

# Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in Bixter Community Hall on Wednesday 12 November 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: J Priest Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser  
Mrs J Fraser Mrs L Johnson  
Mrs S Deyell J Abernethy  
J D Garrick  
Ex Officio: Cllr M Robinson  
In attendance: Mrs L Fraser, Clerk

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the final meeting of this session.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Peterson, Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer and Sgt A Patrick.

**MINUTES & REPORT:** The minutes and report of the meeting held on 6 October 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser, seconded by Mrs L Johnson.

**BUSINESS ARISING: Road Matters:** Nothing to report.

**Funding:** Funding details have been received from Mr M Duncan and circulated to the members.

**R100 Broadband Evaluation:** Ducting ongoing.

**Viking Community Fund: Community Grant Scheme (CGS) Fund:** CGS0052-02-T1 CGS  
Applic: An application was received from Wastside Netball Club requesting assistance to purchase new equipment for the club, offer sessions for a variety of ages and abilities within the community and cover the costs of coaching qualifications for their volunteers. This is an application to both Sandsting & Aithsting and Sandness & Walls Community Councils with £800.00 applied for from each CC. This amount was approved.

**Community Council Elections:** Three applicants applied and will become Community Councillors on 20 November. This leaves 2 vacancies which can be filled by co-option or, if more than two people express interest, the Community Council can ask for a by-election. A message was received from Ms Anne Cogle setting out the procedures for the first meeting after an election and also co-options. A further message with instructions about vacancies was received from Mr M Duncan.

**Defibrillator issues in Shetland:** Mrs L Johnson had enquired and reported that the defibrillator at Aith is at the Lifeboat shed at present but it is to be relocated at the shop again once a weatherproof housing unit has been provided. Ms Rhona McArthur takes care of it.

**Community Resilience Plans:** Once the new Community Council is up and running they will be tasked to prepare a Community Emergency Plan. A template will be requested from Mrs R Fraser.

**SSEN Shetland Public Consultation Events**: The public event in the Voe Public Hall has been re-scheduled and will take place on 27 November.

**Skeld Camping Bod**: A message was received from Ms Hazel Sutherland, Chief Executive of Shetland Amenity Trust offering to attend a meeting to discuss the Skeld Camping Bod. It was agreed to defer the visit until early next year.

**Local Place Plan Meeting held 02-09-24**: Mr D Forrest, Clerk to Sandness & Walls Community Council sent on an account he had received from Bixter Community Hall for the use of the hall on 2 September 2024 by the group, Local Place Plans. This was organised by the Mr P Mogridge and this Community Council understood that the group would settle the account, not the Community Councils. This information will be sent on to Mr Forrest.

**WREATHS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**: Copy of the account for the poppy wreath supplied to Aithsting History Group was received. The cost will be transferred to the History group's bank account and they will settle it.

**CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**: As October is Cybersecurity Awareness month the Scambuster Shetland Bulletin was received. This year's theme is Stay Safe Online and they give simple ways to protect yourself, your family and your business from online threats. They ask that we share this information throughout our local communities.

**SIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**: The SIC'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 throughout Shetland.

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**: The Council's political leaders, along with the Chief Executive and local ward members, will be hosting a series of public drop-in sessions around the isles in the coming months. One will be held in Aith Junior High School on Monday 1 December.

**PETITION**: A message was received from Mr Michael Gallagher (scunnered former Community Councillor) from Perthshire enclosing details of a Petition suggesting new powers for Community Councils. He requests that we join a new facebook group. It was agreed that a reply will not be sent from this Community Council but any individual can take part.

**USE OF BIXTER HALL FOR MEETINGS**: An account for £100.00 was received from the Bixter Community Hall for the use of the hall for meetings in June, July, September and October. This will be settled.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2024-2025**: The Financial Statement for 2024/2025, duly audited, was presented to the members. It was approved by Mrs O Jamwal-Fraser, seconded by Mrs L Johnson and will be forwarded to Mr M Duncan.

**INFORMATION**: Several emails sharing reminders and information with the Community Council were received and noted.

**NEXT MEETING**: The next meeting will be held in Bixter Community Hall in early December 2025.

The Chairman thanked the members for their valuable contributions throughout the term of this Council. Thanks must also go to Mrs S Deyell for all the lovely tea and tabnabs provided during the year.