

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 28th August 2025 At Brae High School

2025/08/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)
Ms J Dennison
Mr T Tyler
Ms S McDonald
Mr A Hall - Ex Officio

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)
Mr B Moreland
Mr J Milne
Ms R Griffiths

2025/08/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer
Mr A Street – SFRS
PC F MacColl – Police Scotland

2025/08/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2025/08/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms E Macdonald - Ex Officio

2025/08/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2025 were approved by Mr J Milne and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

2025/08/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2025/08/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt

2025/08/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Testing at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.2 Graveyard bin** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.3 Traffic Passing Through Voe** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.4 Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.5 Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.6 Sign at Sparl** – Sign has been replaced. Ms E Murphy passed on her thanks to Delting Community Council for their help in the matter.
- 8.7 Archiving** – Mr M Duncan contacted Amenity trust and we should be receiving the receipt soon.

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- 8.8 Community Resilience Plans** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.9 Toft Road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.10 Kissing Gates Moorfield estate** – Kissing gates still not been removed. Clerk to email Mr N Hutcheson to ask for an update. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.11 White lines in Car park** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.12 Pole at Voe** – Pole seems to be upright.
- 8.13 Safety Muckle Roe Road** – There was no update on this item. Clerk to email Mr J Duncan to ask for any update. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.14 Laxobiggin Burial Ground** – Ms Y Scott emailed the following: We would like to acknowledge the community's care and concern for the appearance of our burial grounds. These are deeply important spaces, and they understand the significance they hold for families and the wider community. However, we must emphasise that for reasons of health and safety and regulatory compliance, members of the public are not permitted to carry out maintenance or grass cutting within burial grounds using personal equipment. This is particularly important due to the risks posed by machinery, including lawn mowers and strimmer's. In addition, the Council must adhere to operational, health and safety protocols including insurance liabilities, which do not extend to private individuals undertaking unauthorised work.
- Regarding the maintenance of our burial grounds, grass cutting is carried out in line with the Council-approved specification, which stipulates grass is maintained at a height of between 7.5 cm and 15 cm. Since 2012, we have adopted a policy of not collecting grass clippings following mowing. This approach was reaffirmed in 2021 and is supported by environmental, operational, and sustainability benefits. It is therefore normal and expected to see cut grass remaining on the surface after mowing, especially during periods of rapid growth or following wet weather conditions. Strimming is carried out on an alternating cycle, approximately every second mowing, meaning grass around memorials may appear longer between visits. We are aware that, at times, the appearance of the grounds may not meet expectations. Several factors can contribute to delays or variation in grass length, including:
- High levels of funeral activity and interments,
 - Equipment breakdowns or servicing delays,
 - Staff absences due to sickness or annual leave,
 - Weather conditions (e.g. waterlogging or rapid summer growth),
- We are currently finalising a piece of work which will be publicised shortly which aims to inform communities about the Council's agreed grass cutting standards. Additionally, we will be reviewing the standard of grass cutting at this burial ground to ensure it aligns with our specifications and meets community expectations as far as possible.
- Following on from this Burial Services have produced an SIC Burial Grounds Grass Cutting FAQs, which provides detailed information on how Shetland Islands Council manages grass maintenance across our burial grounds. This document has also been added to their website at the following link: <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/file/10688/sic-burial-grounds-grass-cutting-frequently-asked-questions> **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2025/08/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1** PC F MacColl attended to update the members of the community council. In June there has been 18 incidents recorded.
- Road Traffic Offences
Careless driving
Driving whilst over prescribed limit (alcohol or drugs)
Road traffic collisions with no injuries or minor injuries
- Antisocial Behaviour and Violence and Disorder
2 Assaults

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2 Threatening and abusive behaviour

2 vandalisms.

Aquisitive Crime

Theft

Theft of vehicle

Protecting Vulnerable People

3 concerns for person

3 mental health

Other

Attempt to possess

They have been doing speed checks in Brae and they are not aware of any tickets yet. They are remaining visible in Brae.

