

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 9 June 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest
Mrs S Deyell
J D Garrick
Ex Officio: Cllr L Peterson
Sgt B Mulholland
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Fraser, Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser, Mrs L Johnson, Mr G Morrison, Cllr M Robinson, Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes and report of the meeting held on 19 May 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs S Deyell, seconded by Mr J D Garrick.

Police: The Chairman welcomed Sgt Brian Mulholland to the meeting. He added that the Police Reports from February & March and April & May had been received and circulated to the members.

Sgt Mulholland informed the members that, as from next week, this Police Force are to have body worn video cameras and he feels it is a great bit of kit. Shetland is the first place in Scotland to be able to use drug wipes and are now carrying Naloxone which they have had to use in connection with drugs overdoses. They are presently recruiting new staff locally and the level of staffing is improving.

He then asked whether anyone had any concerns they wished to report.

Cllr L Peterson said she had been made aware of concern about vehicles passing through Bixter at speed.

Sgt B Mulholland explained that Bixter is already on their list for speed checks and that checks will be regularly carried out.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Mulholland for attending our meeting and said we appreciate him taking the time to come along. Sgt Mulholland then left.

BUSINESS ARISING: Shetland Active Travel Audit – Skeld: Nothing further to report.

Community Council Scheme of Establishment: Now in operation.

Road Matters: Skeld Brig: No further information received.

Extra bus shelter near Chapelside, Reawick: Still no reply.

Children at Play sign at Skeld: Nothing further.

Funding: Funding details have been received from Mr M Duncan and circulated to the members.

R100 Broadband Evaluation: Ducting ongoing.

Viking Genes Shetland Launch invitation: The Chairman had represented this Community Council at the launch event on 21 May in Mareel.

ASSOCIATION MEETING: None of our members are available to attend the Association meeting in the Town Hall chamber on Tuesday 10 June.

MARIE CURIE COMPANIONS SHETLAND: No information yet received for adding to our Facebook page.

SCBF: Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) Community Grant Scheme (CGS) Annual Review: An email was received from SCBF giving details of the CGS Annual Review Surveys – one for completion by Community Councillors as a collective response or individual responses. A survey was also included for completion by Community Council Clerks. The closing date being 30 June.

SCBF CGS0040-02-CGS T2 Application: This application was considered but those present agreed that, although it is a very worthy cause, they would like to see a breakdown of costs before they can make a decision. This will be requested from SCBF for consideration at our next meeting.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TINGWALL AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE: A letter was received from Mr H Irvine, Chairman of Tingwall Agricultural Museum & Heritage Centre requesting a Letter of Support for their project. The members felt that the agricultural history and artefacts are very valuable and should be saved for future generations. A Letter of Support will be sent wishing them success in their fundraising.

POST BOX AT TRESTA: Mr J D Garrick informed the members that the post holding up the Post Box at Tresta has rotted away and the Post Office had informed the residents that it will take up to 16 weeks to replace it. Mr Garrick offered to monitor the situation and the Chairman thanked him for doing this for the Community Council.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 14 July 2025 at 7.30pm.