

## NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 held in the Urafirth Primary School.

*This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting*

<b>Present:</b>
Cllr D Brown
Cllr R Mcgeady
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr G Anderson
Cllr R Doull
Cllr D Robertson
Cllr K Scollay

<b>Ex Officio Present:</b>
Cllr A Hall

<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>
Cllr J Parry
Ms L Hall – Community Development
Mr M Duncan – Community Development
Cllr E MacDonald

<b>In attendance:</b>
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk

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

Agenda Item	Narrative
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr D Brown any NDCD, Ollaberry Parent Council and Collafirth Marina Association business Cllr R McGeady any NDCD or Hjatland Housing Association Business
<b>3. Approval Of Previous Minute</b>	Approved by Cllr R McGeady, Seconded by Cllr E Robertson
<b>4. Police Report</b>	Police report for June/July had been circulated prior to the meeting. There had been five incidents - 1 threatening or abusive behaviour, 3 mental health & 1 firearm security.  Cllr E Robertson joined the meeting at 19.32
<b>5. Community Resilience Plan</b>	Cllr R McGeady said he had looked into the plan in more detail and for creating a hierarchy for his area of North Roe & Lochend and felt there would need to be a minimum of two people in North Roe, 1 in Lochend and 1 in Skaw who would be at the top of the phone tree. He added that there would need to be thought on how to break up each area and it is not as simple as having a list of phone numbers. Cllr R Doull said that there would need to be more information from SIC on who is vulnerable in each area. Cllr

	<p>D Brown said there also needs to be a willingness for the community to get involved. CCllr R Mcgeady added that some folk have generators so could potentially have internet coverage for longer and whether they would be able to get online messages. CCllr G Anderson said that Northmavine is so spread out that it will need to be more than one person in each area. CCllr R Doull added that contacts may need to change depending on what the crisis is.</p> <p><b>Action: For discussion at the next meeting</b></p>
<b>6. Community Council Elections</b>	<p>The clerk updated CCllrs that there were posters up in the Ollaberry and Hillswick shop and on the NCC social media. They had also brought along paper nomination forms that folk could fill in. As of the second week of the campaign only 2 people had filled in the paperwork so far.</p>
<b>7. Banking</b>	<p>The clerk said that she had gotten logged into the bank with her new card and couldn't see the other business account that had been linked before.</p>
<b>8. SCBF Applications</b>	<p>One application had been received from the Collafirth Marina Association. CCllr D Brown declared an interest and left the room at 19.44. CCllr R Doull resumed the chair. The clerk updated those present that the budget currently sat at £12934.40 with 3 applications applied and approved in the past year. There was a discussion around the application and CCllrs decided to offer £5,000.</p> <p><b>Action: CA to respond to application</b></p> <p>CCllr D Brown returned at 19.53 and resumed the Chair.</p>
<b>9. Planning Applications</b>	<p>No planning applications received this month.</p>
<b>10. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Eela Water / Roads</b> No update – Clerk to email again.</p> <p><b>Digital Switchover</b> A response from Beatrice Wishart MSP had been circulated before the meeting to CCllrs. Cllr A Hall asked to be sent a copy as well. CCllr D Brown said it was a comprehensive response and Beatrice Wishart has raised the point in the Scottish Parliament with a response due by the 28<sup>th</sup> October. Actions: Forward email to Cllr A Hall.</p> <p><b>Speed limits</b> No update – Clerk to email again.</p> <p><b>Sullom Voe Masterplan</b> Clerk sent letter to Marine Planning Team – no response so far.</p> <p><b>Sullom Residents Internet</b> CCllr D Brown asked if CCllr R Doull had responded to the issue raised by residents from Sullom. She said she had, and they were looking at complaining to Ofcom. She had suggested taking photos of speeds and distance from the exchange point.</p> <p><b>School Pupil Safety</b></p>

	<p>The parents had submitted a stage one complaint to SIC about the current pick up arrangements for their child. A response from SIC had been circulated to CClrs prior to the meeting stating that they saw no issues with the arrangements. CClrs agreed to offer their support if the complaint process moves to a stage 2.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to contact parent.</b></p>
<p><b>11. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Viking Community Fund annual report</b>  CCLr D Brown said that it was an interesting read but there was a couple of graphs that didn't make sense and would be a question to ask CCLr J Parry at the next meeting. He said the list of projects gave a good indication of things community groups in Northmavine could be applying for. CCLr R Doull said the Better Broadband section of the business plan had had no applications. CCLr D Brown said it was definitely worth considering a pilot project for Northmavine if funding is being underutilised. He suggested everyone have a read before the next meeting and come with ideas.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Viking Genes</b>  The Viking Genes project asked for a letter of support from the Northmaven Community Council for the project moving forward. CClrs agreed to this.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to send letter of support</b></p> <p><b>Compass Centre</b>  The Compass Centre are looking for local men to take part in an ad campaign to speak out against Gender based violence. CCLr D Brown suggested posting on social media.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to post on NCC social media</b></p> <p><b>VAS Awards</b>  The nominations for volunteering awards are currently open. They cover anyone under 12 and anyone over the age of 26.</p> <p><b>Shetland Public Consultation events</b>  Dates for upcoming consultations around the Kergord to Northern Substation Routing Options and Yell Marine Connections in the next week. Unfortunately, the first session had been cancelled due to travel disruption.</p> <p><b>Viking Community Fund</b>  The CPI allocation has been increased by £242.</p> <p><b>Ollaberry School Speed Restrictions</b>  CCLr D Brown and CCLr E Robertson declared an interest in the following item and left the room at 20.12 CCLr R Doull assumed the chair.  A letter from the Ollaberry Parent Council had been circulated prior to the meeting asking for Community Council help in finding a solution to people driving quite fast past the school outwith the 20mph flashing lights with an after school club at least twice a</p>

	<p>week and bairns using the multicourt. School Staff had looked into changing when the 20mph speed limit lights operate but found this is centrally operated from Lerwick. CClr R McGeady said in principle he supported it but when discussing reducing the speed around Hillswick in regards to the Old Urafirth School, highways had said they were reluctant to impose speed restrictions because the police are around to enforce it. CClr D Robertson asked if the 30mph speed limit on entering Runnadale could be extended to the school. CClr G Anderson asked even if the lights are controlled in Lerwick, could SIC not alter them? Cllr A Hall said that the guidance available for setting speed limits should be used as guidance not policy and if the community want reduced limits it should be granted. CClrs agreed that even reducing down to 40mph would have a difference. CClr D Robertson added that there are a lot of people who walk from Runnadale to the school and CClr K Scollay added that there are no paths. CClr R Doull asked if NCC should contact education about the lights. CClr R McGeady said it would need to be set times otherwise folk would start to ignore it. CClr D Robertson said that the flashing light coming into Brae work well. Cllr A Hall agreed saying he had seen a significant improvement in speed of vehicles since it was installed. He added that the one going out to Scatsta maybe hadn't made such an impact but that could be down to where it is sited. He said that the signs cost about £8000 each.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to contact education and highways.</b></p> <p>CCllr D Brown and CClr E Robertson returned to the meeting 20.20. CClr D Brown resumed the chair.</p>
<p><b>12. AOCB</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting Dates 2026</b></p> <p>The clerk had drafted dates for meetings in 2026. Meetings must be held every 4 to 6 weeks. CClrs agreed to the proposed dates.</p> <p><b>Action: Clerk to send dates to SIC and circulate to CClrs.</b></p>
<p><b>13. Date and time of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Ollaberry Primary School. CClr R McGeady offered his apologies as he will be travelling.</p>

**The meeting ended at: 20.26**