Mr Cooper said the smiley face has made a big difference in Brae.

Ms S McDonald said there is a lot of speeding vehicles coming to Toft to catch the ferry who have not allowed extra time for traffic lights or road closures.

PC F MacColl said the new body cams were making a difference to early guilty pleas, meaning the police did not need to go to court and cases are going through the court a lot quicker. They also keep the police safe.

Mr A Cooper asked about staffing. PC F MacColl said they had recently done a local recruitment drive and there were five applicants do their fitness test, their exam, and interviews all on Shetland. There are three successful full-time officers joining and one special constable. They are trying to make it adaptable for local people.

Mr A Cooper asked if they still had Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. PC MacColl said yes, they still have them and are based in Lerwick from all over the island.

PC F MacColl also gave an update on the assault at the Brae Hall in July. It was classed as a serious assault and enquiries are ongoing with positive lines of enquiry.

Ms E Smith asked about foreign drivers. Has the issues with their driving been brought to the police attention. PC F MacColl said yes they were aware of the issues.

- 9.2 Cyberbyte** – Police Scotland provided a poster on Fraud Prevention. If it can prevent at least one fraud it will be worthwhile. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook page.**

2025/08/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 2025/171/PPF** - Plot, Wethersta, Brae, Shetland - Mr Ellis Nicolson - To erect single storey dwellinghouse with a decking and install air source heat pump; create access track, parking and turning area; install new septic tank with land infiltration system; install new surface water soakaway. All plans can be viewed on: [Simple Search](#). There were no objections to this application via email. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 10.2 Variation of Premises Licence - Co-op, Hillswick Road, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9QG** - Amendment to 5(f) on Operating Plan: The sale of food, non-food items and other household goods, and the provision of ancillary consumer services within and outwith licensed hours. Home deliveries may be provided to customers. Alcohol will be delivered in terms of and in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. There were no objections to this application via email. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 10.3 2025/158/CONSUL** - Proposed removal of public payphone – All documents can be viewed at: [Simple Search](#). There were no objections to this application via email. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 10.4 NEH/SMG/R/E3/3/2 – Draft 20 MPH Speed Limit Orders** - Draft traffic regulation orders for residential areas and housing estates in Delting. The proposed introduction of further 20 mph limits on these roads is in line with the Government's goal that "all appropriate roads in built up

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areas will have a safer speed limit of 20 mph by 2025.” There are a total of four orders for the roads that serve:

- the Camp road, Burravoe, Grindwell Road, Roebrek, Skelladale, Vistavird, Grindahoull, Greenhoulls, Ladies Mire and Culsetter Park, Brae;
- Sandside, Midlea and Leaside, Firth;
- Maidenfield, Rayburn Road, Hamarsgarth, Smuggabank, Braehead, Burraness, Mossbank; and
- Mulla, Norbrek, Norderhoull, Hillside and Lower Voe, Voe.

Could our Council could consider these proposals and respond with any comments we may have. The intention is that they will hold a public meeting to discuss the orders in September. Should they receive any comments prior to this any amendments required will be made to the orders and drawings prior to the meeting. There were 15 attachments. There were no objections to these proposals. The members want to add that in addition to the 20mph speed limit, traffic calming measures should also be introduced on these roads to ensure motorists and road users adhere to the new speed limit. Clerk to email response. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

10.5 Marine Planning Works Licence 2025/016/WL - To undertake span remediation works, via spot rock placement, on the PL1762 gas pipeline - Yell Sound Shetland. All plans can be viewed at: [Simple Search](#) There were no objections to this application. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

10.6 Marine Planning Works Licence 025/017/WL - To undertake span remediation works, via spot rock placement, on the PL10 Ninian oil pipeline Firth Ness Mossbank Shetland All plans can be viewed at: [Simple Search](#) There were no objections to this application. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

10.7 SCOP-0071 - Shetland Offshore Wind Limited – Stoura Offshore Wind Farm – Consultation on Request for Scoping Opinion – Response Required by 07 August 2025 extended to 22nd August. No response submitted. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

