

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr. R. Black
Mr. M. Fullerton
Mr. B. Adamson
Mrs. C. Smith
Ms M. Garnier

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurenson
Miss N. Fullerton
Cllr. C. Hughson
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. D. Sandison
Michael Duncan, SIC
Rosalyn Fraser, SIC

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest – None

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 1st September 2025 were approved. Proposed by Mhairi Garnier and seconded by Carole Smith. (One correction, Mark Fullerton was present on 1st September – he arrived late.)

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Active Travel Audit

No further information on this from Robina Barton. Niall will ask her for an update.

ACTION: Niall

(b) Burra Early Years – pick up/drop off sign

This sign is still to be put in place. The Clerk had emailed Neil Hutcheson again on this but not had a reply.

(c) Road at Meal – arrows

Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, had agreed that arrows would be painted on the road at both ends of this section between Meal and Speed's corner. This has not yet been done.

(d) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

The Clerk had received a reply from Jonathan Liggins (BT Payphones) as we had queried their statement saying hundreds of calls were being made from this phone box (01595 859 283). He confirmed that this was the case and in the last 12 months it is up to 251 calls. He also said this kiosk is a protected kiosk under Ofcom's universal service obligation. The Clerk had pointed out that the kiosk is situated on the pavement blocking access to the women's public toilets. He added that he can ask the regional field officer about relocating the kiosk but it would be done to the requesters cost. If that is agreeable then he could give a proper estimate and

advise if it is an option or not. The members asked that a reply be sent adding that this is a health and safety risk due to it's location and BT would be responsible if there is an accident and point out that this has been minuted. **ACTION: Clerk**

(e) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

Magnus Malcolmson had emailed the Clerk to ask that Helen Robertson be contacted to switch the lights on from inside the school. The Clerk had emailed Helen Robertson and she replied that they were thinking to start with the additional lighting in October as there is still daylight well into the evening. She was contacting Magnus Malcolmson and will let us know the date for switch on. The members were keen to see the lights switched on soon and asked the Clerk to contact Magnus again for an update. **ACTION: Clerk**

(f) Bus Shelter – Burra Hall

The bus shelter has not yet been installed. The Clerk will contact Neil Hutcheson again to see when this is to be done. **ACTION: Clerk**

(g) Trondra bridge

Nothing further heard on this. Barrie Scobie said he would get their design team to survey the tie in on the bridge and see what would be the best solution.

(h) Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke

This has still to be done. (Neil Hutcheson replied on 7th May stating that the rail at the bridge will take a bit longer given their contractor's workload.)

(i) Papal Stone

The Clerk had sent on photographs to Val Turner which she had requested. She emailed back asking if we know how the stone was fixed in place. (She is contacting Shetland Amenity Trust to see if they have any record of how it was done.) They think there were metal prongs in the bottom of the cast but are not sure whether or not they were concreted in, which is what HES are asking. The members noted that the stone had been unsteady a few years back and it had been secured but it was not taken out of it's original casting to do this so we are unsure if there are metal prongs. The Clerk will pass this on. **ACTION: Clerk**

(j) Community Council Elections

Anne Cogle, Returning Officer, had sent on an update on 29th September which stated that 4 nominations had been received for Burra & Trondra so far (8 are required for Burra & Trondra – minimum is 3). The closing date for nominations is 16th October at 4pm. (The Clerk received further completed nomination forms at the meeting which will be sent in.) **ACTION: Clerk**

(k) ASCC meeting – Wed 8 October

The ASCC meeting papers had been received. Niall is not available to attend.

(l) Ragwort / Moss

We had reported to Neil Hutcheson that the new paths from the school had been swamped with ragwort this summer. He replied stating that the time for weedkiller had passed but they have noted that there is a weed problem here and will get this area sprayed earlier next year when the ragwort etc. hasn't grown and can still be treated.

We also reported that there was moss/weeds on the pavements around Hamnavoe. He advised that they will pressure wash the paths near the shop in the next week or two to remove the moss. Carole offered to check the pavements. **ACTION: Carole**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SCBF – Community Grant Scheme Tier 2 Application – Burra Public Hall

The Burra Public Hall had applied for a Tier 2 Grant of £15,000 towards upgrading all the toilets in the hall. This was discussed by the members but as we do not have this amount of money available it was agreed that we should contact SCBF and ask if this could be applied for through Tier 3. The Clerk will contact Eleanor Gair at SCBF in the first instance.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) SCBF - 2025/26 allocation

An email had been received from Emma McKay, SCBF, confirming that our total Community Grant Scheme allocation for 2025/26 is £6,757 (which includes an additional amount of £242). As at 25 September our balance is £11,743.83. A summary sheet was also attached showing the projects supported since the Viking Community Fund began in February 2021.

(c) Glenhaven, Hamnavoe – Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle

Notification of the above Order had been received from SIC Roads. There were no objections to this.

(d) Letter of Support – Viking Genes

A request for a letter of support had been received from Professor Jim Wilson at the University of Edinburgh. Applications are being made to funding bodies and they were seeking letters of support for the project. This has already been emailed to Professor Wilson who had also sent on an email of thanks.

5. AOCB

(a) SCBF

It was agreed that we should ask Michael Hannah if he would like to attend our next meeting as he is now a Director and it would be interesting to have an update. Cllr. Scott offered to invite him along to give a brief update.

ACTION: Cllr. Scott

(b) Bin request

It was noted that there are no long specific bins for dog waste and it can now be put in the public rubbish bins. There are sufficient bins around Hamnavoe but it was pointed out that there are no bins from Hamnavoe to the Burra bridge. It was suggested that a bin could be put in place near the setter junction. The Clerk will contact Neil Hutcheson.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Sign for Meal Beach

It was suggested that a sign be requested from SIC Roads for the Meal Beach car park. A number of vehicles have been seen recently turning up the road before the car park in error. There is a passing place sign opposite the car park entrance and a sign could possibly be fixed on the same poles. The Clerk will contact Neil Hutcheson.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting was set for Monday, 3rd November at 6pm.