on the continued development of the Public and School Bus Business Case. To date the work has included an extensive stakeholder engagement exercise including feedback from us, Bus Operators and the Shetland public. A significant number (almost 1000) of responses were received and they would like to thank us for taking the time to meet with them and provide a Community Council response.
- Due to the volume of responses, it has been necessary to amend the timeline for the business case work and service contracts have been extended for 12 months to enable this to happen. The Strategic Business Case stage has been reported and a redacted copy of that report is attached to this email to enable us to see the results of the first engagement as reported to ZetTrans and the Council.
- The wealth of information gathered has been used to help develop the options for the future public bus network and now the Outline Business Case is being worked through. This will culminate in a recommendation for the preferred future network and will report to ZetTrans and the Council in September. Throughout this stage further engagement is required in order to provide information on the benefits and impacts of each in order to produce a recommendation for a preferred future bus network. This part of the engagement will be online and Ms E Park will send out the link as soon as it goes live to enable the Community Council to respond as an organisation. The link will be active from Monday 24th March to Friday 18th April and their thanks are extended again in advance of the Community Council's participation. Mr Cooper said the most important thing is to get the bus reinstated for Mossbank in the afternoon. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.6 Da Voar Redd Up 2025 -** This year the event will take place between 19th-25th April 2025. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**
- 14.7 Shetland's Local Place Plans: Capacity Building Programme - February 2025 Newsletter –** Ms L Hall shared the newsletter with details of online workshops. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.8 Complimentary places for community councils at forthcoming conferences with Mackay Hannah -** links to a range of online events that are open to Community Councils. Follow email instructions to booking a space. Complimentary places for community councillors Community Councillors can either book directly on Mackay Hannah's website by clicking the links below using discount code CC100 where prompted, or they can email Gail Hannah [ghannah@mackayhannah.com](mailto:ghannah@mackayhannah.com) directly who can arrange the place for them. The events below are all half-day conferences, taking place online in the morning:  
[Scotland's Public Services Crisis: addressing funding and reform, Thursday 13th March 2025](#)  
[8th Annual Scottish Transport Conference: the funding, priorities and policy challenges, Tuesday 18th March 2025](#)  
[Scotland, climate change and new weather extremes: From flooding to families, what's the plan?, Tuesday 29th April 2025](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.9 VoiceAbility –** Ms V Parry has been in touch. She is an Advocate with VoiceAbility in Shetland. VoiceAbility 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. Please find a link to access their website for more information [VoiceAbility](#) She would welcome the opportunity to discuss VoiceAbility and their advocacy services with Delting Community Council further and how they could potentially support within our local area/community. She is happy to discuss via teams, telephone, or face to face. Mr Cooper asked if clerk could email Ms Parry to invite her to the Community Council meeting in May. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 14.10 Learning Needs Questionnaire -** As part of research into what residents think about the current offering of UHI Shetland, what are the current training needs and what expectations we may have for potential future delivery, Ms J Graham would be grateful if you could share the link to a survey

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could be circulated within your community. <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/uhi/learning-needs-survey> Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

**14.11 Conservation area proposals for Lerwick and Scalloway** - Shetland Islands Council is inviting the public to comment on proposals relating to the three conservation areas in Lerwick Lanes, Lerwick New Town and Scalloway. The public consultation period will run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025. For further information, please click on the web links below: Planning News Blog [Conservation Area Reviews](#) Also, see: [Conservation area proposals for Lerwick and Scalloway – Shetland Islands Council](#) Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

**14.12 Association of Shetland Community Councils - March 2025 meeting update** – Mr M Duncan provided an update from ASCC meeting in March.

Professor Jim Wilson – Viking Genes Study Unfortunately due to a private matter Professor Wilson was unable to attend. It was agreed that this topic be carried forward to the June ASCC meeting.

OPEN Project – Research on Alcohol & other Drug Use in Shetland

This topic had been proposed by Bressay Community Council. Shannon Boston and Rhiannan Burns from OPEN delivered a presentation setting out the findings from their research project. A copy of the presentation slides is attached for information.

