

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 19th June 2025 At Mossbank School

2025/06/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)
Ms J Dennison
Mr T Tyler
Ms E Macdonald - Ex Officio

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)
Mr B Moreland
Mr J Milne

2025/06/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer
Ms V Parry – VoiceAbility Advocate

2025/06/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2025/06/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of, Ms S McDonald, Ms R Griffiths, Mr A Hall - Ex Officio,

2025/05/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2025 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2025/06/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2025/06/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt

2025/06/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 **Testing at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.2 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.3 **Graveyard bin** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.4 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.5 **Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.6 **Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Sign at Sparl** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Archiving** – Clerk to email Mr M Duncan to let him know we have not received the receipt from Shetland Amenity Trust. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 8.9 Community Resilience Plans** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.10 Toft Road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.11 Kissing Gates Moorfield estate** – The Housing department passed on email to the Roads service as they oversee paths. Mr N Hutcheson replied to say they We will remove the kissing gates at some point over the summer and repair the fences as required.
- 8.12 Litter Muckle Roe** – There was no update on this item. Ms J Dennison going to check if bin been installed at car park.
- 8.13 White lines in Car park** – The Housing department passed on email to the Roads service as they oversee carparks. Mr N Hutcheson replied to say they will add the marking of parking bays to their road marking programme. However, there are a lot of jobs ahead of this and as they are already into the summer this work may not be done until next year.
- 8.14 Pole at Voe** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.15 Safety Muckle Roe Road** – Clerk emailed Mr J Duncan and he has passed it onto Colin at traffic safety and Mr N Hutcheson to have another look and he will get back to us.

2025/06/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1** There have been 7 incidents recorded for February and March in Delting which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Concern for Person
 - Mental Health
 - Other
 - Dog Bite
 - Drugs - Attempt to Possess (2)
 - Medical Matter
- Delting
- There have been 13 incidents recorded for April and May in Delting which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Careless Driving
 - Fail To Stop and Report Collision
 - Use of Mobile Whilst Driving
 - Road Traffic Collision
 - Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury
 - Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
 - Assault
 - Vandalism (3)
 - Acquisitive Crime
 - Fraud
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Concern for Person
 - Other
 - Firearms Seizure
 - Sudden Death

2025/06/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications

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2025/06/11 MS V PARRY – ADVOCATE VOICEABILITY

11.1 Ms V Parry, advocate at Voiceability introduced herself to the members. Voiceability is an advocacy service that was contracted by Shetland Island Council. They are an independent organisation that does not work for the Government or council. They give a voice to people who are under NHS or Shetland Island Council Services and its for adults and children with mental health disorders, autism, disabilities, dementia, and unpaid carers. If anyone comes to the members, they can give them Voiceabilities contact details. Ms Parry is homebased and she is responsible for the North, the Isles, and Lerwick. They can see people remotely or face to face depending on the individual needs. They help people with issues they need help with and they can signpost them and resolve their issues. She passed around leaflets.

Ms V Parry asked if there were any questions. Mr A Cooper asked if Voiceability was just like CAB but its different because they do not offer advice, they only offer a voice. Ms V Parry has requested if the members do refer anyone can they let her know directly so she knows it has been done. Every local authority has their own contract that covers different bits and the contact centre is on Mainland Scotland. Voiceability has started doing social security in Shetland, they can help people with disabilities fill out forms and paperwork. They can go to appointments with people and are also visiting schools. Ms V Parry going to provide her contact details so members can contact her if they want to refer anyone. Mr A Cooper said if she was aware of anything in the area the members should be aware of or needed to come back to a meeting then get in touch. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/06/12 COMMUNITY WORK

12.1 Ms L Hall updated the members on a growing project in Mossbank. A member of the Mossbank community approached her wanting to start a growing project and wanted land in Mossbank. She has since spoken to the school and got him linked with the polytunnel at the school hoping he can start his project there. Part of the Mossbank School improvement plan is getting people in to life skills and growing. They are hoping for the wider community to be involved.

