

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 13 January 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs J Fraser
Mrs S Deyell Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser
Mrs L Johnson
Ex Officio: Cllr L Peterson Cllr M Robinson
Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker
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 J D Garrick and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

MINUTES & REPORT: The minutes and report of the meeting held on 9 December 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser, seconded by Mrs L Johnson.

BUSINESS ARISING: Resignation of Member: Following the recent resignation of one of our members, Mr G Morrison has agreed to join the Community Council.

Community Council Scheme Review: This review was again discussed and comments will be forwarded to Mr M Duncan before the closing date on Friday 31 January.

Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse: A reply from Mr N Hutcheson regarding the next phase of barrier replacement. He says that the intention is that they replace the south end of this length of barrier due to its incorrect height above the adjacent road surface. They will also check the condition of the steel beams and timer posts at the north end to ensure that their condition is still as required. He added that given the lack of space to work along the road at this location, there is likely to be a need for a temporary road closure and diversion. He will contact us regarding this closure nearer the time.

Skeld Brig: The barrier at the brig at Skeld is damaged. This will be reported to Mr H Hutcheson with a request that it be checked and repaired as soon as possible.

Extra bus shelter near Chapelside, Reawick: No reply.

Shetland Community Benefit Scheme (SCBF) Community Grant Scheme (CGS): Further information was received from SCBF regarding the CGS application from the Westside Sharks Swimming Club. A decision will be taken at the February meeting.

Local Place Plans (LPP): On going.

Old Overhead Power Lines near Skeetlie Road, East Burrafirth: A reply was received from SSE saying that our information has been passed onto the engineers to check out and resolve.

Marine Restoration and Enhancement Action Plan: A message was received from Ms Tanya Riley attaching the executive summary and full report from their first phase. The

project will now progress into its second phase in January which will be concluded by 14 February. In this phase they would like to gather feedback on two key areas:

Guiding Principles: These potential principles have been developed based on the collective insights from initial participant responses.

Community Feedback: Participants will be invited to rate their agreement with various statements. They encourage participants to complete an online survey they are creating. They also offer to attend a future Council meeting to present the summary in person and discuss the project further.

Letter of Support to Bixter Hall: A letter of Support was sent to the Bixter Hall Management Committee who hope to obtain grants to enable them to provide heating for the hall.

SURVEY ON INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY: A message was received from Mr M Duncan giving details about the survey on inter-island transport connectivity and encouraging everyone to complete the survey.

WEBINAR FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS: Mr M Duncan sent on information regarding a Webinar about Rural and Islands poverty .Anyone interested is to put forward their names.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL – ARCHIVING DOCUMENTS: The Clerk had received an email from Mr M Duncan regarding the archiving of Community Council documents. There is already Retention & Destruction Guidance which gives the differing periods of time that files have to be retained. Minutes and annual accounts must be retained permanently and as these documents may be of public interest they must be lodged with the Archive Service which is based in the Shetland Museum facility at Hay's Dock, Lerwick. He gave the details of what is required and attached a template archiving log sheet (with worked examples), that should be used when collating Community Council minutes and accounts for archiving and is looking for all approved minutes up to March 2023 and all approved annual accounts up to and including financial year 2022/23.

The members felt that this would be quite a lot of additional work for the Clerks.

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

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Bixter Community Hall on Monday 10 February 2025 at 7.30pm.