

# Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Bixter Community Hall on Monday 11 November 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received from Ms D Nicolson, Mrs R Fraser, Community Involvement & Development Worker and Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer.

**MINUTES & REPORT:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser, seconded by Mrs S Deyell.

**BUSINESS ARISING: Local Insight on Marine Restoration and Enhancement**

**Projects:** A Report was received from Ms T Riley and had been circulated to the members. It was approved by those who had been present at the meeting.

**Viking Genes:** An on-line auction in aid of the Viking Genes Project had been organised and the magnificent sum of £14,713 had been raised. Some donations are still being made to the Just Giving page and also directly to the Viking Genes Website. The Chairman congratulated the team who had organised the auction and praised them for the work they had done.

**Community Council Scheme Review:** Still ongoing. The next Phase will start soon and the SIC hope that it will be completed prior to the end of this financial year.

**Road Matters: Road past Garderhouse:** No reply yet from Mr N Hutcheson regarding the next phase of barrier replacement.

**Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) Community Grant Scheme (CGS):** A CGS application was received from Walls & District Agricultural Society for £5,000 towards the construction of a steel framed shed on the showfield. It was agreed to grant them the full amount requested as this group run a very popular event which can be attended by anyone and everyone.

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

**Local Place Plans (LPP):** On going.

**Shetland Public and School Bus Services:** Review has been set back for 1 year.

**SSEN Transmission Events:** The Chairman reported from the meeting.

**Extra Bus Shelter near Chapelside, Reawick:** No reply yet from Mr N Hutcheson. It is felt that, as this relates to bus services, it may be dealt with by Mr Michael Craigie. A message will be sent to him enquiring whether his department supply bus shelters and how much a bus shelter costs.

**Association meeting:** The Chairman had attended the Association meeting on 6 November and gave a report. Most of the Community Council representatives had been in favour of Community Councils being involved at the earliest point in the school mothballing process.

An update from the meeting was received from Mr M Duncan.

**SSEN (Distribution) Community Events:** The Chairman hopes to attend the Drop-in Session regarding potential future projects which is being held in Lerwick Museum Auditorium on 18 November.

**COMMUNITY RESILIENCE:** A message was received from Mr M Duncan with information from Mr Matt Mason, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS). Together they are working through a partnership with the British Heart Foundation to equip people with vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and defibrillation skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest outside of hospital. They can offer a free training session for communities which is 60-90 mins long and includes instruction and practice of CPR and defibrillation facilitated by the Ambulance and Fire team. They intend to provide sessions across Shetland and would appreciate assistance in promoting this within our communities. More information is available from [matt.mason@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:matt.mason@firescotland.gov.uk) and [Andrew.Mayhew@nhs.scot](mailto:Andrew.Mayhew@nhs.scot).

The members feel that this is very important training and hope that each hall committee can organise a training session.

**DROP-IN EVENTS TO PROMOTE BUSINESS SUPPORT:** An email was received from Mr M Duncan saying that Shetland Islands Council Economic Development Service are holding a series of drop in events this month to promote the services it can offer to assist businesses, community and voluntary groups in achieving their development goals. He attached a message from Mr Neil Henderson giving a list of venues where officers will be on hand to explain the services on offer to new and existing organisations through the Council and how this can help establish, sustain and grow their business.

**COMMUNITY TOOLKIT:** A reminder about the Community Toolkit suggested for an emergency will again be added to the Facebook page.

**WREATHS FOR MEMORIALS:** Those present agreed that a wreath will be given to Sandsting History Group for the Sandsting War Memorial in November next year.

**MAINTENANCE GRANTS:** It is hoped to again provide maintenance grants to the halls and piers in this area when finance is considered early next year. It was agreed that, as the community toilets are an essential and useful amenity, they should be added to the list.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held Bixter Community Hall on Monday 9 December 2024 at 7.30pm.