2025/06/13 FINANCE UPDATE

13.1 The clerk updated members on the final financial position for 25/26.

13.2 Voe Hall Invoice - £10.00 Payment was approved. **Clerk to progress.**

13.3 VAS Membership Fee £40.00. Payment was approved. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/06/14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme - CGS0041 – CGS Tier 1 application - Delting Dolphins ASC– They are requesting funds towards costs of Gen Championships trip. Julian Okroj age 14 has been invited to compete in 2025 Aquatics GB next Gen Championships that is held in Ponds Forge international Sports Centre in Sheffield from 19-25 July. They are looking for supporting his accommodation and travel costs. Julian is accomplished Swimmer in his group age and he is National champion in 100 and 200 backstroke in 14-year-old group age. He is invited to swim 9 events in Next Gen championships which is a huge achievement. Our support would show others that there is available help for any athletes that compete in National and international events that they are not left alone or with family to make it happen financially. Julians accommodation alone cost around £ 1000 plus boat/ flight and train tickets cost on top of it. Our support could show other kids that hard work is worth it, that it is not a constant struggle and stress for families to be able to support young promising individuals. That community is supportive of them and cheering for them. It gives positive feelings of not being alone. They hope that our financial support for Julian's competition in Sheffield will help to cover costs of travel and accommodation for the club as it is at the moment subsidize heavy by Delting Dolphins. Total cost of project £2000.00. They are applying for £500.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500.00. **Clerk to progress.**

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14.2 Grant Application Form – Delting Dolphins ASC - Delting Dolphins are looking for assistance towards the costs of going to the Island Games for our swimmers and coach who are going to represent Shetland in Orkney next month (12th to 18th July), They have 3 swimmers and 1 coach going with the team to this international event. The costs for the swimmers and the coach is £1,300 each, with the fundraising efforts bringing this down to £1,000 each. 2 swimmers and the coach reside in the Delting Community Council area (all 3 live in Brae), As representatives of their island but also their district they were looking for assistance towards these costs in total for the 2 swimmers and coach of £750 (£300 for each swimmer and £150 for the coach) which is 25% of the costs to the swimmers and 15% of the coaches' costs. Having swimmers getting into international events helps encourage more people and younger swimmers to keep going in the sport and to aim high at their aims during their time in the sport, making the swimmers reach their full potential within the sport in Shetland. Total cost of trip £3900.00. Fundraising already secured £900.00. Applicant contribution £2250.00. They are applying for £750.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £750.00 **Clerk to progress.**

14.3 Association of Shetland Community Councils - June 2025 meeting update

Viking Genes Shetland Professor Jim Wilson and Sandra Laurenson delivered presentations about this project, setting out findings and achievements to date. Viking Genes Shetland are seeking to raise £1m to match fund resources of £800k from University of Edinburgh. If funding target can be met, it would enable a further 5,000 Shetlanders to be screened for a range of heritable conditions that are prevalent in Shetland. Viking Genes Shetland are keen for as many local groups and organisations as possible to get involved in the fundraising effort. They have asked that Community Councils help promote this important project. Anyone interested in acting as a conduit or as a local spokesperson for this project please get back to Mr M Duncan and he can put you in touch with the fundraising committee. The members of Delting Community Council think funds should be made available for this project and it should be made available to all. The project would help the NHS with early intervention of prevention if they have this information. The members asked the clerk to put link on the Facebook page. **Clerk to progress**

Community Council Elections Publicity

An update was provided on this project. A short life working group has been established and met earlier this month to review previous Election publicity and to generate ideas for publicity for this year's Elections. To summarise, it was proposed that publicity approach be two-fold:

1. Shetland wide publicity – generated & issued by SIC
2. Local community publicity – led by Community Councils

The short life working group proposed that a wide range of publicity methods are used. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

1. Packs of posters for each area (localised versions)
2. Signage in various parts of Shetland
3. Online publicity – social media, various platforms
4. Use of local radio and media
5. SIC website, press releases, social media
6. Community Council presence at local events i.e. hold open days, county shows, Sunday teas.
7. Targeted publicity i.e. young people, families, areas not represented etc
8. Word of mouth, local face to face discussions

