

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 26th May 2025, in Bressay Hall.

Minute subject to approval at the next Bressay Community Council Meeting.

Present:

Lindsay Tulloch (Chair)
Shirley Gifford
Margaret MacDonald
Ruth MacKenzie
Katrina Gifford
Kath Duffus
Gary Robinson
Stephen Leask
Arwed Wenger

In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)

Agenda Items

1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed guests and members.

Apologies were noted from:

Alistair Christie-Henry
Michael Duncan

2. Declarations of interest:

The Chair asked for declarations of interest – none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman reviewed the draft minutes of the meeting on 28th April and sought their approval, proposed by Margaret and seconded by Ruth.

4. Matters Outstanding (actions not elsewhere on agenda or completed):

Continued AP1 Community Resilience plan & Generator

Action: Chair

Waiting of Matt to confirm if Scottish Fire & Rescue, will take ownership of the generator.
The Chair will follow up with Matt.

AP1: Feedback on Ferry timetable and other issues

Action: Chair/Shirley/
SIC ferry Operations/Transport

Clerk to contact the director for a substitute attendee.

The Clerk has emailed JR Smith regarding this but as yet has not had a reply although it has only been sent this week. It was noted Andrew Inkster did not attend another meeting earlier in the day so may still have health issues. The Chair will follow up with the Infrastructure Director.

Action: Chair

AP1: 2025-2026 Project, approach the SIC regarding obtaining approval to site notice-board in the Ferry waiting room window.

Action: Clerk

At the same time as addressing the above the Clerk asked for details of permissions to site a notice-board in the waiting room.

AP2: Investigate the lighting on the Defibrillator at Speldiburn

The Clerk has discussed this with Matt earlier this week and his conclusion was that solar operated lighting would be of limited use in winter, especially as it was a shaded corner. His recommendation was a battery-operated PIR light. To facilitate this the Clerk has obtained quotes – the longest time lapse seems to be 60 seconds, however they will continue lighting whilst there is movement. A weather proof light with 180 degrees spread would be £25 to £35. The next step will be to discuss with Speldiburn as it is their site. The chair will take this forward.

Action: Chair

AP3: Advise Ian Taylor of the lack of call out for the ferry for ambulance runs.

The Chair emailed Andrew Mayhew who is the Area Manager in Shetland for the Scottish Ambulance Service and is waiting for an update.

Action: Chair

AP4: Follow up with the Health Centre on the lack of ferry tickets and the understanding of staff.

Gary is not yet in a position to provide an update, but will do so as soon as possible.

Action: Gary

5. Member and Visitor Reports:

Stephen has been dealing with a lack of recycling bins at Glebe Park; he has been promised more will be put in to the area. There has been little of significance to Bressay at the Council other than a previous Councillor advising there is still a sign to the school at the cross-roads. He will speak to Neil Hutchinson to get it removed before there is confusion.

Gary remotely attended the convention of the Scottish Highlands and Islands. There had been a presentation regarding broadband by Ofcom, who had boasted there was only 3% of the population without super-fast broadband. It was pointed out he was talking to the 3%! And has hopefully gone away educated!

The RTS switched smart metres do not work on Shetland wi-fi, they are introducing different modules in this area, the ones which have been rolled out worked on the old analogue TV signal which was of no use in Shetland. Now they are exploring ones which either work on the mobile network or another on broadband, although the legislation specifies that the north of the UK should be using the TV network. The UK Government is planning to change the legislation. There are still 4,500 properties in Shetland that need to be upgraded and suppliers may delay the switch off from the end of June to the end of September.

There are a few things coming up at the SIC: most significant is the meeting on Island Connectivity and a Stakeholder meeting on the 13th June and the 25th is the Council meeting. The 13th is the responses to the surveys, drop-in sessions etc.

Arwed could advise that in today's environment and transport meeting they talked about bins and the importance of separating recyclables especially glass as this disrupts the incinerator, melting and jamming it.