10.8 00011390 – EnQuest Heather Ltd – Pipeline Remediation - PL1762, Sullom Voe, Shetland – Consultation – Response Required by 05 September 2025 - A marine licence has been requested under the above Act to undertake a licensable activity at a location below the level of Mean High Water Springs. Licence application details can be found at [Marine Licence Application - Pipeline Remediation - PL1762, Sullom Voe, Shetland - 00011390 | marine.gov.scot](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

2025/08/11 MR A STREET – SFRS

11.1 Mr A Street, Station Commander, updated the members with the current progress of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Mr A McLaughlin is Station Commander for Brae and senior local officer and group commander is Mr M Mason. Mr A Street started by providing an overview of SFRS in Shetland. Incident activity remains low, and around 50% of their mobilisations have been classed as false alarms. Regarding incidents there have been some instances of more serious incidents which have been brought to a successful conclusion. They have had a busy year of training exercises all over Shetland including a full emergency exercise at the airport including help from police, coastguard, and airport fire services. They had a fire exercise at Sullom Voe and the first ever full emergency exercise at Saxavord and they are going to have another exercise at Tingwall airport. They will be continuing with these exercises in the future. Community fire and safety still available through SFRS website and home fire safety visits available. One of the biggest challenges they have is recruitment. They have had some success with this recently. They had a new trainee course run in Lerwick where they had seven new trainees join. Recruitment is an ongoing issue. They have one person going through training just now for Brae. They would be grateful for help with getting the word out locally for recruitment. There is information available on the website.

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The SFRS is still involved with the service delivery review programme which is a complete review of the way SFRS deliver services across Scotland. There is an ongoing consultation due to finish on 16th September and on the back this, an options exercise is being launched and concerns various options within various areas in Scotland. The area which is affected in Shetland is the long-term future of Fetlar Fire Station. Fetlar is a long-term dormant station for many years. They are looking at the option of closing the station and its under consultation just now and they are looking for public feedback. The review of the whole of Scotland is looking at how they operate, where they can change their services. What they are now responding to has changed. Fires as a whole are down by 56% and of this house fires have reduced by 47% and other building fires are down by 55%. Outdoor fires have increased by 5% and non-fire incidents such as water rescue, assisting other agencies has increased by 83%. So, they are looking at where their resources are and where they can best focus them to address the changing needs in Scotland.

Mr B Moreland asked why the army could not be used for wildfires. Mr A Street did not have any information on this as it is the SFRS responsibility to respond.

Mr T Tyler asked if there was a wild fire in Brae that week. Mr A Street said he was unaware of any incidents and as far as he was aware the SFRS was not immobilised.

Mr A Cooper said the biggest issue in Shetland is the fire stations. One of the biggest attractions for people to come and work in the service is the facilities and equipment provided and people demand that nowadays. SFRS need to pay more attention to how they look after their stations.

Mr A Street agreed. There was a health and safety improvement notice placed of the fire service which has now been lifted. It involved three stations, Hillswick, Bressay and Walls.

Mr A Cooper said going back to Brae fire station, it has two appliances and given SVT and the Gas Plant are still operational that the level of cover will remain the same for Brae. He questioned the daytime availability for Brae. Mr A Street said availability figures for Brae were very good. Braes first appliance availability is 99.18% and the second is 71%.

Mr A Cooper asked about the state of the building in Brae. He said the station wasn't looking that good just now and that was the issues the SFRS needed to pay attention to. Mr A Street agreed and said there is a lot of buildings across Scotland in need of repair and they are facing a huge capital backlog of works.

2025/08/12 COMMUNITY WORK

12.1 Ms L Hall had nothing official to report. She was aware of a couple of things going on. The growing project in Mossbank a possible coastal path on the Firth Voe Beach and what funding may be available. Ms L Hall has suggested starting a community group for projects. There is lots of things for thinking about in Mossbank. There is an update later in the proceedings on the progress for the active travel audit in Mossbank. Mr A Cooper thinks it would be dangerous for Delting Community Council to undertake the works to put in a coastal path. This is not something the Community Council could do.

