

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes subject to approval at next Community Council meeting

Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 10th JUNE 2025 at 7.00 pm

at Whalsay Heritage Centre

PRESENT:	APOLOGIES
CCLlr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	Dana Jamieson - Police Scotland
CCLlr William Polson (WP) –Vice Chair	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer (MD)
CCLlr Margaret Hughson (MH)	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
Lisa Stewart (RNID)	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)
	Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)
	Neil Hutchinson – SIC Roads
	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT)
	Duncan Anderson – North Isles Cllr (DA)
	CCLlr Caroline Watts (CW)
	Robert Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RTH)

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine – WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME: JL chaired meeting and welcomed all. Introduced Lisa Stewart from RNID.

APOLOGIES: Apologies noted

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: JL asked if all were happy with minutes. JL approved; WP seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Current account was shared with members by clerk. Clerk confirmed receipt of grant funding

ACTIONS: Ongoing

1. RNID

JL introduced Lisa Stewart, who talked about the services on offer and explained why they need more volunteers to help out with the programme. They asked for help spreading the word so more people can join in, and said sessions will start this autumn in Fernlea. Everyone agreed to use social media and local shops to promote everything.

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

2. DOG FOULING – HOULL

The clerk presented the relevant costs for the dispensers and described a possible grant opportunity to support the initiative. After thorough discussion, consensus was reached to move forward with the purchase of two dispensers, which will be installed at Skaw and Houll.

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up on purchase

3. SYMBISTER PIER

JL reported on the actions undertaken by James Milne since the previous meeting. The Small Ports Assistant would not be available until further notice. Additional dog fouling signage could be obtained from Building Services. The resurfacing of Pier Road to be referred to the Roads Department for further action.

- Proposed Works for Pier and Condition:

JL was contacted by Hazel Sutherland regarding the Pier Condition all discussed the next steps needed.

Action: Clerk to follow up

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- *Pier Cleaning Programme:*

No action

Action: Ongoing

Parking Improvements:

No update

Action: Clerk to follow up with RTH

- *CCTV Installation:*

Ongoing

Action: Clerk to follow up.

4. **Waiting Room and Toilets**

Ongoing

Actions: Clerk asked to follow up with RTH

5. **Fire Hydrant at New Park**

Actions: Clerk asked to follow up.

6. **FERRIES**

- *Computer Issues with Booking System*

Ongoing

Actions: Clerk asked to follow up

Parking Issues During Dry Dock Period

Ongoing no update

Actions: Clerk to follow up

- *Wi-Fi Connectivity at Terminals*

All parties emphasized that insufficient connectivity at both piers presented a risk to local residents and recommended that this issue be escalated to the relevant authorities to facilitate a more effective resolution.

Actions: Clerk asked to follow up

7. **POLICE MATTERS**

Clerk shared report dated 1st June 2025

8. **ROADS, FENCE AT DUMP, STREETLIGHTS CYCLE & WALKING PATHS**

JL shared update from Neil Hutchinson regarding the roads and surface dressing. All discussed the need for surface dressing at the pier.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

9. **Whalsay Tunnel Action Group**

ACTIONS: Ongoing

10. **DENTIST**

Clerk shared update and all discussed the need to continue with request for updates

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

11. **MAP/NEWSLETTER**

WCC reviewed more materials for the project and all requested extension to deliver finished project from funding.

ACTION Clerk tasked with actions

12. **SKIPS**

Clerk shared costs for Saturday service and all discussed to arrange skip for 28th June Saturday

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

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13. BUS SHELTER

No update, Clerk to follow up with education department for support

ACTIONS: Clerk to follow up

14. HARSDALE RENOVATION

All requested for more details regarding the project to be shared

ACTIONS: Clerk asked to follow up

15. HERITAGE SIGN

MH reviewed both the project and the request, recommended that the old bent sign renewed with updated names.

MH also noted they'd require financial assistance for the costs involved. All were in support of project.

ACTIONS: Ongoing

JL Thanked all for attending and hopes that issues discussed can be raised with appropriate parties to achieve a more effective and efficient outcomes.

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 14th October 2025 @ 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Teams for others considering joining.