Resources and nomination forms will be produced and shared with Community Councils during the summer. Election messaging will also be important to encourage as many nominations as possible. It was advised that Community Councils are to be as proactive as possible for the Elections, especially in the lead up to and during the nomination period. It was also discussed that CC Chairs could be sounding out their members soon to establish member intentions for the Elections – i.e. it may be helpful to know in advance how many Community Councillors are thinking to stand down at the end of the current term. Draft Election timetable was shared as follows:

Notice of Election	Friday 12 September 2025
Closing date for Nominations	Thursday 9 October 2025
Notice of Poll/Uncontested Election	Friday 10 October 2025
Issue of Postal Ballot Papers by	Friday 24 October 2025
Closing Date for return of Ballot Papers	Thursday 20 November 2025
Verification and Counting of Votes	Friday 21 November 2025

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The above indicative dates were deemed acceptable. Feedback from the meeting will be shared with the SIC Election staff and I will confirm the official Election timeline and dates in due course. Mr A Cooper has asked members to report back at the next meeting if they plan to stand for re-election.

Transport updates

Michael Craigie and Andrew Inkster attended the meeting to provide updates in relation to the transport issues raised in the March meeting.

Michael C provided an update regarding concerns about Northlink and the capacity on its current vessels. Two new freight vessels have been designed and could be delivered in 2029 – but this is subject to capital funding being committed and associated timescales involved with procurement and construction. It was noted that the proposed new freight boats should have significantly increased passenger capacity. It was also estimated that new passenger ferries would be considered at a later date, but unlikely to be delivered before 2032-2033.

Michael C further advised that work will soon get underway with a Community Needs Assessment to identify the specification for the next ferry contract. It was important to understand key constraints and principles with Transport Scotland from the outset. A number of key issues and suggestions were flagged up during the meeting.

Andrew Inkster provided an update with regards inter island ferries. There are two pieces of work underway at present, namely:

1. Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Study – longer term solutions
2. Ferry Resilience Review – here & now solutions

Andrew advised that the Ferry service is working very hard and doing its best with resources available. Andrew provided an update on areas currently being worked on, which included: New booking system, Recruiting trainees, Looking for additional vessel, Terms & conditions for crew. Progress has been made with timetables in Whalsay & Skerries, and Bressay timetable also progressing. Work is ongoing with Fetlar, Unst & Yell ferries. Andrew advised that he hoped to circulate an update to the three North Isles Community Councils soon.

Consideration is also being given to bus & ferry arrangements for the road disruptions that will take place in north mainland this year. For information, Neil Hutcheson of SIC Roads Service advised me that SIC Roads are having weekly meetings with SSE and their main contractor for the works. Whilst SSE are unable to provide “real time information” they do intend provide a weekly update on their website as to how the works are progressing and the traffic management that is required on the A968 and A970. This information will be updated more timeously for more significant changes to the traffic management. The website can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.ssen.co.uk/about-ssen/our-works/north-shetland/>

Next meeting / agenda items Next meeting date for ASCC is 9 September. Any suggested agenda items are to be returned using the attached Agenda Item Request form – and submitted to Mr M Duncan by no later than Monday 14 July 2025. **The Clerk shared emails with Delting Community Council members.**

14.4 North Shetland Reinforcement Project – The Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson regarding the lack of information regarding the road closure as there will be a significant increase in traffic through Brae. The members want extra better signage to be put in Brae and Voe with the addition of smiley faces in both places. Mr N Hutcheson emailed to say SSEN have been in discussion with the Roads Service for a number of months regarding their planned works in the public road. However, this is their project and the responsibility for consulting the public etc. lies with them. In addition to the two public events he understands that there have been notices in social media, Shetland News/Times and on SSEN’s North Mainland Reinforcement website.

The closure of the Dales Lees road is a relatively new proposal. It is being done on safety grounds due to an inability to achieve a safe working width between the excavated trench, working area and the live traffic lane. The closure will commence on 28th June at the earliest so the public events have provided residents and other road users with a month’s notice of the closure.