Ms L Hall was invited to an energy development framework meeting last week regarding north Mainland energy developments and they were looking for a focus group of people, members of the local community that the developers could speak to or the consultants can speak to on behalf of the developers. It is part of the statutory consultation. She suggested the speak to the Rural Energy Hub and to the Community Council. Once she has more information she will pass onto Community Council.

2025/08/13 FINANCE UPDATE

13.1 2024/25 accounts have been independently examined, signed, and submitted to Shetland Island Council. They were happy with the accounts, with all monies accounted for and allocated correctly. Delting Community Council file has been updated accordingly.

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

13.3 Invoice VAS for IE of 24/25 Accounts for £95.00. This was approved via email for payment. Paid via online banking on 24/06/2025

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2025/08/14 DELTING COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENTS

- 14.1 Delting Community Council Scheme of Arrangements** - The full and updated version of the Community Council Scheme of Arrangements, adopted by the Council in March. This document includes 6 Schedules, all of which form part of the overall Scheme. This document was formally adopted at this meeting. All paperwork signed by Mr A Cooper the Chairman. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2025/08/15 CORRESPONDENCE

- 15.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme** – SCBF have been reviewing the Viking Community Fund over the summer and have made some small changes following this review. Please find attached document summarising the review and changes to the Strategic Fund and Community Grant Scheme. SCBF would like to offer community councillors and clerks the opportunity to attend a Zoom session on Monday the 22nd of September at 7pm to ask any questions they may have about SCBF and the Viking Community Fund. Could we please let Ms E Gair know if we hope to attend and she can send a Zoom link nearer the time. They are preparing promotional material for the CGS and an overview of grants awarded by each community council for the 2024/25 funding year and these will be sent to us at the end of August/beginning of September. Our CGS payment for 2025/26 will be index linked to CPI. The CPI figure for September is not known until the following month. Therefore, they will allocate the 2024/25 share amount on the 1st of September 2025 with the CPI amount advised to us once known. Mr E Smith said he would like to attend the Zoom meeting. Clerk to attend too. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress**
- 15.2 Community Council Elections 2025** - A briefing note regarding the upcoming Community Council elections. There is a nomination form, this can be given to anyone who expresses an interest, so they can see what information they will need to complete it. Note they cannot accept formal nominations until the formal election period starts. The election webpage will be updated early next week. The formal election period starts with the Notice of Election on 12 September and nominations can be validated from 15 September. Mr B Moreland has stated he will not be intending to stand at the next election. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.3 North Shetland Reinforcement Project** – Ms G Higgins responded to the Community Council request of 24hr working with the following email: The safety of the local community and everyone working on the site is our number one priority when planning and managing this type of project; operating heavy plant and construction equipment over a continuous 24-hour period is not safe, even with the current longer daylight hours. Following careful consideration and review - including discussions with the Highways team, Shetland Islands Council, and local suppliers of the materials required for this job - our teams will be working seven days per week, ensuring we do all we can to complete these essential works as safely and as quickly as possible. If it's useful to have a chat on this matter, please feel free to give me a call.
The following notice was then received from SSEN: North Mainland Reinforcement Project, works on a section of the A968 north of Dales Lee. For everyone's safety, road closures - with a signposted diversion – and will be in operation when carrying out this essential work. Teams will start setting up works from 30 June, and the road closure will be in place from 8 July for at least 10 weeks. They appreciate that some local travel will take slightly longer when the diversion is in place, and they would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as teams carry out this essential work. The members would like an update from Ms G Higgins SSEN Distribution and an update from Mr N Hutcheson at SIC Roads Service on the progress and the road closure. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 15.4 Road Signage and Smiley Faces** – Mr N Hutcheson emailed to say temporary extra 30mph signs had been put in place throughout Brae and the Smiley Faces installed at Burravoe on entry to Brae and across from Lingapund. The members think the signs are making a big difference. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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- 15.5 Brae District Heating Scheme** – Clerk submitted feedback to Mr P Stanier and the queries from the Community Councillors. He responded as following: On funding: The Outline Business Case (OBC) (broadly feasibility study that we're currently working on) is being funded by Renewable UK. Funding for a new district heating plant isn't yet confirmed, so the short answer is that we don't know at this stage. The longer answer is that there are various funding streams that could be explored – for example the Scottish Government's *Scotland's Heat Network Fund (SHNF)* – [click here for a bit more info on that](#). Nothing is settled at the moment, but the Outline Business Case should provide a future bidder with the kind of information/the case to access such funds. In terms of connecting directly to the system once it's established there would be a cost, which would most likely be born by the freeholder of the property, again we don't have precise costs of what this would be, however, there is funding that residents and property owners can have access to (noting that they may change over time) including:
- Warmer Homes Scotland: Provides grants of £10,000 aimed at addressing fuel poverty, and could potentially be used to install a wet system in a home
 - Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund (SHNZHF): Potential to provide around £16,000 to cover the costs of improving the energy efficiency of a social housing property. This could potentially be used to connect to a district heating network.
 - Home Energy Scotland: a scheme that provides interest free loans of up to £7,500 for homeowners to connect to district heating networks.
 - Scottish Green Public Sector Estate Decarbonisation Scheme (funding for public sector buildings only)

