

Sandwick Community Council

Minute of Meeting held at 7:30pm on 27th May 2025 Meeting held at Hoswick Visitor Centre

Members Present	Kevin Sandison (chair), Yvonne Malcolmson (Vice chair), Jimmy Smith, Janet Dunnet, Debbie Jamieson,
In Attendance	Community Worker Ana Arnett, Councillor Robbie McGregor, Councillor Bryan Peterson, Environmental Health representative Billy Mycock
Clerk	
Apologies	Andrew Stout, Graeme Garrick
Invited	
<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Narrative</u>
Circular and welcome, Apologies,	Apologies received from Graeme Garrick who has also tendered his resignation. The Community Council noted their thanks to Graeme for his work with the Community Council.
Declarations of interest	The Clerk highlighted that the planning application applicant was their brother. Councillor Robbie McGregor flagged that he had an interest to declare as he was also on the Planning Committee. Planning item was moved to the end of the agenda
Approval of Previous Minutes	JS moved and YM seconded the minutes
Matters arising 1	Billy Mycock from Environmental Health have a talk to the Council. He presented a briefing on solutions to Anti-Social Behaviour. A general discussion ensued – touching on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighbour dispute resolution services• Project to address isolation• Sandwick JHS Place in Childhood event and children’s concerns regarding a lack of places to hang out• Violence reduction initiative for 12 to 16 year olds
Matters arising 2	Council discussed roads and parking issues which Roads Service are looking into. Issue was highlighted regarding risks to pedestrians traversing the road between the playpark and football pitch when there is lots of cars parked for football matches and visibility is reduced.

Glass bins and littering were discussed.
Bottle return scheme was highlighted as a possible solution and missed opportunity
KS highlighted the ongoing issue of dog fouling and the perceived lack of bins.

Matters arising 3 KS indicated that he has procured the services of a contractor to cut the grass next the bus shelter and along to the end of the car park. BP suggested enquiring whether the council is required to cut a half-metre or so back from the pavement but this may not apply as the land is privately owned.
Clerk to speak with previous tenants of the field to identify who owns it.

Matters arising 4 New members for the Community Council. BP highlighted that it is useful to have copies of the application forms to hand for prospective Community Councillors.

Local Place Planning update Police Report LPP sub-committee met immediately previous to this meeting, Daniel Gear from Voar spoke to the group about community energy options, the group drafted a tentative timeline and all recognised that there was a lot to learn.

Finance report Planning CP & D have approved our application for an annual grant, and once the forms are returned that will be transferred to the CC bank account; VAS have signed off on 24/25 accounts;
Council agreed that the next meeting would consider grants;
Clerk to share the grant deadline and application forms on Facebook
Clerk to set up Instagram for CC

Police report No Police Report available.

Any other business i YM shared a briefing on two events that she attended, both of which were described as excellent. The 'A Place in Childhood' event was at Sandwick School and was attended by feeder primaries in Dunrossness and Cunningsburgh. Children from all three schools spoke passionately about what they liked and did not like about their communities, with their biggest concerns being litter, speeding traffic and a lack of safe spaces to hang out.
Community Council agreed that the Clerk should send letters to each of the three schools to thank them for their participation and congratulate them on their efforts

AOB ii The second event was organised by Viking Genes. It gave a summary of their valuable work to date, and their aim to test five thousand more Shetlanders for genetic diseases that can be cured and managed.

AOB iii JS has had representations from a member of the community regarding the lack of road markings at the north junction into Sandwick.
The Clerk is to write to Roads Service to ask that road markings be reinstated.

AOB iv

JD has had representations from members of the public with concerns regarding the condition of the road at Kirtleside, at the Sannick Kirk and at the bottom of the Park Road following recent top-dressing works. The recent cycle event apparently led to several near-misses because of the stone-chipped surface.

The clerk is to write to the Roads Service to request that the top dressing be reviewed and to let the CC know if any further works are planned for those areas.

AOV v

BP shared information on local concerns that have been raised regarding the caravan that has been parked at the head of the Hoswick Beach since around the 11th May, and is only occasionally occupied. It is on common ground and does not have permission to park there. There is a concern that it attracts camper vans who regularly park in the vicinity, in what is a small beach head area. The Council has indicated that they can ask it to be moved after twenty eight days.

BP to copy RMc into any correspondence relating to this issue.

AOB vi

The Sandwick Garden Competition is to be run again this summer, with prizes agreed at £50, and two at £25.

Clerk is to publish a notice or poster about the competition and indicate that judging will be circa early August, depending on the weather.

Councillor McGregor left the meeting

Plannning application

The CC discussed the planning application 2025/110/PPP that had been shared via email. There were no comments relating to the above application.

The next meeting is set for 7:30pm on Tuesday 24th June 2025 at Hoswick visitor centre.