

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 28th July 2025 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr. R. Black
Mr. G. Laurensen
Mr. B. Adamson
Mrs. C. Smith
Ms M. Garnier

Apologies

Miss N. Fullerton
Mr. M. Fullerton

In Attendance

Cllr. C. Hughson
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest – None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 5th May 2025 were approved. Proposed by Niall O'Rourke and seconded by Carole Smith.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Active Travel Audit

No further information on this from Robina Barton.

(b) Burra Early Years – pick up/drop off sign

This sign is now in place.

(c) Road at Meal – white centre lines/arrows

The Clerk reported that she had received complaints from two locals about near accidents between Speed's corner and Meal junction during the Summer. The Clerk had contacted Barrie Scobie regarding this again as we requested white centre lines/arrows quite a while ago and something was to be done in the Spring. He replied on 18th July to say the road is not wide enough for centre lines and the Clerk had written back requesting arrows at both ends which he agreed would be done.

(d) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

Cllr. Scott had telephoned BT a number of times but could not get through to them. He will get in touch with a local guy he knows from BT and get an email address to make contact.

ACTION: Cllr Scott

(e) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

The lights should now be working but this will be checked.

(f) Bus Shelter – Burra Hall

Neil Hutcheson had contacted the Clerk to check that the Hall Committee had given permission for the bus shelter to be located alongside the Burra Hall. The Clerk had contacted the Committee and they were happy for this to go ahead and she had passed this on. He also said they are due a delivery of bus shelters from their supplier so they will get this one installed.

(g) Burra & Trondra bridges – potholes on Burra bridge & dip at Trondra bridge

The potholes on the Burra bridge have now been sorted. Nothing further heard about the dip at the Mainland end of the Trondra bridge. The Clerk will contact Barry Scobie again.

ACTION: Clerk

(h) Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke

Neil Hutcheson had replied on 7th May stating that the rail at the bridge will take a bit longer given their contractor's workload. There are a number of other safety related jobs, such as safety barrier repairs and the replacement of collapsed cattle grids, that will take priority for a number of months.

(i) Papal Stone

The replica Papal Stone in the graveyard is unstable and the Clerk had made enquiries as to who is responsible. It was purchased by the Shetland Churches Council Trust (SCCT) and the Clerk had been advised to contact Val Turner. The Clerk had emailed her and was waiting for a reply.

(j) ASCC meeting - 10th June 2025

Michael Duncan had emailed a summary of the discussions held at the meeting. This had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting for information.

(k) Shorewatch at Ludi

The Clerk had been contacted by Katie Dyke again who advised that the Shorewatch box has now been put in place on Ludi near the memorial bench and had been secured to a rock outwith the wall.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SIC Burial Grounds Grass Cutting

Michael Duncan had emailed a list of FAQs re SIC Burial Grounds Grass Cutting from Yvonne Scott, SIC Burials. This had been circulated to the members for information.

(b) Police Report – April/May

Seven incidents recorded and summarised below:

Road Safety & Road Crime – Careless Driving / Road Traffic Collision

Protecting Vulnerable People – Mental Health (3)

Other – Fail to Comply with Bail / Firearms Security

(c) Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

An email had been received from Alan Street, Station Commander, Lerwick. He has recently joined the SFRS team on Shetland and is looking to attend one of our meetings to introduce himself and give an update on Scottish Fire & Rescue Service activities in our community and on Shetland in general. The Clerk will contact him with our meeting dates. **ACTION: Clerk**

(d) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had also been received and circulated to the members prior to the meeting for information:

- Offshore Wind Consultation – Lerwick Event 1st August
The Lerwick Event has been re-scheduled for Friday 1st August and will take place in the Harbour Suite of the Shetland Hotel. The drop in session is 12:00 – 18:00 and from 18:00 they will deliver a presentation with time for question and answer sessions after.
- Consultation on the Strategic Compensation Policy for Offshore Wind
Scottish Government Consultation – deadline for responses 1st September.

5. AOCB

(a) Refuse collections / Digital switchover

An email had been received from Narene Fullerton who was unable to attend our meeting tonight. She had a couple of points to raise. She had heard that the Council is intending to do away with black bag collections and will only be picking up wheelie bins and this is a concern for elderly and disabled folk. The Clerk had forwarded the email on to the members and Councillors prior to the meeting and Cllr. Hughson had contacted Paula Nicolson at Infrastructure Services and she had advised that there was to be no change to the collection of black bags.

Her second point was in connection with the digital switchover. Her parents had now changed over and within 2 months had a power cut and then a few weeks later their hub fried with lightening. As there is no mobile signal at their house they had no way of contacting anyone had they had an emergency. They now have a battery backup which can power the hub for an hour after the power is out giving them long enough to alert somebody that they are without power. However, the bigger problem was when the hub was destroyed the battery could not sort that. When she contacted BT to get a new hub she was told they had none in Shetland and it took 4 days in the post, so her parents had no phone for 4 days. She would like to see the Council look into either pushing BT into having hubs here which could help in this type of emergency, failing that could the Council keep a store of hubs. This is a real concern for the elderly and disabled people who are left feeling very vulnerable due to the changeover. It was suggested that this could be brought up at an ASCC meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting was set for Monday 1st September 2025.