

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 3rd November 2025 held in the Ollaberry Primary School.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:
Cllr D Brown
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr G Anderson
Cllr R Doull
Cllr D Robertson

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr A Hall

Apologies Submitted:
Cllr R McGeady
Cllr B Wilcock
Ms L Hall – Community Development
Cllr E MacDonald

In attendance:
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk

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

Agenda Item	Narrative
2.Declarations of Interest	<p>Cllr D Brown any NCDG, Ollaberry Primary School, St Olaf Community Club, Ollaberry Youth Club, Collafirth Marina Association and Sullom Voe Masterplan business</p> <p>Cllr D Robertson any Urafirth Primary School business</p> <p>Cllr E Robertson any Ollaberry Primary School and Ollaberry Youth Club business</p> <p>Cllr G Anderson any St Olaf Community Club business</p>
Change of Agenda	<p>Clerk had thought this would be a meeting of the new community council due to there being no election this year but Cllr D Brown said the new community council would begin from the December meeting. This led to a change of agenda to the one circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The clerk updated those present that there are two vacant seats. There was a discussion among Cllrs about who could potentially be co-opted on the Community Council.</p> <p>Action: Cllrs to approach members of the community who may be interested in being co-opted.</p>
3.Approval Of Previous Minute	Approved by Cllr D Robertson, Seconded by Cllr E Robertson

4. Police Report	Police report for August/September had been circulated prior to the meeting. There had been four incidents - 1 assault, 1 concern for a person, 1 fire incident and 1 sudden death.
5. Matters Arising	<p>Digital Switchover A response from Beatrice Wishart MSP for the Parliamentary Question she had submitted on the 30th September was circulated before the meeting. Cllr A Hall thanked the clerk for passing on the correspondence received from Beatrice Wishart in September.</p> <p>Speed limits No update – Clerk to email again.</p> <p>Sullom Voe Masterplan Moved to later in the meeting</p> <p>Sullom Residents Internet CCllr D Brown asked if CCllr R Doull had any update. CCllr R Doull said that the resident was planning to go to OfCom. CCllr D Brown highlighted that no funding from SCBF had gone against their business plan headings for better broadband and mobile phone connection. This was discussed further later in the meeting.</p> <p>School Pupil Safety No update</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact parent</p>
6. Viking Community Fund Annual Report	CCllr D Brown highlighted that there is strategic spend in 6 priority areas, Reducing cost of living, Encouraging younger people to stay in Shetland, Natural Environment, Housing, Improved transport links and broadband. He said there was a real underspend in the broadband priority area. CCllr R Doull said the cost of connecting the resident in Sullom wouldn't be a huge cost. CCllr D Brown said there could be a wider project using Northmavine as a trial. He added that NCDC were also looking at broadband provision. He added that groups in Northmavine could be applying for larger amounts of money but don't know they can. There was also a discussion around promoting the student/apprenticeship funding and that anyone living and studying in Shetland should be applying. CCllr D Brown added that it would be good to check that funding that goes to Shetland wide projects, has benefits to Northmavine residents. He added that Shetland wide projects were not included in the report.
7. Community Resilience Plan	CCllr R McGeady was unable to attend this meeting. Those present decided to carry across to the December meeting.
8. Banking	No update
9. Local Grant Applications	<p>Eight applications were received for local grants this year with a total of £13965.42 requested. There was a general discussion among Community Councillors about the budget that was available and all of the applications submitted before a decision was made.</p> <p>North Roe Primary School Parent Council was awarded £1600</p>

	<p>Urafirth Primary School was awarded £800 – CClr D Robertson did not take part of the decision making</p> <p>Ollaberry Youth Club was awarded £500 – CCllrs D Brown and E Robertson were not part of the decision making</p> <p>Ollaberry Primary School was awarded £800 – CClr D Brown was not part of the decision making</p> <p>North Roe Primary School was awarded £800</p> <p>St Olaf Community Club was awarded £2685.42 – CCllrs G Anderson and D Brown were not part of the decision making</p> <p>Collafirth Marina Users Association were not successful with their application this year but were encouraged to reapply another year. CClr D Brown was not part of the decision.</p>
<p>11. Correspondence</p>	<p>Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Historic Environment Scotland – Talking About Heritage Workshop event in Lerwick – same night as community council meeting. An online survey is open until the 7th December</p> <p>Drop in event to support Business Support Event was held on Thursday 30th October in North Roe. Clerk wasn't sure if it had been well attended. CClr G Anderson said he was the only person who attended the previous one in Ollaberry.</p> <p>Dales Lee – Road Closure update This was an update that there had been a delay to reopening the road until the 6th November.</p> <p>Andrew Hall Councillor Update Cllr A Hall asked if the update had been shared on NCC social media. The clerk apologised for the oversight and added that they do not have full access to the account. CCllrs suggested setting up a new page for the new community council.</p> <p>Cllr A Hall gave an update from the ongoing public consultation events being held by SSE and SSEN around developments planned for Voe, Scatsta and Mossbank. He highlighted that he didn't feel there was any consideration of how the planned development would affect local people and businesses.</p> <p>Ollaberry School Speed Restrictions No update Action: Clerk to check letter was sent</p> <p>Sullom Voe Masterplan CCllr D Brown declared an interest and left the room at 20.30. CClr R Doull chaired the meeting. CCllr R Doull gave an overview of the letter received from Simon Pallant which had been circulated to CCllrs prior to the meeting. CClr R Doull said she felt the letter did not answer the concerns raised in the letter from NCC. CClr D Robertson asked if CClr R McGeady had responded. The clerk said he hadn't but he was away at the moment. CCllrs G Anderson and R Doull said they attended</p>

	<p>the consultation event for the Sullom Voe Masterplan in the Ollaberry Hall but agreed that things have moved on since then and that the letter didn't answer the questions asked by NCC. Cllr A Hall suggested getting Cllr R McGeady's views when he was back. Cllrs E Robertson and D Robertson agreed with this.</p> <p>Action: Speak with Cllr R McGeady</p> <p>Cllr D Brown returned to the meeting at 20.49 and resumed the chair.</p>
12. AOCB	<p>Winter icy roads</p> <p>Cllr D Brown said that there was water lying on the road between the Ollaberry Hall and Ollaberry Shop that could be dangerous with the colder weather. Cllr R Doull added that there was surface water at the Ladie in Sullom and the cattlegrid at Islesburgh is full. Cllr G Anderson said there was a bit on the Fitpath in Ollaberry that gets washed out every time there is heavy rain. Cllr D Robertson said that the verges on the Eshaness road hadn't been cut. Cllrs agreed that clearing out drains in the affected areas should solve the problem.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact roads</p>
13. Date and time of next meeting	<p>Monday 1st December 2025 at 7.30pm in the North Roe Primary School. Cllr D Robertson offered apologies for the next meeting.</p>

The meeting ended at: 20.57