Core Paths Plan Review

This topic had been requested by Liam Drosso, SIC Outdoor Access Officer. Shetland Islands Council's Planning Service is undertaking a review of its Core Path Plan. There are a 3 main phases to this process, namely:

1. Undertake informal consultation involving Local Access forum and key stakeholders. Gathering evidence & informed views;
2. Prepare a draft amended core path plan – to be signed off by the Local Access forum;
3. Undertake public and stakeholder consultation process (which will take up to 12 weeks).

The Council is currently entering the first phase of the Review so are keen to receive feedback from Community Councils on any errors that may exist in the current core path mapping; receive feedback on any new routes that could be given core path status or improve local connectivity and receive information about any routes that are being used differently or could be amended to improve them. If you are able to highlight to Liam any locally known issues with existing routes or advise of any new routes, that would help the review. A copy of the presentation slides is attached for information.

There were some updates from the previous ASCC meeting:

1. Please find attached a response from the Council's Children's Services Department re ASCC query;
2. Please find attached a response from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund re ASCC query
3. Local Place Plan update from Bryan Peterson.

Bryan had investigated the possibility of seeking funding for a paid resource that could be shared with all Community Councils undertaking Local Place Plans. Bryan advised that such a shared resource was unlikely to work at a "pan Shetland" level, and instead recommended that Community Councils follow the training provided by Planning Aid Scotland and set up a steering group to begin local conversations. Sandwick Community Council are working with neighbouring Community Councils in the South Mainland to explore options for Local Place Plans in this area.

Following discussion about Local Place Plans, it was agreed that the ASCC contact Community Councils and ask for feedback on resources/timescales involved with this process. I will contact you separately on this matter.

Community Council Scheme Review – update

An update was provided on the latest stage of the Scheme Review. Phase Three consultation has been completed, collated and analysed. Phase Three responses has been considered by the Project Board and a number of recommendations on a new Community Council Scheme of Establishment are due to be presented to and considered at a Special Shetland Islands Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March. If the report recommendations are approved, the new Scheme will be effective immediately.

A new application process has been developed and will be issued to Community Council clerks after the Special Council meeting. Guidance and support will be available from myself after the

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Council meeting and it is hoped there will be training delivered later in the year. Once the report to Special Council has been cleared, a link will be circulated to all Community Councils.

### Community Council Elections – 2025

It was proposed that a short life working group is set up to agree how best to promote the 2025 Elections. To that end, I am looking for a few volunteers who would be interested in getting involved. It will be a very small-time commitment – a couple of short meetings probably. Any volunteers will help direct what sort of publicity Community Councils want to do over the summer into the autumn election period which I can then look to organise. Community Councils should also start thinking about how they will promote Community Council Elections in their area.

Anyone interested in being part of this short life working group please get in touch with myself by 22nd April 2025.

### Items for future agenda

The following possible agenda items were proposed:

- Professor Jim Wilson – Viking Gene Study
- Inter-Island Ferries
- External transport links (Shetland – Scottish Mainland)
- Roads (impact on disruptions for traffic heading north)

With that regard I hereby attach a blank ASCC Agenda Item Request Form for your attention. As always, please submit any agenda proposals to myself at this address. The Deadline for the next ASCC meeting is 22nd April 2025. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**14.13 Local Place Plans** – Mr M Duncan sent email regarding Local Place Plans discussed at ASCC. A number of Community Councils raised concerns about the workload and timescale involved with creating a Local Place Plan.

1. How are you getting on with developing a Local Place Plan?
2. Do you have any thoughts on the timeline involved – i.e. completion by early 2026?

If we are not undertaking a Local Place Plan it would be helpful to know the reason(s) why not.

He wants response by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Mr A Hall has signed up for Local Place Plan workshop in April. He will feedback at the next meeting. Mr A cooper asked for the following response to be sent to Mr Duncan: the members think, given all that is going on in Delting just now in Brae and Sullom Voe and Cables coming ashore, that Delting is in turmoil now. To try and get the community to come together to produce a local place plan when there are so many local things going to happen that we have little or no control over would be impossible. The Community Council thinks the community cannot make a place plan with all that is going on. There is too much happening in Delting just now that it does not make sense to do a place plan currently. **Clerk to progress. Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**14.14 Community Research Project** – Mr Steve Mullay, a researcher at the University of the West of Scotland. is conducting research on dementia services in remote and rural Scotland (particularly access to specialist expertise in assessment, and expert help when situations become difficult). They plan to base this work in remote and rural communities, as we want to hear how particular community contexts might affect experiences of accessing such services (what might work best for remote and rural communities, as opposed to what works best for urban areas and adapting that for other settings). As such, they would like to conduct Local workshops to enable this. They wondered if Delting Community Council would like to be a named partner in this work? The research is being fully funded by the RS MacDonald Trust, and the actual workshops would be facilitated by Mr Mullay or colleagues. They would greatly value having local community councils on board to provide a recognised local stake in the research, and 'local knowledge' around carrying out the work. They attached a flyer. Mr Cooper thought directing them to the Living Well Hub would be the best option. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**