Kath was at the update for the National Islands Plan for Scotland. They are going to review and try to get the report more condensed. In future Islands have to be consulted. There was nothing regarding volunteering and about the use of BSL, so they will revisit this along with other issues that need to be complained about, particularly on community impact assessment.

The Viking Genes project highlighted population with three or four grandparents have had a generational preponderance of preventable illnesses. The next stage is to widen these to provide preventative treatment.

6. Infrastructure: There were no representatives from Infrastructure in attendance.

7. 2025-2026 Project: 2004-2005 Project is complete and leaflets distributed; the noticeboard will be updated shortly. Ruth will ensure the PDF is given to BDL to ensure future updates. For this year's project we are waiting for permission from Sellaness.

Action: Clerk

8. Correspondence: There has been a considerable amount circulated. The Members completed the survey for the Community Benefit Annual Review. There are quite a few funding opportunities and committee meeting details.

There was an application for a community run for the BUHA hop – this was unanimously approved.

We had a reply from planning regarding planning applications coming to us after a meeting with a two-week deadline. They appreciated the problem; however, forms are circulated when they go on the planning list, with a prescribed deadline. If we cannot meet the deadline, we should email the office and that email would be added to the file for the planning officer's attention who can then assess any delay.

9. Planning Applications: There was a planning application from BDL for extensive changes to the outside area at Speldiburn. Members reviewed the site plan, knocking down the existing outside toilets for create studio space and new entrance and community garden. The Chair suggested meeting with BDL Directors so that the community council could gain a greater understanding of BDL's aspirations, and how best we can work together to ensure monies are invested to improve facilities for the benefit of the community.

Action: Chair

10. Finance: Grant applications & Financial position:

The Clerk Confirmed we had been allocated SIC Grant funding for this year – the Chair had just signed the forms to accept. There was a SCBF grant application for Ella's Park for £1500 for new fence another picnic table and a shed for storage. In the SCBF we have £27.9k available for Bressay projects, therefore this was unanimously accepted. It would be good to see more of this fund used in Bressay - perhaps toilet and washing machine facilities for the caravan park either at Speldiburn or at the boating club. The Chair will follow this up with both organisations.

Action: Chair

11. Bressay Groups Update (Hall, Sports Club, Boating Club, BDL etc.) - The Football team had had a good Parish Cup result; the Hall had done a bar at the pitch with the burger and ice-cream vans in attendance. The Hall plant sale had done particularly well raising over £1000 for the Red Cross.

12. Any other business:

We have had an application for funding for the Voar Redd up. Any other interested groups who have registered with the Amenity Trust for the Voar Redd up should contact us for their share of the grant.

Do they monitor at the Speldiburn Clinic how many people they turn away to see if we need more capacity? At times they have been booked up – other times it has been quiet.

There is an abandoned car on the road to Noss Sound that has been there for a few months. No one seemed to know who owned it. Assuming there is no tax or MOT the Council can take it away. Tax expired August 2023 and MOT February 2024. The Clerk will inform environmental Health.

14. Meeting Review: no comments

16. Date of next meeting: will be on 30th June.

Chairman:

Date

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Summary of new and outstanding actions

Continued AP1 Community Resilience plan & Generator

Action: Chair

AP1: Feedback on Ferry timetable and other issues

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Chair to follow up with Infrastructure Director.

Action: Chair

AP2: 2025-2026 Project, obtain approval to site notice-board in the Ferry waiting room window.

Action: Clerk

AP3: Discuss the illumination of the Defibrillator with BDL

Action: Chair

AP4: Explore the details of the recent Planning Application for Spediburn and the rationale behind the pla, and the possible provision of Shower and washing machine facilities.

Action: Chair

AP5: Update from Ambulance Manager on the lack of call out for the ferry for ambulance runs.

Action: Chair

AP6: Follow up with the Health Centre on the lack of ferry tickets and the understanding of staff.

Action: Gary

AP7: Advise SIC Environmental Health regarding abandoned car.

Action: Clerk