It is worth noting that these routes are subject to change and, as we are likely several years away from starting any such scheme (we don't even have the funding to build yet, let alone planning permission) these sources may evolve, drop away or be replaced by other funding streams.

Affordability is also a key concern and part of the Outline Business Case process – it certainly wouldn't make any sense to build a new district heating plant without the confidence that local people would be able to affordably connect to it.

On ground source heat, including taking advantage of hot granite – this was one of the aspects our engineers considered when we started looking at a district heating network. On an initial assessment the likely cost per unit of electricity when taking into account the cost of the new infrastructure (Levelised cost of heat), was over double what would likely be achieved by using an air source system. A significant factor in this would be the initial cost of the infrastructure (which would need to be paid off over time) and likely be more expensive than simply running an electric boiler off the grid. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.6 Consultation on the Strategic Compensation Policy for Offshore Wind** - The Scottish Government has launched its consultation on the Strategic Compensation Policy for Offshore Wind. The consultation will remain open until 23:59 on 1 September. The consultation can be accessed through the following link: [Strategic Compensation Policy for Offshore Wind - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#). This consultation is seeking views on Scotland's proposed policy for Habitats Regulations reform for offshore wind. Enabled by the UK Energy Act 2023, the policy proposes to amend the Habitats Regulations for offshore wind to enable a more flexible and pragmatic approach to environmental compensation. The proposals aim to provide new opportunities for investment to conserve Scotland's marine environment by enabling a more flexible approach to the requirements for compensation and unlock barriers to offshore wind deployment in Scotland and the climate and economic benefits offshore wind brings. These proposals form part of UK-wide reforms, to ensure a strategic and coordinated approach in the way compensation is provided for offshore wind across Scotland, England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. In tandem to this consultation, please note that the UK Government have also now published their consultation on environmental compensation reform. They would encourage us to also respond to the UK Government consultation given it will apply to the Scottish offshore region. It can be accessed at the following link: [Consultation on Offshore Wind Environmental Compensatory Measures Reforms - Defra - Citizen Space](#). Should we require any additional information please get in touch with the Scottish Government Strategic Compensation Policy team at StrategicCompensation@gov.scot. The members discussed the current situation and lack of information. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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- 15.7 Stoura Offshore Wind Farm** – Mr B Falkner has expressed an interest in meeting with the Delting Community Council to introduce the project and discuss its potential impact and benefits. They will be hosting a public exhibition focused on the onshore elements of the project on Thursday, September 11th, at Voe Public Hall from 2-7pm. As members of their team will be in Shetland during that week, they would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Community Council on either Wednesday, September 10th or Friday, September 12th, if that suits your schedule.
Due to Delting Community Council Business for August – October, following email correspondence with Mr A Cooper, it was decided Community Councillors would attend the public event and feedback at the September meeting and if there were any issues or queries arising then we can invite representatives of Stoura to the Delting Community Council meeting in October. Mr B Falkner agreed this was a good way forward. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 15.8 Neshion Energy Park - Second Round of Public Engagement** – This will be held on Tuesday the 23rd of September at Mossbank Public Hall (exact times tbc). Following a request by Neshion Energy Park to meet with Delting Community Council the members have requested to meet representatives of Neshion Energy Park at the Community Council meeting on 25th September. Neshion Energy Park representatives Ms L Anderson and Mr B Hall will attend the Community Council Meeting in September. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.9 Active Travel Audit – Mossbank** – Ms R Barton emailed regarding an Active Travel Audit of Mossbank which was undertaken by SYSTRA recently, and they now need to engage local stakeholders in the findings before they can finalise the report. They requested to join a Delting Community Council meeting and invite all interested parties along with SYSTRA representatives joining remotely. Due to Delting Community Council Business for August – October, following email correspondence with Mr A Cooper, it was decided that They should organise a separate public event as it would be difficult to do justice to this piece of work at a normal meeting. Ms R Barton agreed this was best way forward. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.10 Da Voar Redd Up 2025** – Shetland Amenity Trust sent through the list of participants and the requests for funding for Voar Redd Up 2025. There was only one from Mossbank School. The members voted unanimously to give £75.00 for their participation in the Voar Redd Up. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 15.11 Association of Shetland Community Councils # MEETING DATE CHANGE #** - Association of Shetland Community Councils has been moved from Tuesday 9 September to Wednesday 8 October. The revised meeting will take place in the Town Hall (former chamber) from 6pm – 8pm. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.12 Coop Donation** – They would like a photo with a Community Councillor following the donation. Members discussed possible uses for the funding. This will be discussed at another meeting.
- 15.13 Span Remedation Work Yell Sound** - Essential span remediation work we plan to undertake in the Yell sound this year. The remediation work will require rock to be placed under the pipeline to support the spans. They are aiming to be mobilised to complete this work in mid-September 2025 and will take approximately 1 day in field to complete. An application has been sent to Shetland Island Council to obtain a Work Licence. This work will take place within 3NM of the coast and within the vicinity of the local area If we require any further information or have any questions please get in touch. the formal consultation period with SIC is to commence on the 7th of August. They are also planning on including a span on the PL10 pipeline near Firth Ness. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