He will ask for the smiley face sign to be installed within Brae’s 30 mph limit on the northbound traffic lane from late June. It can be moved to the southbound lane or to Voe if concerns about particular lengths of road are raised during the closure. **The Clerk shared emails with Delting Community Council members.** The members would like the smiley face speed monitor to be moved to the 30mph sign at the entrance to Brae up at the Camp at Burravoe. They think where

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it is positioned just now will have no effect and the new position would be more useful to the community. They want it moved so drivers are aware of the 30mph speed limit as soon as they come into Brae. **Clerk to progress.**

The Clerk emailed Ms G Higgins SSE Distribution to ask if it was possible to either carry out the works in the winter months or carry out works though the day and night meaning the road would only be closed for half the time. Ms G Higgins responded with the explanation from the project team as follows - The reason for the closure of the road at Dales Lees is that the road isn't wide enough to run a contraflow unless it's done with a convoy. Given the length of the works area (approximately 3 kilometres), and the max speed permitted, this would result in long delays for all motorists. Using a convoy system would slow progress, meaning the road would be closed for longer than with a full closure.

Regarding the point about working through the night, there is a concern over securing the road overnight and ensuring motorists adhere to closure signage when it's dark. Overall, the safety of workers and all road users is better with a full closure.

The team is working with SIC roads service to manage the diversion and there will be further communications next week via Shetland News, Shetland Times and SIBC.

The Clerk responded to Ms G Higgins asking once again about working 24 hours as there was no response to this question. Ms G Higgins responded as follows - she understands the desire for local community council members to see the works completed as quickly as possible.

Their team will work to expedite work where possible, and this will be determined by the road conditions when they begin construction. This will be for at least 10 weeks, as road conditions may impact that timeline. Given the substantial plant and equipment required to meet construction needs for this section of the carriageway, they will align with SIC road service processes to ensure the project is delivered safely. **The Clerk shared emails with Delting Community Council members.** The members would like the clerk to email Ms G Higgins again as SSEN Transmission had not answered their question on 24-hour working day. If 24-hour working is not possible the members would like an explanation why it cannot be done. **Clerk to progress.**

- 14.5 Draft Updated Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy - Scottish Government Consultation** - The draft updated Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy (SMP-OWE) sets out an integrated planning framework for both the ScotWind and INTOG leasing rounds alongside consideration of additional capacity for test and demonstration (T&D) projects. The consultation and related supporting assessments can be viewed online on the Scottish Government website: <https://consult.gov.scot/offshore-wind-directorate/updated-sectoral-marine-plan-offshore-wind-energy/> The consultation runs from 30 May until 22 August 2025.

Shetland - Engagement Event –17 Jul 2025 at 12:00 to 21:00 Lerwick Town Hall, Hillhead, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0HB

An in-person event, where members of the public are invited to drop-in and receive support with completion of consultation responses or ask questions related to the consultation between 12:00 - 18:00.

A formal presentation of findings will start at 18:00, followed by a question-and-answer session afterwards.

Further information on the event can be found at: <https://consult.gov.scot/offshore-wind-directorate/updated-sectoral-marine-plan-offshore-wind-energy/#lerwick-shetland-engagement-event-content> **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Mr A Cooper said as a community there is a lot to be concerned by this.

- 14.6 Shetland Befriending Scheme - 25th Anniversary High Teas** – Shetland Befriending Scheme are delighted to announce that the Shetland Befriending Scheme will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on Sunday 15th June, at the Cunningsburgh Hall - serving high teas and providing live music from local bands. Teas will be in two sittings - 12pm to 1.30pm and 2.30pm to 4pm with tickets costing £10 per person. To buy tickets for the high teas, please contact 01595 743907 (Mon to Fri) - there are only a limited number of tickets available, so get in touch quick! They will also be holding a raffle on the day with FABULOUS prizes to be won! **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

