

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 4th August 2025 held in the Ollaberry Hall.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:
Cllr D Brown
Cllr R Mcgeady
Cllr J Parry
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr G Anderson

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr A Hall

Apologies Submitted:
Cllr D Robertson
Cllr R Doull
Cllr E MacDonald
Ms L Hall – SIC
Mr M Duncan - SIC

In attendance:
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk

The meeting started at: 19.33
Cllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest	Cllr J Parry any SCBF Business Cllr D Brown any NCDC Business & Sullom Voe Masterplan Cllr R McGeady any NCDC or Hjatland Housing Association Business
3. Approval Of Previous Minute	Approved by Cllr J Parry, Seconded by Cllr E Robertson
4. Police Report	No report was received for this month. A poster about scam calls had been shared via NCC social media. Due to technical difficulties, a member of the police was unable to join the meeting but gave a update via email.
5. Community Resilience Plan	Mr I Taylor was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will attend in September.
6. Banking	Cllr D Brown said he had received a bank statement. Action: Clerk to speak with the Post Office to get correspondence delivered to NCDC office
7. SCBF Applications	No applications received this month. Cllr D Brown asked how much NCC had left. The clerk said funds were sitting just over £10,000. Cllr J Parry reminded everyone that the next lot of funding would be received in September. Cllr D Brown

	<p>suggested creating a social media post to make the community aware that the funding is available.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to create post</p>
8. Planning Applications	No applications received this month
9. Matters Arising	<p>Fire service</p> <p>The fire service had given a very thorough presentation at the last meeting. Since then a recruitment poster has been shared on NCC Facebook page and the clerk is communicating with the fire service for ways to help members of the community get fire risk assessments done if needed.</p> <p>Voiceability</p> <p>Vikki from Voiceability also attended the last meeting. Cllr D Brown asked if information had been shared. Clerk said that there hadn't been any information sent through yet but she would share it once received.</p> <p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>There is still some uncertainty of when there should be a declaration of interest given mainly around giving information from another group.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Michael Duncan for clarity</p> <p>War Memorial</p> <p>Clerk received quote from John Hughson to do the work coming to a total of £1850. Cllr D Brown didn't think NCC would have that amount available. Cllr R McGeady said that it had also been brought up at the last NCDC meeting and NCDC were going to pay for the works along with a number of other small projects across Northmavine.</p> <p>Action: Remove from the agenda</p> <p>Eela Water / Roads</p> <p>An email had been received after the last meeting stating that SIC would speak with Scottish Water again about the verges around Eela Water and that Garriocks were currently fixing cattle grids in Yell and would be coming to Northmavine after this. Clerk said that a digger had been at the Ollaberry Hall cattle grid last week.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to check other cattle grids had also been cleared.</p> <p>Core Path Plan Review</p> <p>Clerk met with Liam Drosso and there was going to be no change to the current core paths in Northmavine. He did say that paths can be adopted at a later date if it meets certain criteria. Cllr R McGeady said that the next stage for NCDC in regards to creating a walk around Northmavine would be to contact landowners and work out where stiles/waymarkers may be needed.</p> <p>Action: Remove from agenda</p> <p>Digital Switchover</p> <p>Clerk has contacted Kenneth Stuart who has said he would be able to come and give his own personal view of the situation at the</p>

	<p>October or November meeting. CClr D Brown said that work had begun on putting fibre into Gluss and Fiblister but with the patchy coverage across Northmavine it is important to find a better solution for everyone. CClr R McGeady asked if anyone else had moved their landline over to digital highlighting he had done so last week and then the internet had gone down so they were without a phone.</p> <p>Redundant vehicle removal</p> <p>CClr J Parry asked if there was any update. The clerk said that the scrappie wanted number plates and an address for vehicles provided however she thought using what.3.words was a better idea since postcodes cover quite large areas in Northmavine. CClr G Anderson added that he was helping to get a list together.</p>
<p>10. Correspondence</p>	<p>A letter had been received from Neil Hutcheson about 20mph speed limit orders that are being considered for Mid Gard, North Roe; Stucca, Hillswick; Valladale, Urafirth; Runnadale, Ollaberry and Stackhoull, Sullom. CClr D Brown said that it has been spoken about many times over the years about getting the speed limit coming down the Clave reduced but so far nothing had happened he asked what constituted as a built up area as cited in the letter. Cllr A Hall said it was covering the roads coming off the main road into the housing schemes. CClr R McGeady said that during a meeting between NCDC and SIC roads about the Old Urafirth School site, that it would be difficult to police if the road speed was reduced. CClr J Parry stated that the smiley face signs which flash what speed you are travelling make a difference. Cllr A Hall added that he had noticed a marked difference in cars travelling into Brae at a more appropriate speed since the sign had gone up there. He added that the signs are able to record speed and the number of cars passing too. CClr J Parry said that south there are also lit up signs that say slow down which also make a difference. CClr D Brown said that since they were reviewing speeds in the area it would be worthwhile to respond with a request for the Clave to be reduced to 40 mph and to also respond to the public consultation when this is published in September. Cllr A Hall said that SIC were more amenable to changes than in the past.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Neil Hutcheson with comments.</p> <p>Another email had been received from Enquest about planned essential remedation work that will be undertaken in Yell Sound during September 2025.</p>
<p>14. AOCB</p>	<p>CClr D Brown said that he had been approached by a member of the community about the state of the verges going towards Hillswick from the Hillswick Junction which have been eroded similar to the verges at Eela Water.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact roads.</p> <p>Sullom Voe Masterplan</p> <p><i>CClr D Brown left the room and CClr J Parry chaired the rest of the meeting.</i></p>

	<p>Cllr R McGeady told those present that around 6 weeks ago, Cooke Aquaculture held a consultation in the North Roe & Lochend Hall about the proposed sites put forward in the Sullom Voe Masterplan that was adopted in 2018. Nobody Cllr R McGeady has spoken to knew about the proposed site in the mouth of Burravoe, North Roe and the community are not enamoured by the idea. The clerk stated that a public consultation was held at the time in the Ollaberry Hall and around 30 people attended. Both Cllr E Robertson and Cllr G Anderson confirmed they had attended that meeting. Cllr J Parry asked if an aquaculture site was put here, where would the produce be landed. Cllr R McGeady said Collafirth would be used. He added that there is a designation for the landscape which runs right down to the water in the area and it would have a visual impact for everyone that lives around the bay, Cllr R McGeady highlighted that the masterplan was adopted in 2018, and nothing has been done since then and would be due to be reviewed after 5 years. The clerk stated that development had been restricted to the more bays and voes around Yell Sound due to tankers needing a large space if they needed to turn for any reason. Cllr G Anderson said that Stuart Balfour who was representing Ports and Harbours at the initial 2018 meeting stated that Ports and Harbours would not let any aquaculture sites in the larger areas of Yell Sound however, there with changes in management at Ports and Harbours since the masterplan was adopted they might have a different opinion. Cllr R McGeady said he was happy to draft a letter. Cllrs present agreed with this.</p> <p>Cllr G Anderson added that it could provide more employment opportunities in Northmavine. Cllr R McGeady said he wasn't against having more aquaculture in Northmavine but there are better sites with less visual impact.</p> <p>Action: Cllr R McGeady to write a letter <i>Cllr D Brown returned to the meeting 20.13</i></p>
<p>15. Date and time of next meeting</p>	<p>Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm in the North Roe Primary School</p>

The meeting ended at: 20.18