**14.15 Invitation Dr S Hubbard** - invitation to attend a public meeting on wind turbine noise and health Tingwall Hall, Thursday 3rd April, 7:30-9 pm. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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- 14.16 Public engagement event poster – Visitor Levy** - A flyer promoting a public engagement session on 1 April 2025 in relation to the Visitor Levy Feasibility Study. To book a space at this event follow the instructions on the flyer. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**
- 14.17 Community Council Scheme Review – update** - A report recommending a new Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils was approved at a Special Meeting of Shetland Islands Council For more info see link [here](#) Mr M Duncan will be in touch again as soon as possible with further information and to confirm arrangements for applying for funding for financial year 2025/26. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.18 Neshion Energy Park Stakeholder Engagement** - information about Neshion Energy Park public engagement. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members, advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**

## 2025/03/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 15.1 Zetland Educational Trust - open for applications** - The Trust comprises of a number of endowments as specified in the ZET schemes 1961 and 1965, the funds of which are now disbursed by Shetland Islands Council. The Trust aims to support a wide a range of beneficiaries with smaller sums of money (e.g. £200-£2000) towards projects that wouldn't otherwise happen. The Trust will also consider larger projects where it is thought the overall educational benefits would make a real difference to the enhancement of education in Shetland. The Trust will provide a grant of up to 75% of total project costs unless under exceptional circumstances. The remainder of project costs to be met by fundraising activities or in-kind support. The Trust will not give funds retrospectively. Applications are particularly welcomed in the categories of:
- Special Equipment
  - Promotion of Knowledge of Shetland
  - Educational Experiments and Research
- The deadline for applications is Monday 31 March 2025. For more information see website [Zetland Educational Trust – Shetland Islands Council](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.2 Funding information - Tesco Stronger Starts** - Tesco Stronger Starts is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Please note there is currently a lack of applications in Shetland. Applications can be considered from schools, voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), health bodies (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers. Tesco Stronger Starts is managed by [Groundwork](#) who are working with [Greenspace Scotland](#) to support applicants in Scotland. If you have any questions, you should contact Programme Manager Emma Halliday (tel. 07825 678372) Deadline for the next funding round is 21st April 2025. For more information and an application form, please see web link: <https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/> **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.3 Funding information - The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust** - The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust (SHEET) can provide grant aid support to individuals and community organisations towards the cost of an electricity connection to a new domestic dwelling or a community owned property in more rural parts of Shetland. Recently there have not been many applications from Shetland while other parts of the country, including Orkney and the Western Isles, see good numbers of applications. To be eligible for grant assistance, the property to be connected must be for domestic use or be for a community project which is not profit distributing. The level of funding available is set out as follows:  
Domestic customers - A grant up of up to 50% of the connection cost may be awarded  
Community projects - A grant up of up to 75% of the connection cost may be awarded.

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Benefits to the community will influence grant award. Trustees of The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust meet periodically through the year. The next Trustee meetings and associated deadlines are 21/05/2025 and 10/09/2025. For more detailed information about eligibility criteria and/or for an application form please visit The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust website [here](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.4 New Building Warrant Fees Effective from 1st April 2025** - Please be advised of the latest blog post from Building Standards regarding changes to fees.