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- 14.7 Marine consultation event advert** – SSEN Transmission have a marine consultation event coming up this month for Shetland 2 and they wondered if we could please advertise the attached poster on the Delting Community Council Facebook. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 14.8 Brae District Heating – BBC coverage of drop-in and online booklet – feedback deadline 17 June** - COWI held their drop-in event about the potential for a new district heating system for Brae. There was a real buzz in the room and lots of interesting and thought-provoking discussions. They asked people to give them feedback and that's something they are working through right now. There was also an interview on Good Evening Shetland yesterday evening, with members of the project team. You can listen to it here: [Good Evening Shetland - 10/06/2025 - BBC Sounds](#). The interviews start at 12:40 into the programme. They have put together a simple booklet that's a bit of summary of our boards, which you can take a look at using this link – [online booklet](#). If we would like to let them know our thoughts please email them through to them by 17 June. The Clerk emailed requesting an extension until 20th June. Mr P Stanier has said we can submit feedback if any on 20th June. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council** The members the members would like to feedback they think the scheme will be good for Brae but are unsure how many people will actually benefit from this. They would like to know how this will be funded. There is a mixture of local authority housing and private houses along this route. If properties need to install wet systems will there be any grant funding available or subsidies from anywhere? Where will the money come from? People will be interested in getting it where it is affordable. The chairman has asked if they have looked into the ground source heat at Mavis Grind at the North end of Brae where there is hot granite near the surface. If not, can this be an area which is looked at as part of the project. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.9 Shetland Islands - Assistance required to communicate RTS Switch-off information within communities** - Neighbourhood Watch Scotland team is currently collaborating with E-On Next to promulgate critical information in respect of the forthcoming Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) switch off, scheduled for **30th June 2025**. The switch off will affect households using older electricity meters to heat their home and hot water and now need to be replaced (at no cost). Failure to do so could mean that the heating and hot water systems may not work properly. It is vital that we help support members of our communities to ensure that they are not adversely impacted by the switch off deadline as best we can.
As the deadline looms - they us to use our networks effectively to cascade this information as we see appropriate. A flier is attached to email (with links included) that can be used to disseminate the key message through our own streams including WhatsApp, social media, workplace Intranets / external websites etc. Leaflets are available if you feel they are of value to you - just give us a shout at info.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 14.10 Coop Donation** – Ms T Wiley contacted the clerk regarding a donation of £500.00 to Delting Community Council for a project in the area. Delting Community Council was nominated by the manager of the Brae Coop. This donation is to say thank you to us and our community for our patience while they were affected by the cyber-attack. they know that as a rural community, our community was impacted more than others. They are so pleased that they are now back on track, with all their stores receiving regular deliveries. The Clerk checked with Mr M Duncan and he confirmed that we were able to accept this donation and the members were pleased to accept it for a project within the community. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.11 Draft Annual Engagement Plan Consultation 2025/26 - Draft annual engagement plan from Scottish & Southern Electricity Network** - Each year they review the feedback they gather from us, their stakeholders, to identify the common themes that we have encouraged them to engage on and areas where we want them to make improvements or play a more active role in industry change. They publish these common themes in a stakeholder consultation called their Draft Annual Engagement Plan, which includes a summary of their proposed priority stakeholder engagement initiatives, and they welcome our views on this plan.
They have identified seven key themes:

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1. Staying safe
2. Pathway to 2030
3. Leaving a positive lasting legacy
4. Our regulatory business plans
5. Future of our network
6. Customer engagement
7. Digital and innovation
8. Engaging our people

They have included more detail on each of these themes as engagement priorities within the Draft Annual Engagement Plan. As part of this stakeholder consultation, they would like our input on these themes and whether there are other subjects we would like them to engage on. Have your say on how they engage with their stakeholders by clicking on the link below: 2025/26 Draft annual engagement plan - SSEN Transmission The consultation is open until Sunday 29 June 2025. Alternatively, we can respond directly to them at transmission.stakeholder.engagement@sse.com. If we wish to provide verbal feedback, please email us at the above address and request a call back. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.12 Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Action Plan 2025/26 - Earlier this year, SSEN Transmission published their refreshed Stakeholder Engagement Strategy. It affirms their commitment to building and enhancing meaningful relationships with our stakeholders. To turn this strategy into action, they have developed a detailed Action Plan outlining the steps we'll take between now and March 2026. The plan brings their commitments to life and will ensure we deliver real, measurable impacts. To view action plan follow link - stakeholder-engagement-strategy-action-plan-2025-v3.pdf. SSEN Transmission owns, operates, and develops the high voltage electricity transmission system in the north of Scotland and remote islands. As a regulated business, delivering critical national infrastructure, their job is to connect to the national grid, the renewable energy needed to support UK and Scotland's emissions reduction targets, delivering a Network for Net Zero. We can find out more about our work and our future plans on our website. **How to get in touch:** If you would like to get in touch with the team, you can contact us at the address below or by email at Transmission.Stakeholder.Engagement@sse.com **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.13 Neshion Energy Park - Second Round of Public Engagement - As they continue progressing with their Neshion Energy Park project, they are preparing for a second round of public engagement. They would like to coordinate with you on the best timing for a meeting with Delting Community Council. At the moment, they are looking at late September - would we prefer that we meet with the council before or after this second round of public engagement? They are happy to accommodate whichever option best supports our review and input, and they want to ensure their timing aligns with our schedule and interests. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members would like the representatives to come to a Delting Community Council meeting at the end of September after their next public consultation. **Clerk to progress.**

