

## **BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 6pm.

### **Present**

Mr. M. Fullerton (Chair)  
Ms M. Garnier (Vice-Chair)  
Mr. B. Adamson  
Mr. G. Laurenson  
Mr. N. Beattie  
Miss N. Fullerton  
Mrs. C. Smith

### **Apologies**

Cllr. D. Sandison  
Cllr. C. Hughson

### **In Attendance**

Cllr. I. Scott  
Cllr. M. Lyall  
Mr. Michael Hannah, SCBF Director  
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

### **1. Appointment of Chair & Vice-Chair**

The Clerk opened the meeting as this was the first meeting of the new Community Council. Mr. Neil Beattie was welcomed to the meeting as a new member of the Community Council, together with the six Community Councillors who had stood again for election. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair and Mark Fullerton was proposed and this was agreed by all present. Mark accepted the position and took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting. The position of Vice-Chair also had to be filled and Mhairi Garnier agreed to take on this role for one year. It was noted that there is still one vacant seat to fill. One person from Trondra has already shown interest and will be invited to the next meeting and co-opted on as Community Councillor.

### **2. Update from Mr. Hannah (SCBF Director)**

Mr. Hannah had been invited along to give an updated after his appointment as SCBF Director back in June. He reported that there are now 18 Directors in place and they have a meeting every two months. He has found it very interesting and is impressed by how it is administered and managed. He also pointed out that their website is very informative and in particular the document "A Lasting Legacy for Shetland" which details the 5-year Business Plan and is worth reading. This Business Plan sets out the priorities for support that were identified in a wide-scale consultation throughout the islands involving individuals, voluntary organisations and local businesses. This is the largest onshore community benefit scheme in the UK. The Shetland Community Benefit Fund receives £2.2 million every year. This sum is index-linked every year for the lifetime of the Viking Energy Wind Farm. There is the Community Grant Scheme (CGS) and also a Strategic Fund – all details are on the website [www.scbf.org.uk](http://www.scbf.org.uk). Mr. Hannah was thanked for taking the time to attend our meeting and he is happy to come along twice a year to give an update.

*(Mr. Hannah left the meeting at 6.30pm.)*

### **2. Declaration of Interest – None**

### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 were approved. Proposed by Narene Fullerton and seconded by Carole Smith.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Planning Consultation 2025/257/PPP – Proposed housing at Cauldhame

SIC Planning had acknowledged receipt of our objection to the above application and will advise us in due course of the Planning Authority's decision.

(b) Road matters – outstanding items

The following items are waiting for a response from Neil Hutcheson and the Clerk will email again for an update on each. (The first three items have been approved by him previously with the last two being recent requests):

- Burra Early Years – pick up/drop off sign requested
- Bus Shelter – adjacent to Burra Public Hall
- Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke
- Bin request – near Setter junction
- Sign for Meal Beach car park

(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 is still to be done.

(d) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

The Clerk had heard nothing further from BT after pointing out to them that the location of the phone box is a health & safety risk and that they would be responsible if there is an accident accessing the ladies toilets. Neil Beattie said he would speak with Mervyn Smith, SIC, regarding this and Mark Fullerton will contact Robert Laurensen, Langsound Development Group, who have ownership of the toilets. **ACTION: Neil & Mark**

(e) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

It was noted that the lights are now working but Carole Smith reported that the lights are staying on all night at the weekends. The Clerk will contact Magnus Malcolmson, SIC. **ACTION: Clerk**

(f) 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.

(g) Papal Stone

Waiting to hear from Val Turner who is in contact with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) regarding relocating the replica Papal Stone at the kirkyard which is unstable. We had suggested it be fixed to the wall which they had agreed.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Grant applications:

TSB Toddlers (Trondra, Scalloway & Burra Toddler Group) – This group applied for funding to purchase new toys and equipment for the toddler group and to assist with running costs, snacks etc. They requested £1,930 but the members agreed on a donation of £500 and suggested they also apply to the Scalloway Community Council. It will also be pointed out to them that we might be in a position to offer more at a later date.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Bridge End Church of Scotland Community Garden – applied for funding to purchase lights etc. for this year's Winter Wonderland at Bridge End. The members agreed to donate the sum requested of £400. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Meeting dates for 2026

Michael Duncan had requested a list of 2026 meeting dates. The members agreed that meetings would continue to take place on the first Monday of each month but there will be no meeting in August. The Clerk will pass this on to Michael. **ACTION: Clerk**

(c) Letters of Thanks

The Burra Playgroup had sent an email thanking the Community Council for the £60 donation received re the Voar Redd Up.

An email of thanks had also been received from Claire Ward, RVS, for the grant of £504 they received towards the Christmas Lunch they provided for the over 60's Social Club.

(d) The following correspondence had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting for information:

- SIC Regional Marine Plan Update
- Shetland Charitable Trust – Small Grants Scheme
- SSEN – Improved plans for next phase of Shetland N. Mainland re-enforcement
- North Isles Ferry Service – Community Needs Assessment - User Survey
- Meet the funder with the National Lottery Community Fund – online event 2 Dec
- Trust in Government Consultation
- Grow Your Idea – Funding for Climate Action in Shetland

## **6. AOCB**

(a) Swings at The Glen

It was noted that these swings are well used and the idea was put forward that it would be beneficial if there were steps put in place on the slope leading down to the swings. This was agreed by the members and will be looked at in the new year.

(b) Christmas Dinners

Neil Beattie informed the members that they are still taking orders for the free Christmas lunches which can be delivered and asked that this be made known in our community.

(c) Railings

It was reported that the wooden railings at the concreted area to the right of the Hamnavoe Pier are rotting and would need attention. It was noted that there was a committee formed some time ago when this area was developed but this no longer exists.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of next meeting was set for Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6pm.