

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 2nd June 2025 held in Urafirth Primary School.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:

Cllr D Brown
Cllr R Doull
Cllr G Anderson
Cllr D Robertson
Cllr J Parry
Cllr R McGeady
Cllr K Scollay
Cllr B Wilcock

Ex Officio Present:

Cllr A Hall

Apologies Submitted:

Cllr E Robertson
Ms L Hall - SIC

In attendance:

Mrs C Anderson – Clerk

The meeting started at: 19.32

Cllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest.	Cllr J Parry any SCBF Business Cllr D Brown any NDCD Business Cllr R McGeady any NDCD and Hjattland Business Cllr D Robertson SCBF application from Voe & District Agricultural Society Ltd.
3. Approval Of Previous Minute	Cllr R Doull approved, Cllr J Parry seconded
4. Police Report	Report from February/March was circulated prior to the meeting. Only one fire incident reported.
5. Banking	Cllr D Brown and the Clerk have both received cards and readers for the account. Clerk continuing to speak with Maree Hay to unlink the account from her business account.
6. SCBF Applications	There were two applications in this month. CGS0037-03 from the Voe & District Agricultural Society Ltd for £2,364 (£7,092 total) to purchase new cattle gates. Cllrs agreed to give the full amount requested. CGS0039-03 from the Delting Dolphins for £2,055 (£17,121 total) to buy new equipment. Cllrs agreed to give the full amount requested.

<p>7. Planning Applications</p>	<p>One planning application was received Planning Ref:2025/133/PPF. There were no objections and CCLrs agreed it was good to see an older building being renovated for use.</p>
<p>7.Matters Arising</p>	<p>Eela Water / Roads Clerk had emailed for an update but none received before the meeting. CCllr R Doull added that the cattle grid at Islesburgh was also needing to be emptied. Action: Clerk to circulate update when received.</p> <p>War Memorial Clerk has created record and working on funding application. Action: Clerk to continue with application</p> <p>Visitor Levy Consultation No update</p> <p>Community Resilience Plans Clerk invited Mr I Taylor to the meeting, but he was unavailable. However, he said he would attend in July.</p> <p>Public and School Bus Business Case Emails sent by the clerk were unanswered however it was noted that there had been a news article on Shetland News that the current bus contract had been extended until August 2026 to allow further work on the business case to be completed.</p> <p>Core Path Plan Review Clerk had sent round the core path maps for Northmavine prior to the meeting but some CCLrs said they had problems getting the attachment opened. CCllr R McGeady informed CCLrs that Craig Johnson had been creating a 5 day walk around the Northmavine coastline for NCDC which would link in with accommodation and other services available in Northmavine. CCllr D Brown agreed it would make sense to link the two projects together. Cllr A Hall joined the meeting at 19.44 CCllr R McGeady said that current accommodation providers are struggling to get cleaners which meant that most minimum stays are 3 nights but some locals were looking at glamping pods. The clerk added that NCDC were also looking at the possibility of creating a croft camping scheme similar to what is done in Tiree. Cllr A Hall agreed that there is a need for short stay accommodation especially with the unpredictability of Shetland Weather. Action: Clerk to contact access officer.</p> <p>CCllr B Wilcock joined the meeting 19.54</p> <p>Digital Switchover CCllr D Brown said he had not had a chance to speak with Craig Johnson about the work he had done for NCDC. CCllr R McGeady said it had highlighted the inconsistency with Muckle Holm and Uyea being included in the next tranche but not Eshaness. Cllr A</p>

	<p>Hall said he thought Beatice Wishart had been discussing this recently and Kenneth Stuart was very knowledgeable on the subject. CClr R McGeady said the more groups involved the better.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to invite Craig Johnson and/or Kenneth Stuart to a future meeting</p>
8. Community Council Scheme Review	<p>No further updates</p> <p>Action: Remove from the agenda.</p>
9. Correspondence	<p>Clerk gave a round up of the correspondence. Most had been related to funding opportunities available. CClrs suggested sending funding opportunities for making community buildings net zero out to the local halls.</p> <p>Clerk asked if any CClrs would be attending the next ASCC meeting. CClr D Brown said he would be attending the main topic was going to be around transport with SIC internal ferries at the top of the list.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to inform Michael Duncan that CClr D Brown will attend.</p> <p>A letter had been received from the Tingwall Agricultural Museum and Heritage Centre asking for another letter of support for the project. CClrs agreed to this.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send over new letter of support</p> <p>Marie Curie Companions</p> <p>Marie Curie is looking for volunteers be companions for people going through cancer treatment and their families. CClrs suggested sharing on NCC facebook page. Clerk added it could go in the NCDC newsletter as well.</p> <p>Action: Share on appropriate channels</p>
10. AOCB	<p>CClr D Brown asked Cllr A Hall if he had any updates. Cllr A Hall said the main thing for the North Mainland at the moment was the impending road closure at Dales Lee for 8 weeks with very little to no consultation. CClr D Robertson asked if it was going to be closed during work hours or 24hrs. Cllr A Hall confirmed it would be 24hrs. He added that it would make Brae much busier and put an extra 10 minutes on journeys to catch the ferry to Yell. Cllr A Hall has also been attending parent council meetings and said it was great to see the excellent schools across the North Mainland. CClr D Brown said it was important to keep the school roll numbers up. Cllr A Hall agreed saying that Hayfield House were continually monitoring all school numbers. CClr R McGeady said building houses would help with school numbers. CClr D Robertson agreed stating that building a couple houses in each district could be enough to help bolster school numbers. There was agreement between those present that more houses were needed and current housing stock needed to be utilised better.</p> <p>Scottish Water</p>

	<p>Clerk had circulated around an invitation from Scottish Water to visit the construction site for the new water works at Eela Water. CCLrs agreed it was a bit short notice but would be interested in visiting in the future.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to respond to Scottish Water</p>
12. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 14 th April in the Urafirth Primary School at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at: 20.27