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- 15.14 Defibrillator issues in Shetland** – Mr Tom Malcolm runs Grampian Training Services. They deliver all levels of HSE recognised First Aid courses on a monthly basis in Shetland, mainly in Lerwick but can also deliver first aid training anywhere in Shetland if there is a request. They are also Business Partners for Zoll defibrillators. Zoll manufacture the Zoll AED+, AED3 as well as the Cardiac Science G5 which is the most common defib in Shetland (the orange one!). On a recent run round south mainland, he looked at the defibrillators registered on the Ambulance Service database (The Circuit). He found that about 1/3 of the defibrillators were no longer in service and would not be able to defibrillate a casualty in need. This is due to pads and batteries not being replaced. There were a few where the pads were a year out of date to pads being almost 3 years out of date and batteries totally flat. Defibs are also supposed to be physically checked every three months to check pads, battery and cabinet are all functional, this is not being carried out. As Zoll business partners, they have access to the pads and batteries required to get these defibs back into service. They are looking for help to find out who owns the defibs so they can get in touch to try and get them back into service. This will involve replacing the pads and many batteries. They can also offer maintenance and servicing options to the defib owners where they will take on responsibility for checking the defibs on a quarterly basis, replacing pads and batteries and ensuring the defibs are registered on the Circuit. This will give the defib owners peace of mind that should the defib be required, it will be fit for service. They would like to know if we are aware of any defibs in our area that are out of service, and that the owners can get in touch with them. We can pass on email address. For the G5 defib, the easy way to know if the defib is functioning is that on the top right is a little window. If the disc is green the defib is currently OK, if it is red, the defib is not functioning. For other makes of defib, most will have a little light that flashes green, green is good. If there is not a light flashing, or a red-light flashing, again the defib is not functioning. If we are interested in purchasing defibs for our community, please get in touch and they can arrange to meet and discuss. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook page.**
- 15.15 BBC interview about Statkraft** – Mr A Cooper was interviewed by Radio Shetland where he told them he had no information from Statkraft.
- 15.16 Scottish Government Consultation: Draft Marine and Coastal Restoration Plan** - The Scottish Government has launched its consultation on the Draft Marine and Coastal Restoration Plan. The consultation will remain open until 23:59 on 19 October The consultation can be accessed through the following link: [Draft Marine and Coastal Restoration Plan - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#) There will also be a public consultation event at the **Lerwick Town Hall on Tuesday 23rd September from 14:00 to 19:00**. There is further information on responding to the consultation and on public consultation events here: [Citizen Space](#) The Draft Marine and Coastal Restoration Plan sets out actions to support and accelerate marine and coastal restoration in Scotland, including identifying actions to help prioritise habitats and locations suitable for restoration. Policy development for the plan has been informed by discussions with a cross-sectoral stakeholder advisory group who brought a wide range of perspectives to the table. Should you require any additional information please get in touch with the Scottish Government Marine Restoration team at marinerestoration@gov.scot. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 15.17 Shetland's First Future Energy Projects Engagement Session - Lerwick, 9 September 2025** - The first-ever collaborative Future Energy Projects Engagement Session will take place in Lerwick next month, bringing together developers, network operators, and the local community to discuss Shetland's energy future. This takes place in Mareel, Lerwick on Tuesday 9 September, Drop-in anytime between 3pm and 7pm. This session, coordinated by SSEN Transmission, is being held in response to feedback from local communities asking for a more joined-up approach to Shetland's future energy landscape. Alongside SSEN Transmission, representatives from SSEN Distribution, Statkraft, Veri Energy, and Stoura will also be present. The event is free to attend and open to everyone – no registration required. Please feel free to share this information with our networks. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook page.**