[Important Update: New Building Warrant Fees Effective from 1st April 2025](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.5 Sustainable Aviation Test Environment - we want to hear from you** - Sustainable Aviation Test Environment (SATE), the UK's first operationally based low-carbon aviation test centre based at Kirkwall Airport on Orkney. Led by the Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS), SATE brings together a consortium of industry partners, public sector bodies and academia which work with a range of regional businesses and stakeholders to apply state-of-the-art aviation technology to deliver targeted economic growth. While the SATE facilities are based at Kirkwall Airport, SATE is working across several Highlands and Islands communities and matching the new technology with practical use cases to benefit the region. The SATE team is keen to work with community councils across the country to understand what communities like ours would like to see from Scotland's sustainable aviation sector as it continues to grow, and would be grateful for your input into our survey which can be accessed via the link below: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3XPBGF6> If you have any questions about SATE in the meantime, you can find more information on their website which can be accessed by clicking [here](#). **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.6 Community Councils Scotland newsletter - March 2025** – Mr M Duncan shared Community Councils Scotland newsletter **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.7 Community Council Note on Consultation – Mr P Finnie SEPA** The latest SEPA consultation on proposals that will change how they authorise and regulate waste management, water and industrial activities. The [consultation](#) on proposed changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) guidance on public participation and Fit and Proper Person test, is the next step in implementing the Integrated Authorisation Framework (IAF) and a simpler, integrated system for environmental regulation across Scotland. **The consultation closes on 30 March. They would be grateful if you were able to share the consultation [link](#) on your social media and with local groups.**

### Proposed changes

Following Scottish Government proposals to amend the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR), we're proposing changes to our own guidance relating to:

Public participation - adding a requirement to our Public Participation Statement that for some authorisations, prospective applicants will need to engage in public consultation at the pre-application stage.

Who can hold an authorisation – updating our approach to how we determine if an applicant is a fit and proper person and can hold a registration or permit (the 'Fit and Proper Person' test). You can read our consultation and share your views on our consultation hub.

### Get involved and share your views

They want to hear our views and would welcome our response to their [consultation](#). Feedback helps them understand what matters most to people and how they can design and deliver our services for the future of the environment.

For information, we have also contacted local authority Councillors to make them aware of the consultation. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.8 Andrew Hall - Councillor Update** – Mr Andrew Hall sent an update to Community Councillors of work he had been doing. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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**15.9 SEPA Publishes New Surface Water Flood Maps** - Please [visit SEPA's flooding pages](#) for information on how to prepare for flooding as well as interactive maps and other data to check the risk of flooding. **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**15.10 INFORMATION - VE & VJ 80th Anniversary** - This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war in Europe and in Japan and there may be community events being planned to mark these most poignant of celebrations. The UK government's Department of Culture, Media and Sport have launched an interactive website which offers key information and resources, including ways that everyone can get involved in the commemorations. The site features downloadable digital materials and an interactive map of events which may be helpful. The Big Lunch will develop street party packs to help communities with accessible resources which will be available on the website [VE and VJ Day 80](#) **Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

## **2025/03/16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**16.1 Neshion Energy Park Stakeholder Engagement** – There was members of the public who were attending the Community Council meeting to voice their concerns about the Neshion Energy Park following the community event in the Mossbank hall in the afternoon. Mr A Cooper noted the planning application was a long way off and it would go to the Scottish Government instead of the council. The council will be a consultee so should get the opportunity to discuss it further at that stage. At the event on the Mossbank Hall Mr E Smith asked if they had considered coming to a community Council meeting and suggested it would be a good idea.. MOP thought their responses sounded good but was a bit sceptical as to whether they would stick to what they said. Mr A Hall said they hopefully should. It was noted the Map on their website had been updated to include the sites of the wind turbines. Mr Cooper said the response he got from Neshion was they were going to put in an application at the end of the year and Mr Cooper told them the Community Council was up for re-election in November so they would need to come to Community Council before the new Councillors were elected. They thought they could come to September meeting and possibly change venue to Mossbank for that month. Mr Cooper would like them to come before the application is submitted. It was decided to wait and see what the planning application said and discuss again.

**16.2 Toft Road** – Ms E Hamilton (MOP) raised an issue with the state of the surface of the Toft Road and drains. Mr J Duncan at SIC Roads is aware of the issues. The members asked for Mr J Duncan to be emailed to highlight the state of the road and ask if it can be resurfaced from beginning at junction to the end of the road. **Clerk to progress.**

**16.3 Wide Area Network - OVO public meeting in Lerwick** – Mr E Smith going to email update with information from the meeting in Lerwick he had received from a resident.

## **2025/03/17 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**17.1** The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm  
Chairman