

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in the Skeld Hall on Monday 19 May 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs J Fraser
Mrs S Deyell Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser
J D Garrick Mrs L Johnson
Ex Officio: Cllr L Peterson
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from 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 14 April 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser, seconded by Mrs J Fraser.

BUSINESS ARISING: Shetland Active Travel Audit – Skeld: On going.

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: Mrs J Fraser to organise the signs.

Old Overhead Power Lines near Skeetlie Road, East Burrafirth: No further information.

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

R100 Broadband Evaluation: Ducting being installed throughout Aith and East Burrafirth.

Community Councils – Archiving documents: Nothing further to report.

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

VE & VJ Day: VE Day had been marked in Skeld by laying a wreath at the Memorial.

AITH HALL ACCOUNT: An account for £40 was received for the use of the Rankin Lounge for our April meeting. It will be settled.

ASSOCIATION MEETING: A message was received from Mr M Duncan giving details of the Association meeting to be held in the Town Hall chamber on Tuesday 10 June. He requests the name of our representative by 4 June.

COMMUNITY LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (CLLD) PROG: A message was received from Mr M Duncan saying that the CLLD programme for 2025/26 is now open and they are

inviting enquiries from community-led organisations who wish to apply for grant support. The final closing date for applications is Friday 28 November or sooner if all funds are allocated in advance of this date. The Shetland CLLD Programme Co-ordinator is Annette Priest and can be contacted at economicdevelopment@shetland.gov.uk.

PLANNING APPLICATION: The following planning application was considered and welcomed:-

2025/116/PPF Change of use from derelict building to 2 residential units; create parking and turning; install under ground sewage treatment plant; install surface water attenuation chamber at Park Hall, Bixter by Mrs B Powis.

MARIE CURIE COMPANIONS SHETLAND: An information session has recently been held where people have been given details of the possibility of creating a network of Marie Curie Companions. The members agreed that this is a very good cause and information will be requested to add to our Facebook page.

SSE RENEWABLES: A message was received from SSE Renewables saying they plan to submit a “stopping up” order for the old Sandwater Road. They add that a permanent car park is planned near the older section of the Sandwater Road (located at the junction of the A970 between the old B9075 and the new section of road) which is also required to be delivered by SSE Renewables through their planning conditions. Work on a permanent Sandwater road carpark is anticipated to begin later this month and will allow safe and convenient parking for commuters and those wishing to access the wind farm recreationally under outdoor access rules once all construction activities complete on site. A bus layby and bus stop is also being installed in this location and their principal contractor has begun installing pedestrian signage which links the B9075 to Kergord and Mid Kames.

NORTH SHETLAND REINFORCEMENT: Details of the Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks events related to the North Shetland Reinforcement Project will take place later this month.

MOTHBALLED SKELD SCHOOL: It was noted that the mothballed school, along with the others already mothballed, had recently been reviewed and it had been decided to keep them mothballed at present.

SCBF: One of the members asked what amount of money is presently available in the Community Benefit Scheme for this area. The Clerk will check this information and let him know.

SIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: A series of drop in events will be taking place this month to raise awareness of the support available to island businesses.

INFORMATION: Several emails sharing reminders and information with the Community Council were received and noted.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 9 June 2025 at 7.30pm.