

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 12th January 2026 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. M. Fullerton (Chair)
Ms M. Garnier (Vice-Chair)
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. N. Beattie

Apologies

Mrs. C. Smith
Miss N. Fullerton
Mr. G. Laurenson
Cllr. M. Lyall

In Attendance

Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Co-option

Mr. Aidan Cheyney from Trondra, had agreed to be co-opted as a member of the Burra & Trondra Community Council. He was unable to attend the meeting due to work but had signed the relevant co-option form which was also signed by the Chairman. This will be passed on to the Returning Officer, SIC.

2. Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Hughson and Cllr. Sandison declared an interest in connection with the Marine Planning Application to be discussed.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 1st December 2025 were approved. Proposed by Mhairi Garnier and seconded by Brian Adamson.

4. MATTERS ARISING

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

Nothing further had been heard from the Planning Department on the above but it was reported that Kevin Nicolson is to be invited to attend the Planning meeting to speak on behalf of the residents. He had also expressed thanks to the community councillors for giving their support.

(b) Road matters – outstanding items

The Clerk had emailed Neil Hutcheson again for an update on the following but had not yet received a reply.

- 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 blind section between Meal junction and Speed's corner. This has not yet been done.

(d) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

The Chairman had spoken with Robert Laurensen, Langsound Development Group, who had also been in touch with BT as they have ownership of the toilets. He advised that BT have now agreed to remove the phone box.

(e) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

The Clerk had emailed Magnus Malcolmson about the multicourt lights not working and he had replied. He had sent a request to Building Services before the Christmas break to carry out further works to the floodlighting electrical system at Hamnavoe. He pointed out that the system is all fairly antiquated with various bits and pieces (timer switch, external switch) needing to be replaced/updated. He had not heard back from them but said he would chase this up. Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Hughson also offered to look into this.

(f) Trondra bridge

Still waiting to hear back from Barrie Scobie who 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

Val Turner had replied saying that unfortunately the Amenity Trust no longer have any files relating to this which means that there is no record of how it was originally fixed into the ground – which is what HES (Historic Environment Scotland) wanted to know before giving them consent to move it. She will get back to them about applying for Scheduled Monument Consent but advised that it always takes them a long time to grant this.

(h) TSB Toddlers

The above group had expressed their thanks for the £500 grant received from the Community Council.

(i) Swings at The Glen

At the last meeting the suggestion was put forward to have steps put in place on the grassy slope leading down to the swings. This was discussed again and it was agreed that this is not really necessary as there is adequate access to the swings and they have been there for a number of years with no complaints.

(j) Christmas Dinners

Neil Beattie informed the members that they had delivered around one hundred Christmas dinners on Christmas day.

(k) Wooden Railings

It was reported at the last meeting that the wooden railings at the concreted area to the right of the Hamnavoe Pier are rotting and would need attention. The Chairman offered to have a look and report back.

ACTION: Chairman

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Ref: 2025/022/MAR

To develop a new mussel farm, Spoose Holm, Scalloway

Applicant: Mr. John M. Laurensen

The above application was discussed and it was agreed that we would request that anchor marking buoys should not be used as these tend to be an additional hazard to boating.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) SCBF – Community Grant Scheme Tier 1 Application – The Outpost

An email had been received from SCBF advising that they had received a Tier 1 application from The Outpost. As we have no more funding left this year, they asked if we wish to draw down funding from our 2026/27 funding allocation or would we prefer to close for applications until the end of August. After discussion it was agreed that we would draw down £1,000 from next year's allocation and would grant the sum of £1,000 requested by The Outpost who are looking to construct an outdoor mini golf course.

ACTION: Clerk

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

- National Lottery Heritage Fund – Online information session for Shetland, 3 Feb 7-8.30pm
- Shetland Policing Report – October/November
- Corra Foundation - Boost Fund – grants £500-£3,000
- Free training from Planning Aid Scotland
- Climate Action Ting Information Session – Online Event, Tue 14 January
- Adoption of Shetland Islands Regional Marine Plan

6. AOCB

Muckle Road, Hamnavoe

It had been reported to the Clerk that the Muckle Road pavement was slippery with moss. She had contacted SIC Roads and they had forwarded the email to Michael Godden for his attention.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting was set for Monday, 2nd February 2026 at 6pm.