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2025/08/16 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 16.1 Viking Operational Newsletter – Spring / Summer 2025** - Viking's Spring / Summer Newsletter which provides an update on site progress during the wind farm's first 6 months in operation. The newsletter is available online here: [vewf_operational-newsletter-spring-2025_final.pdf](#). **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.2 Scottish Government Consultation on Offshore Wind Plan: Event in Lerwick** - Updated Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy – Consultation session to be held on 17 July in Lerwick rescheduled for 1st August. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.3 Request for Feedback on Use of Approved Certifiers – Short Survey** - The Scottish Government has commissioned independent research firm Pye Tait Consulting to review the current fees and discounts associated with the use of Approved Certifiers of Design and Construction. As part of this work, Pye Tait is gathering feedback from customers who have undertaken building projects and submitted building warrant applications – irrespective of whether the services of an Approved Certifier were used. If you/our organisation has applied for a building warrant in Scotland within the past 12 months, they would be grateful if we could take a few minutes to complete the following short online survey. <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/pq72ye>. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.4 Councillor Update** – Mr A Hall provided an update as a councillor - **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 16.5 Marine Restoration & Enhancement in Shetland** – Ms T Riley would like to say thank you to the community council for our valued contribution to the Guiding Marine Restoration and Enhancement in the Shetland Islands project. All information about the project is on their webpage: [People & Place - Guiding Marine Restoration and Enhancement in the Shetland Islands](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.6 Shetland Charitable Trust - Large Grant Scheme 2026/27 – Now Closed** Shetland Charitable Trust's Large Grant Scheme is open and is inviting Expressions of Interest for funding in 2026/27. A total of £100,000 is available for distribution in 2026/27, with multi-year funding for up to 4 years. Completed Expression of Interest forms must be submitted to Shetland Charitable Trust **by 12noon on Friday 22nd August 2025**. Thereafter, applicants with a successful Expression of Interest form will be invited to progress to the Stage 2 full application process. For more information on Scheme guidance and/or a Stage 1 – Expression of Interest form, please refer to the Trust's website [here](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.7 Delting FC Newsletter** – Mr P Peterson sent the latest Delting Football newsletter. He expressed thanks for the donation for under 16s football strips on behalf of the club. There is a picture in the newsletter with Mr A Cooper. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.8 Lerwick Rising Sewer Main Burst** – 06/08/2025 emergency repair is being carried out on a rising sewer main in Lerwick, Shetland. A burst on the pipe caused flooding at the roundabout on the A970 and Garthspool Road at the Co-op store. They have taken steps to reduce the amount of waste water in the system while they assess the scale of the burst and the scope of the repair required. At the moment there is no traffic management in place but it may be required to be able to carry out the work safely. They are working with Shetland Isles Council to minimise any impact on road users. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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- 16.9 Reminder - 2025 SURF Awards are Open for Applications** – A reminder that the 2025 SURF awards for best practice in community regeneration are open for applications. The SURF Awards are delivered in partnership with the Scottish Government, with additional support from Creative Scotland, Scottish Procurement Alliance, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, South of Scotland Enterprise, and Scotland's Towns Partnership. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.10 Mossbank - Yell planned cable replacement, August 2025** - The replacement subsea cable between Mossbank and Yell will start to progress this week. This is in line with the update SSEN Distribution provided to the Community Council earlier this year regarding the faulted cable, which needs to be replaced. Their installation vessel has been travelling up from the Fort William area and may be visible offshore from 12/08/2025. They attached an information poster for you to display and share with your network. This includes contact information for residents who may wish to get in touch with us while the cable lay activity is underway. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 16.11 Funding information - Changing Places Toilets Scotland Fund** - Changing Places Toilets are larger accessible toilets designed to meet the needs of disabled people who need carer support and specialist equipment to use the facilities and have their personal care needs met, fulfilling this basic human right for them. The aim of the Fund is to increase the number of Changing Places Toilets in Scotland and so meet the human rights of disabled people who cannot use a standard accessible toilet. The Fund will pay for the development and installation of new Changing Places Toilets in Scotland. The Fund will operate from 7 August 2025 to 31 March 2027 with one application deadline. Successful applicants must spend their grant and therefore have built their Changing Places Toilets by 31 March 2027. Not for profit incorporated organisations, micro or small businesses with up to 49 employees, in areas which have limited provision of Changing Places Toilets may apply. Grants up to £90,000 available for project costs, and up to £10,000 in development costs that are associated with building a Changing Places Toilet. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 16.12 Shetland Islands Community Councils: Request for help to cascade community information from Neighbourhood Watch Scotland** - By January 2027, the old analogue network will be completely switched off and replaced by new digital landlines which will work using broadband. This change affects all industry providers and their customers. It is important that they help support members of our communities, especially the more vulnerable, to ensure that they are not adversely impacted by the switch off deadline as best we can. They need to spread the word far and wide, and where possible use our networks to disseminate the key messages through your own streams including WhatsApp, social media, workplace Intranets / external websites etc. We also have additional information on our website: [BT 'Connected Together' campaign | Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook page.**
- 16.13 2024-25 Annual Report - Shetland Islands Citizens Advice Bureau** – CAB sent a copy of their 2024-2025 Annual Report. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2025/08/17 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 17.1 Voe Cemetery Grass** – Mr S Cooper emailed regarding the grass at Voe Cemetery and sent pictures. Mr A Hall forwarded to Ms Y Scott who assured him the grass would be cut that day.

2025/08/18 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 18.1** The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Voe Hall on Thursday 25th September commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman