

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 30th October 2025 At Mossbank School

2025/10/01 MEMBERS

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)
Ms J Dennison
Mr T Tyler
Ms R Griffiths

Ms S McDonald
Mr B Moreland
Mr J Milne
Mr A Hall - Ex Officio

2025/10/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer
Mr I Mills (MOP)
Mr E Balfour (MOP)

2025/10/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2025/10/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Cooper (Chairman) and Ms E Macdonald - Ex Officio.

2025/10/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2025 were approved by Ms J Dennison and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

2025/10/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr J Milne declared an interest in item 2025/10/14.1 Brae Fireworks Committee grant application.

2025/10/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

No new members to Co-Opt due to Community Council Elections

2025/10/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Testing at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.2 Graveyard bin** – Clerk emailed Burial services and waste management to highlight the issue and request a bin outside the graveyard. Ms. Y Scott emailed to say that while dogs are permitted on leads within burial grounds, bags of dog waste should not be placed in burial ground bins due to the potential for odours and the sensitive nature of the setting. She has asked Mr B Gray if cleansing could install a bin away from the burial ground and take responsibility for emptying it. Mr B Gray yet to respond.
- 8.3 Traffic Passing Through Voe** – The clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson for an update on timescale for the 40mph signs. Mr N Hutcheson responded with the following: The Council's traffic signs contractor is currently completing the installation of a safety barrier on the B9071 Skeld road. Following its completion there are two cattle grids in need of urgent repair that they will have to attend to. The 40 mph signs for Voe and the 50 mph signs for the A970 at Levenwick are next on their list so should be in place before the end of October.

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- 8.4 **Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.5 **Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – There was no update on this item. See 8.14.
- 8.6 **Archiving** – Clerk received a receipt from Archives dated 13/10/2025. Clerk emailed Mr. M Duncan for clarification of the next steps of the process.
- 8.7 **Community Resilience Plans** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Toft Road** – Mr A Cooper spoke with Mr J Smith. SIC Roads department are aware of the state of the verges from Mossbank to Toft but they do not want to start any work until the road through Dales Lees is open again as more traffic lights would cause further delays in travel for people coming to and from Toft.
- 8.9 **Kissing Gates Moorfield estate** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.10 **White lines in Car park** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Safety Muckle Roe Road** – Clerk to emailed Mr J Duncan and tell him about the passing place signs. There was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **Laxobiggin Burial Ground** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **White line painting between Voe and Brae** - Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson to ask when lines will be painted. Mr N Hutcheson responded with the following: The spray applied road markings contractor is due in Shetland next week. The reinstatement of the centre and edge lines on the surface dressed section of the A970 between Voe and Brae is on their works list. The members noted there has been some white line painting taking place in Brae.
- 8.14 **Pavement South entrance to Brae at Burravoe.** Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson. Mr N Hutcheson responded with the following: A 250-metre length of footpath on the south approach into Brae, from the 30 mph signs to the next cluster of housing, was identified in the active travel settlement audit commissioned by the Council's Transport Planning in March 2022. This path was forwarded by the Community Council and other stakeholders as one of five priority schemes. The majority of these schemes are in central Brae so would potentially be impacted by the new school development and have been postponed as a result. However, the path on the south approach would not be affected by the development so could be progressed now. The west side of the road would appear to be the most appropriate for a footpath as it would avoid the need to cross the road, within the 40-mph speed limit, for pedestrians walking from "Wharfedale" and the six houses just to the south of Burravoe. The first step is to survey the route so that its exact alignment, width, and the earthworks required can be designed. There is likely to be a need for some land take and this will be discussed with the land owner on completion of an initial design. The design work will be funded from the Scottish Government's Tier 1 active travel funding. Shetland's allocation from this fund is fully subscribed this financial year so it will be 2026/27 before this work can commence. Please e-mail if your Council has any further queries regarding these matters.

2025/10/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1 There have been 16 incidents recorded in June and July for Delting which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Driving with No Licence
 - Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
 - Assault
 - Neighbour Dispute

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Acquisitive Crime

- Fraud (2)
- Shoplifting
- Theft

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Concern for Person
- Mental Health (2)

Other

- Dog Bite
- Drugs - Attempt to Possess (3)
- Livestock Worrying
- Medical Matter

There have been 13 incidents recorded in August and September for Delting which can be summarised as follows:

Road Safety and Road Crime

- Careless Driving (2)
- Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit
- Driving whilst Unfit
- Driving with No Licence
- Driving with No MOT
- Fail To Stop for Police
- Speeding
- Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury (2)

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

- Neighbour Dispute

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Mental Health

Other

- Sudden Death

2025/10/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 2025/264/PPF-** To install a new 86kVA rapid charger to serve two parking spaces at North Haven Care Centre supplied by a new dedicated electricity supply. North Haven Care Centre, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9TY. Applicant: Mrs Ann Black Shetland Charitable Trust. All plans can be viewed on: [Simple Search](#) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**
- 10.2 SCOP-0071 – Shetland Offshore Wind Limited – Stoura Offshore Wind Farm – Scoping Opinion Issued** - the scoping opinion issued for the above proposed development is now available at [Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion and Habitats Regulations Appraisal Screening Response - Stoura Offshore Wind Farm – approximately 52 km east of Shetland - SCOP-0071 | marine.gov.scot](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2025/10/11 PROPOSED MEETING DATES

11.1 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – 2026

29 th January 7.30pm	Voe Public Hall
26 th February 7.30pm	Mossbank Primary School
26 th March 7.30pm	Brae High School
30 th April 7.30pm	Voe Public Hall
28 th May 7.30pm	Mossbank Primary School
25 th June 7.30pm	Brae High School
July	no meeting
27 th August 7.30pm	Voe Public Hall
24 th September 7.30pm	Mossbank Primary School
29 th October 7.30pm	Brae High School

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26th November 7.30pm Voe Public Hall

December no meeting

The dates for the meeting were approved by the members. Dates need to be submitted to Mr M Duncan by 30th November 2026. **Clerk to progress.**

2025/10/12 COMMUNITY WORK

12.1 Community Buy Out of Muckle Roe – Ms L Hall updated the members on the Community Buy out of Muckle Roe - Mr M Ward has offered for the community to look at buying Muckle Roe. Ms L Hall been helping them with their bid. They have got Scottish Land Fund involved and as part of them getting this funder they can buy in a consultant to see if its going to be a viable option for the community to buy the land and do something with it. This is part of the conditions of the fund if they are awarded the money to buy the land. They have had good community consultations and they need a constituted group to put the funding through. The steering group that has come together is a group of interested residents and they thought they would come together with the Hall committee to use them as the constituted group. So, its members are from the Hall committee and this steering group. They have had three different public meetings inviting the community to come along to discuss it. They decided on Community Enterprise as consultant after going out to tender. They have been involved in other projects in Shetland and are aware of the area. The next stage is consultancy from now till March where they speak to people to see if people are behind it. If feedback is positive the next stage is to apply for money to pay for the purchase of the land. They would get the money on condition they do something with the land. Ms J Dennison said there was still a lot of questions needing answered. The turn out at the meetings were very good.

Mr A Hall said it would need to be financially viable. Ms L Hall said it did but did not need to make lots of money. They are looking at things like tourism, heritage, and environment and there are lots of crofters in the area.

Mr E Smith asked if there had been enough interest in the community? Ms J Dennison said the meetings were well attended and they had put out sheets to every household and the feedback was positive with many questions to answer. She is of the opinion most residents are open to the idea.

The Scottish Land Fund, run through National Lottery would award 90% of the valuation of the land along with consultant fees and legal costs.

12.2 Delting Ladies Football Team – Delting Ladies Football Team would like to train over the winter and training options for when the new school was built. Ms L Hall spoke with Mr L Flaws to discuss the options for when the new school is built, looking at various solutions for training.

2025/10/13 FINANCE UPDATE

13.1 The clerk updated members on the financial position for 25/26.

2025/10/14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Grant Application Form – Brae Fireworks Committee – They would like funding to provide a fireworks display to the Brae community, and anyone else who would like to come along and witness their display. Funds would be used for the purchase of fireworks for display on Saturday the 8th of November. By continuing to run this well-attended event, they help sustain local culture and community spirit while providing opportunities for local volunteers, small businesses, and performers to showcase their work. The project also encourages partnership working — with local organisations, schools, and volunteers — ensuring that the benefits extend well beyond the event itself. Total cost of project £2500.00. They have secured £500.00 in funding; they are holding a Bingo fundraiser which they are hoping to raise £800.00 and are contributing £700.00 themselves. They are applying for £500.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500.00. **Clerk to progress.**

14.2 Mossbank - Yell cable energised – Ms G Higgins emailed to say the replacement subsea cable between Mossbank and Yell has now been energised. She wants to thank you to the Community

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Council members for our support throughout the project. She is planning to be on Shetland towards the end of October/early November and would like to call in and present a section of the cable and some photography to the community council if possible. Mr Cooper agreed to invite her to this meeting, however her travel plans changed. She will come back with a new date. Ms G Higgins also noted they would be releasing a brief statement for local media later that week, and I wanted to include a quote from Delting Community Council. It was agreed via email that Delting Community Council would submit the following quote - "We're pleased to see the new subsea cable in place and to have the local network restored to full capacity ahead of Winter."

14.3 VAS - NEW Board Members - VAS is looking for NEW board Members and are keen to hear from anyone interested in getting more involved in the direction of the organisation. More information below:

Role of Board - The role of the Board is to provide oversight of the organisation, ensuring that VAS fulfils its duties and delivers on its vision, mission, and strategic objectives. The Board will work closely with the operational team, who are responsible for achieving Board objectives.

What is involved - The positions on the Board are voluntary and unpaid. Directors are expected to attend Board meetings, currently every six weeks in the evenings (approx. two hrs), attend the AGM and be willing to represent VAS at occasional events. There is no set term of office but they aim to have Directors serve for at least one informal term of three years to allow for continuity. While their organisation needs a robust governance framework in place to guide its activities, being a member of the Board is not intended to be overly burdensome in either time or resource commitment.

General Responsibilities - The Board of Directors are both jointly and individually responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the organisation, its financial health, its operational delivery, and for developing the organisation's aims, objectives, and goals in accordance with the governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines. The essential criteria is a commitment to positively contributing to the development of Voluntary Action Shetland and to adhere to the principles of honesty, integrity, objectivity, and accountability. All Directors must live in Shetland and must be aged 16 or over. They want the Board to represent the diversity of people in the area, so gender or our area of experience is no barrier to involvement. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.4 Community Council Elections 2025 - All nominees will have their election confirmed by email, and Ms A Cogle will issue them with the required acceptance of office and contact forms and Scheme early next week. She will update clerk with contact details when we have that confirmation from everyone.

Notice of uncontested Election - At 11 a.m. on Thursday 20 November 2025 (the day of election) the following candidates shall be declared elected as Community Councillors:

Mr D Clark

Mr A Cooper

Ms J Dennison

Ms R Griffiths

Ms S McDonald

Mr J Milne

Mr E Smith

Mr T Tyler

Any vacancies remaining on our Community Council from this election, should be discussed at the first meeting of the new Community Council.

Then, in accordance with the Scheme, it's for the Community Council to decide if it wishes to proceed to co-opt to the remaining vacancies or to request a by-election.

We cannot co-opt anyone until that first meeting at the earliest, so if we have a note of anyone interested in the meantime, they can be considered and co-opted at that first meeting. Ms A Cogle will contact Clerks directly with a note of anyone in their area who was interested but were either not registered yet (and will be on 1 November or later when they move address) or submitted their application late. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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14.5 Stoura Offshore Wind Farm – Stoura representatives remain available at any time should we have any queries. In the meantime, the exhibition boards displayed at the public event are now available to download from our website at the following link: [Stoura Project Information](#). **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.6 Environment Scotland - Talking About Heritage Workshop - Historic Environment Scotland (HES), in partnership with Kevin Murray Associates and Re-orient Places, invites us to take part in an engaging, in-person workshop as part of a national conversation about Scotland's heritage. They want to hear our views and experiences to help shape how heritage is recognised, celebrated, and looked after in the future.

Scotland's historic environment belongs to all of us — from stone circles and high streets to tenements, schools, local parks, and even the venues that hold your most cherished memories. Heritage is what makes our communities unique, and your voice matters in deciding how it is understood and protected.

In-person events are being held around Scotland throughout October and November, with bookings now live. Events are open to everyone – young people, older people, business owners, volunteers, parents, New Scots, those who love heritage, and those with no strong feelings about heritage but who care about their surroundings. Participants will have the chance to tell them about the places they value, and their views on how they should be recognised and looked after in the future. Events are being held at the following locations, **to confirm your attendance and reserve your space**, please complete your registration using the links below for each event:

Market House, Lerwick - <https://talkingaboutheritage-shetland.eventbrite.co.uk> 14 Market St, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0DE 3rd November, from 06:30 to 08:30 pm with registration and coffee at 06:15pm If you're unable to attend or would like to contribute further, you can also take part by completing our [National Survey](#), open until 7 December. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

14.7 SIC Economic Development Support - Autumn Drop in Events (28 Oct - 20 Nov) - Shetland Islands Council's Economic Development Service is raising awareness of the support available to island businesses, community, and voluntary groups through a series of drop in events from **28th October to 20th November 2025.**

The Autumn drop in events will take place at the following venues:

28th Oct: Uyeasound Hall

29th Oct: Mid Yell Hall

30th Oct: North Roe Hall

4th Nov: Cunningsburgh Hall

5th Nov: Walls Hall

5th Nov: Scalloway Hall

6th Nov: Voe Hall

11th Nov: Solarhus, 3 North Ness, Lerwick

20th Nov: Solarhus, 3 North Ness, Lerwick

All events will take place between 11am and 4pm, apart from the Lerwick events, which will be 6pm to 8pm.

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, including:

Free advisory and information services through Business Gateway

Referrals and signposting to partner agencies

Helping get organisations 'funder ready' for a range of grants, loans or other finance, be this through direct assistance from the council or other sources.

Details are also posted on the [Business Gateway Lerwick Facebook page](#) – please share to help spread the word.

Further information on business advice and support is available at: www.shetland.gov.uk/business-advice-support

You can contact **Economic Development** at any time to discuss your business idea on **01595 744940** or economicdevelopment@shetland.gov.uk.

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14.8 Dales Lees - Road closure update – Ms G Higgins emailed the following update - We would like to share the following update regarding the carriageway works and temporary road closure at Dales Lees, which are being carried out by OCU in partnership with SSEN Distribution: Due to the unanticipated SIC Tar plant outages, the completion of the Dales Lees section of the works, with the full road closure (carried out by OCU in partnership with SSEN Distribution) has been slightly delayed.

Every effort is being made to expedite the works, and the SIC tar plant added additional operational hours throughout the weekend (18th/19th October) in order for the team to progress towards an anticipated completion date of 6th November.

SIC roads have confirmed the Dales Lees section of the road will be reopened 7th November.

If you have any additional questions at this time, please contact LCD@sse.com **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Mr E Smith was unhappy that the road closure was extended to 7th November with no proper explanation, consultation, or notice. The members requested the clerk email Mr N Hutcheson as they would like a guarantee the road will be reopened on the 7th of November and if it were not to reopen on 7th November, they would like proper notice of any delay, a proper detailed explanation of why it will not be reopened on 7th November and a detailed timescale of when it will reopen. **Clerk to progress.**

14.9 Active Travel Audit – Mossbank - Ms R Barton has spoken with Systra, who undertook the audit and they would like to arrange a meeting towards the end of November to gain community feedback.

The meeting will be online and the options are 2pm-4pm on: 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th 27th November, she appreciates not all Community Councillors will be able to attend but hopes we can get a representative sample. She will invite reps from Mossbank School and Mossbank Public Hall. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** There were five members who could attend a meeting on 25th November. Mr A Cooper, Mr E Smith, Ms S McDonald, Mr J Milne, and Mr T Tyler. **Clerk to progress.**

14.10 SSE Transmission - Rescheduled Pre-Application Consultation - 27 November 2025 - Disruption resulting from Storm Amy meant they had to postpone their consultation event planned for Monday 6 October at Voe. They have rescheduled the event at Voe Public Hall for Thursday 27 November 3-8pm

The event will focus on the proposed Kergord 2 substation (shortlisted site options are North and South of Voe) and a proposed overhead line connection from the existing Kergord substation, running north to the proposed Kergord 2 site and on to a proposed Northern Substation Hub (shortlisted options in Scatsta and Toft area). The event is the start of the Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) process for our consent application that will be submitted under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989. The Shetland Islands have a vital role to play in the UK's clean energy future. In March 2024, the National Energy System Operator's (NESO) Beyond 2030 report confirmed that additional transmission infrastructure is needed across Shetland to connect future renewable generation and to support security of electricity supply across Great Britain.

At the event they will be sharing their progress on site selection for the infrastructure that is required, including details on how this was developed. This will be presented on maps and visualisations with handouts available. Digital versions will also be available on their project webpage. They encourage all members of the local community and all interested parties to attend this drop-in event. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2025/10/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

15.1 Funding Information - Scottish Children's Lottery Trust – Bright Futures & Small Fund - The Scottish Children's Lottery Trust – Bright Futures & Small Fund are now open for applications. The aim of the Scottish Children's Lottery Trust is to make the lives of Scotland's children better by helping to create a more equal society. The Small Fund & Bright Futures Fund focus on smaller projects and activities, alongside initiatives aimed at creating brighter futures for children in Scotland. The Small Fund has up to £5,000 available, and Bright Futures has up to £1,000 available. The deadline for applications is 12 noon Friday 3 October. Decisions will be made mid-November 2025. You can find more information about the Trust [here](#). If you need

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support in finding appropriate funding, application writing or further grant support, please get in touch at grantsunit@shetland.gov.uk.

Screen Scotland – Film Festival Fund - The Screen Scotland Film Festival & Screening Fund is now open for applications. The fund supports organisations based in Scotland to produce film festivals and screening programmes for a public audience, prioritising activity that focuses on [underrepresented groups](#). Grants between £15,000 and £45,000 are available. The deadline for applications is **Thursday 13 November**. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the project with the Screen Scotland team before applying. More information is available [here](#). **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.2 Funding information - Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks Transmission Regional Fund

- SSEN Transmission Regional Fund is currently open to legally constituted community groups, not-for-profit organisations, and registered charities. Projects must deliver on at least one of the following themes:

People: Focussing on skills, training, and employability

Place: Emphasising the community and culture of the north of Scotland

Alleviating Fuel Poverty: Looking at strategic ways to help people across the region

A total budget of £2m is available in this bidding round. Eligible projects can request grants of between £40,000 - £500,000. The SSEN Transmission Regional Fund panel may make full or partial awards. The deadline for applications is 12noon, Wednesday 19th November 2025. For more information see website [Our Regional Community Fund - SSEN Transmission](#). **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.3 The National Lottery Community Fund - Young Start

- Young Start is a grants programme that uses money from dormant bank accounts to support projects that help children and young people (aged 8–24) become confident, healthy, connected, and enterprising.

Organisations can apply for grants between £20,000 and £100,000 to support a wide range of projects lasting up to three years.

Young Start is taking a short break. The final deadline for applications is noon 19 December 2025, with plans to reopen in Spring 2026 with a new, refreshed programme. Who can apply?

- Third sector organisations, including charities, community interest companies, sports organisations, housing associations, social enterprises, community groups, co-operatives, and voluntary organisations.
- Organisations must be based in Scotland.
- Applicants must have a governing document (e.g., a constitution) and at least three unrelated board or committee members.

As the scheme is closing soon for a break, groups are advised to get in touch soonest if they would like to apply.

- More information about the scheme break [here](#).
- More information about applying to the scheme can be found [here](#).

Contact Toby Joss, NLCF Funding Officer for Orkney & Shetland, at: tobiasjoss@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

15.4 Andrew Hall - Councillor Update - 12 October

- The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.

15.5 Cybersecurity Awareness Month - Scambusters! Shetland Bulletin Oct 2025

- The Safer Shetland Team are supporting Cybersecurity Awareness Month with our local Scambusters! Shetland Bulletin. Please share far and wide especially through our local communities. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

2025/09/16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

16.1 Sandwater Bus Shelter

– Mr B Moreland expressed concern regarding the sudden appearance of a new bus shelter where the old Kergord road left the main road. He is concerned the size of the layby is totally inadequate for normal sized bus exposing it to the traffic passing by at 60 mph.

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If it was to be used as a bus stop, surely a car park would need to be adjacent. Mr A Cooper going to look at layby and will feedback at next meeting.

16.2 Remembrance Wreath – Members requested Ms R Griffiths to represent Delting Community Council at the Remembrance Day in Lerwick to lay wreath. She agreed. Mr A Cooper will organise the wreath.

16.3 Parking in Brae Opposite Garage - Mr T Tyler asked members if they had seen a pick up parked in layby opposite Brae Garage. The back of this vehicle was covering the whole of the left carriageway. The member's noted cars have parked in this layby over the years that are being fixed by Brae Garage, however, certain ways cars are parked in this layby are causing serious obstructions on the road for passing traffic and for pedestrians on the pavements. Members said when driving past this layby it is extremely difficult to see oncoming traffic and often drivers are moving onto the opposite carriageway to avoid a collision with parked vehicles. More recently, with the increase in trucks passing through Brae this issue has been further highlighted as trucks, buses and heavy goods vehicles are needing to use both carriageways to pass this area. Cars can be parked so far over the pavement that it is sometimes impossible for pedestrians to pass by and especially wheelchair users or people with prams. The members think this is a dangerous area and are concerned a serious accident may happen. Clerk to email Mr N Hutcheson to highlight the issue. **Clerk to progress**

2025/09/17 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

17.1 The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School on Thursday 27th November commencing at 7.30pm.

Vice Chairman