

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 1st September 2025 held in the North Roe Primary School.

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
Cllr R Doull
Cllr B Wilcock
Cllr K Scollay

Ex Officio Present:

Cllr A Hall
Cllr E MacDonald

Apologies Submitted:

Cllr D Robertson

In attendance:

Mrs C Anderson – Clerk
Ms L Hall – Community Development
Mr I Taylor – Community Resilience

The meeting started at: 19.30
Cllr D Brown in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest	Cllr J Parry any SCBF Voting Cllr D Brown any NDCD Business & Sullom Voe Masterplan Cllr R McGeady any NDCD or Hjaltland Housing Association Business
3. Approval Of Previous Minute	Approved by Cllr J Parry, Seconded by Cllr R McGeady
4. Police Report	No report was received for this month.
5. Community Resilience Plan	Cllr D Brown thanked Mr I Taylor for attending the meeting. Mr Taylor said that the Scottish Government are keen for plans to be completed. He had sent round a template SIC have devised for Shetland that had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Taylor gave an overview of what information should be included in the plan and highlighted the importance of each area having a local plan. Once the plan is complete, Mr Taylor suggested having it on the Community Council agenda once or twice a year to make sure the information is kept up to date. In particular SIC are keen to capture folk that may not be known to social services but still vulnerable. He also highlighted that there may be funding available in the future for community buildings if areas have completed a resilience plan. Cllr R McGeady said that due to the way Northmavine communities are situated, there would nearly need

	<p>to be a list of emergency numbers for each area. CClr J Parry suggested centralising around the main halls. Mr Taylor said the plans can be adapted for what works in each area otherwise it isn't worth doing. CClr D Brown asked if any other community council has finished their plans yet. Mr Taylor said they hadn't. CClr D Brown said the template looks fairly simple to follow and it would be a lot of information gathering. Mr Taylor highlighted that GDPR was proving an issue for some community councils but as long as the information is stored correctly, it shouldn't be an issue. CClr R McGeady pointed out the power cut in Northmavine on Saturday night highlighted the need to having a list of resources in the community. He suggested the CClrs collate information for each area and feedback to the clerk. CClr R Doull asked how the community are meant to reach out to folk that are a concern. IT said if there is a genuine concern the police can be phoned to do a welfare check. CClr B Wilcock suggested working with established charities in Shetland such as RVS and age concern who already work with vulnerable people. CClr R Doull asked if these groups feedback to SIC. Mr Taylor said he wasn't sure but if CClr B Wilcock could send him an email he would check. CClr D Brown thanked Mr Taylor for attending the meeting. Mr Taylor left meeting at 19.48</p> <p>Actions: CClrs to gather information from their areas to feedback to the clerk CClr B Wilcock to email Mr Taylor with information about relevant organisations.</p>
<p>6. Scheme of Arrangements</p>	<p>A copy of the Scheme of Arrangements was circulated prior to the meeting. CClrs agreed to the document, and it was signed by CClr D Brown.</p>
<p>7. Banking / Accounts</p>	<p>No update for the banking</p> <p>Accounts for the financial year 24/25 were agreed and signed at the meeting.</p>
<p>8. SCBF Applications</p>	<p>No applications received this month. Clerk put out a post on social media and will put something in the next NCDC newsletter.</p>
<p>9. Planning Applications</p>	<p>Clerk highlighted some planning applications only had a 14 day consultation period and asked if comments could be given via email if the date falls before a meeting. This was agreed by those present.</p>
<p>10. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Voiceability Vikki has sent over information to be shared. Action: Clerk to post on social media and in NCDC newsletter</p> <p>Declaration of Interest The clerk had contacted Michael Duncan who suggested if items are being voted on anyone with a declaration of interest must leave the room. For CLLD meetings the person can stay to answer any questions before the vote.</p> <p>Eela Water / Roads Clerk emailed the roads department.</p>

	<p>Digital Switchover No update however CCLrs agreed the power cut over the weekend highlighted the flaws of moving to digital. CCLr G Anderson said that Yell are looking to get CB radios to be able to call out if there is an emergency on the isle. CCLr D Brown said that all the community councils were probably having similar conversations. Cllr A Hall added that schools were also having discussions. CCLr D Brown asked if SIC were already escalating the case was there much point community council making a comment. Cllr A Hall said that SIC were escalating to the Scottish Government and the UK Government. CCLr D Brown suggested writing to our MP and MSP. CCLr R McGeady highlighted that the resilience plan is reliant on phones. CCLr G Anderson added that the main reasons for needing the resilience plan will be during power cuts or bad weather. Action: Clerk to write letter and circulate round CCLrs for comment</p> <p>Speed limits Clerk has sent CCLrs comments to Neil Hutcheson but has not had a response yet.</p> <p>Sullom Voe Masterplan CCLr R McGeady drafted a letter which was circulated prior to the meeting. Action: Clerk to send letter to SIC</p>
<p>11. Correspondence</p>	<p>Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting 2024-25 Annual Report from CAB – CCLrs were impressed to hear CAB have saved people in Shetland around £2 million and 13% of folk helped were from the North Mainland.</p> <p>There will be a public exhibition for the Stoura offshore windfarm project on the 11th September 2-7pm in the Voe Hall</p> <p>Future Energy Project Engagement Session in Mareel 9th September 3-7pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Scotland National Telecare campaign – Clerk will share on social media</p> <p>Viking Community Fund Annual Review, CCLr J Parry said that any questions will be welcomed in September.</p> <p>Community Council Election nominations can be submitted from the 15th September – 14th October. The clerk brought posters to be distributed around the community. CCLr R Doull added to post on social media.</p> <p>Scottish Government Consultation on the Draft Marine and Coastal Restoration Plan – online and public event in the Lerwick Town Hall on the 23rd September from 2-7pm – clerk to share on social media</p>

	<p>CCLrs had received an email from a concerned parent due to the school transport being provided for their child with the current provision deemed unsafe. CCLr D Brown said he was very much in agreement with the parents. CCLr G Anderson agreed adding that it can be a very fast bit of road that the child is being asked to cross. CCLr R Doull asked if the pickup point was for all year round and CCLr D Brown said yes it was adding that in the winter it will be dark with no streetlights. CCLr R McGeady said it called into question the survey SIC had done for the pick up point when it is not safe. CCLr D Brown suggested a letter was written, CCLrs agreed to this Action: Clerk to draft letter and circulate for comment</p> <p>SIC Port and Harbours will be at the Collafirth Pier on the 3rd of September to remove items that had notices placed on them. The skip will be left for a further week for anyone to put items in.</p> <p>Transport Scotland Ferries Team consultation will be in the Islesburgh Community Centre on the 18th and 19th September.</p>
<p>12. AOCB</p>	<p>CCLr R Doull had been contacted by residents in Sullom who were really struggling with their internet. They have 3 children studying for higher education and they are unable to do their coursework due to the internet being so slow. They are tied into a contract with BT but considering taking out another contract if they can get better speeds and just paying for both. There was a discussion between CCLrs about different options including mobile data and satellite. Cllr A Hall stated these options can be expensive and not everyone can afford it. CCLr R McGeady said that they should get back to BT and state that they are not being provided with the service they should be as a means to end the contract. Action: CCLr R Doull to respond.</p> <p>CCLr D Brown asked if there were any updates from SIC. Cllr A Hall said that they were just back from their summer break and had had a break from meetings but that Education had been that day.</p>
<p>13. Date and time of next meeting</p>	<p>Monday 6th October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Urafirth Primary School</p>

The meeting ended at: 20.35