

Sandwick Community Council

Minute of Meeting held at 7:30pm on 25th November 2025

Meeting held at Hoswick Visitor Centre

Members Present Kevin Sandison, Yvonne Malcolmson, Debbie Jamieson, Janet Dunnet, Jim Leask

Apologies
Michael Duncan

In Attendance Susie Smith, Claire Adams, Ally Hall, Councillor Robbie McGregor, Michael Anderson

Clerk Joanne Jamieson

Agenda Item **Narrative**

1. Circular and welcome As this is the first sitting of the new Community Council, the Clerk welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies Michael Duncan

3. Declarations of interest None

4. Election of Chair and Vice-chair Clerk asked for nominations for role of Chair. Kevin Sandison was nominated by Janet Dunnet and seconded by Yvonne Malcolmson. No other nominations were made so KS was duly elected Chair and took over chairing the meeting.
KS asked for nominations or volunteers for the role of vice-chair. JL nominated Debbie Jamieson and Janet seconded. There were no other nominations so DJ was duly elected.
Michael Anderson was invited to speak and shared his early-stage ideas for a multi-use track at the 'back of the hill' as

5. Public representation informed by conversations with Ability Shetland, Cope, and others. CC was generally supportive of the idea.

6. Co-opting Chair asked for any nominations for co-opting additional members. DJ nominated AH, YM seconded.

DJ nominated CA and YM seconded.

AH and CA duly co-opted to Sandwick CC.

Action: JJ to email co-opting form to CA for electronic completion

JS proposed and JD seconded the minutes of the meeting of 30th September

7. Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes were approved by DJ and YM

Clerk gave an update on tree-planting and rewilding.

8. Matters arising

9. Sandwick JHS

JL and DJ gave an update: new Head Teacher in post, various recruitment exercises happening with 'no lack of effort', some short-listing, some readvertising. CC to monitor situation.

10. Sandsayre toilets

Councillor RMc expressed his gratitude to Executive Manager, Environment and Estate Operations for his email.

Issues regarding rats, sewage, etc were discussed.

Queries raised regarding numbers of users of public toilets across Shetland, 'types' of users, i.e. plenty of tradesmen, walkers and cyclists use Sandsayre in addition to tourists, level of SIC maintenance and cleaning, capital works required, and any financial contributions made by other organisations to the upkeep and maintenance of facilities. It was felt that some proposals could be seen to be picking on a small business.

Was suggested that people want to use the facilities all year round

Discussed charging – was felt that this brought more negatives than benefits.

CC asked if there are plans to change any other toilets.

Action: Resend email to DJ, cc RMc

Action: Clerk to email request for further information.

11. Roads and Paths

Roads Service has confirmed that the area in question belongs to the garage. Discussion highlighted that people have to walk on the road to get round the corner, including kids and felt it was a safety risk. In addition, large parked vehicles block vision for drivers and pedestrians. Wheelchair users and anyone pushing a pram or pushchair has to go on the road at and around the junction.

Action: Clerk to write to Roads and Environmental Health about concerns.

12. Participatory budgeting - update

Deferred until January

13. Garden waste

Council Climate Yarns short film is due to be released shortly. Chair suggested inviting Paula from Waste Services down to speak to CC as she has various information and resources.

Action: Invite to February or March meeting.

14. Grants

Four grant applications were presented for consideration:

Hoswick residents bulb planting

RVS Christmas dinners for Sandwick RVS Social Club attendees

Sandwick Youth Club hot meals grant

Menopause Support Group venue rental and therapies

Discussed the four grant applications within context of constrained budget. YM proposed and KS seconded a proposal to

- Acknowledge support for Hoswick Residents bulb planting but to defer decision on grant this until spring;
- Fully support Sandwick Youth Club
- Fully Support RVS
- Advise Menopause Support Group that CC does not have the budget to support this proposal directly but would heartily support an application via the Shetland Community Benefit Fund Small Grants Scheme, and asked that the benefits of the therapies be articulated in the application to further strengthen it.

Sandwick CC supported this idea.

Action: Clerk to discuss and send a letter of support

**15. Shetland
Indoor Arena**

Clerk gave a short update - Roads Service had been in touch to say that the plans for an active travel path from Setter to Veester Hill is going ahead with an aim to complete the works by March 2026. CC were pleased to hear this and conveyed their thanks.

**16. Active Travel
Plans**

Update on balances and spend shared.

None received this month

17. Finance report

None

18. Police reports

19. Planning

Clerk – Environmental Health offering to come down to discuss and support dog mess campaign. YM and CA to liaise with EH officer BM

**20. Any other
business**

Action: Clerk to email Environmental Health

DJ gave an update on plans to secure funding for an interpretive board to commemorate local resident Duncan and for a Welcome to Leebiton sign.

Finances

Action: Clerk to reissue updated cheque to YM for expenses

**The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.30 pm in Hoswick Visitor Centre.
Future meeting dates are:**

Tuesday 24th February

Tuesday 24th March

Tuesday 28th April

Tuesday 26th May

Tuesday 23rd June

Tuesday 25th August

Tuesday 22nd September

Tuesday 27th October

Tuesday 24th November

There are no meetings in July or December