14.14 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Notification of Public Consultation – Mr M Mason updated us on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) ongoing Service Delivery Review (SDR) on behalf of their new Local Senior Officer, Robert Lennox. The primary aim of this programme is to ensure their operational resources — their people, stations, and appliances — are matched to operational risk and demand across Scotland. They also must address urgent property issues, including stations affected by Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). At the end of April, they convened a wide group of stakeholders — including SFRS staff, trade unions, partner agencies, and members of the public — to evaluate a shortlist of potential change options. This event – known as a 'Balanced Room' was the evaluation of the final list of 23 change option proposals to help inform what would progress to formal public consultation in the summer. The term 'Balanced Room' refers to the fact that the majority of those scoring the options must be from out with SFRS to ensure fairness and transparency. This process has now concluded and following further review and approval by the SFRS Board at the end of May, all proposals will now progress to formal public consultation during the summer.

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Within Shetland local authority, this includes the following change proposal: Close the long-term dormant station on the isle of Fetlar

This marks the culmination of several years of work and follows their 'Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say' pre-consultation exercise conducted last year, during which they invited views from all 32 local authorities across Scotland. Input from that process has been vital in shaping the direction of the current proposals.

By making changes to how they operate, we can free up their staff and resources to invest more in other critical areas such as prevention and training. Their Service Delivery Review has involved robust impact assessments undertaken to inform their understanding of a wide variety of outcomes. This includes detailed simulation modelling which has been used to identify changes in incident demand levels of surrounding stations and incident response times within each locality. As part of the process to develop options for change, they have carried out Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments (EHRIA) on each proposal. These EHRIs will support the final decision-making process by identifying the potential impact on communities and the workforce based on different characteristics people hold, such as their age grouping or having a disability.

They are committed to engaging openly and transparently with staff, elected members, local authorities, partners, and communities throughout this process. Their public consultation exercise will run for 12 weeks, and they anticipate that this will launch at the end of June.

More information will be published on their website, [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#), at that time. Following the launch of the consultation, he would welcome the opportunity to discuss the review and local change proposal in more detail with us. Further details on local public and partner engagement sessions (both online and in person) will be shared shortly. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members would like Mr M Mason invited to the next meeting on Thursday 29th August. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/06/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

15.1 SEPA consultation on a proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS) – Consultation closes 30th June. Clerk advertised on Delting Community Council Facebook page. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.2 SIC Community Planning & Development Department – Mr M Duncan emailed to say Nicole Sim has joined their team at Community Planning & Development. Nicole will be helping with various tasks across the service going forward - including Community Council business. She will be sending out Viking Genes leaflets soon. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2025/06/16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

16.1 Laxobiggin Burial Ground - Mr E Smith has been approached by a member of the Mossbank community who had recently visited the Laxobiggin graveyard. He said the graveyard was in a terrible mess and he had contacted the council to say he was going to tidy it up himself and tended to the grave of his family member. On doing this he received an email from the council stating how many rules he had broken. The members have also heard this is not an isolated case where graveyards are in states of disrepair. The members would like to know what the situation is with the tending to graveyards and if there are issues within the department which is stopping the upkeep of the graveyards in this area. They would like Ms Y Scott emailed to find out the current situation. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/06/17 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 28th August commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman