

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 29th January 2026 At Voe Hall

2026/01/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)

Mr D Clark

Ms S McDonald

Mr A Hall - Ex Officio

Ms R Griffiths

Ms J Dennison

Ms E Macdonald – Ex Officio

2026/01/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk

2026/01/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2026/01/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne, Mr T Tyler, Mr M Duncan, and Ms L Hall.

2026/01/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2025 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Ms J Dennison,

2026/01/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2026/01/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt

2026/01/08 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Testing at Scatsta – There was no update on this item.

8.2 Graveyard bin – They have this bin on the list to do.

8.3 Traffic Passing Through Voe – the 40mph signs in Voe now in place. There will be permanent smiley faces in Voe from next month.

8.4 Glass on road – There was no update on this item.

8.5 Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations – There was no update on this item.

8.6 Archiving – There was no update on this item.

8.7 Community Resilience Plans – There was no update on this item.

8.8 Toft Road – There was no update on this item.

8.9 Kissing Gates Moorfield estate – There was no update on this item.

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- 8.10 **White lines in Car park** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Safety Muckle Roe Road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **Pavement South entrance to Brae at Burravoe.** There was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **Parking in Brae Opposite Garage** –There was no update on this item. Members have asked clerk to email Mr N Hutcheson for an update. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.14 **Sandwater Bus Stop** – There was no update on this item.

2026/01/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1 There have been 8 incidents recorded in Delting in October and November which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Road Traffic Collision
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Concern for Person (2)
 - Mental Health
 - Other
 - Drugs - Attempt to Possess (2)
 - Fail to Comply with Bail
 - Sudden Death

2026/01/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 **2025/317/PPF** - The erection of 2 no. wind turbines (each with a generating capacity of up to 4.8 MW), with a maximum hub height of 85 metres and a maximum blade tip height of 149.9 metres, and associated infrastructure. Sullom Voe Terminal, Callbackness, Mossbank, Shetland ZE2 9TU Applicant - EnQuest Heather Limited All plans can be viewed on: [Simple Search](#) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/01/11 COMMUNITY WORK

- 11.1 There Was No Community Work Update

2026/01/12 FINANCE UPDATE

- 12.1 The clerk updated members on the financial position for 25/26.
- 12.2 **Increase to Distant Islands Allowance** – October 25 – Mr Cooper informed the members there was an increase in Distant Islands Allowance effective 1st October 2025. Chairman approved the increase via email and backdated payment. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.3 **Invoice – Voe Public Hall** - Hire for September and January - £20.00 Members agreed this payment - **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.4 **Brae Fireworks Grant** – The Brae fireworks committee bank account does not work for bank transfer of their grant 2025/10/14.1. Clerk tried to contact them but received no response. Clerk to email again to ask if they still require the grant and if so, they need to provide a suitable account for the funds to be paid into. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/01/13 CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 **SCBF Community Grant Scheme - CGS0057 - CGS Tier 1 Application – Mossbank Under 5s** - They have been offered the purchase of a large capacity bouncy castle, both for use within

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the group itself and for hiring out to similar groups for a small fee to help with raising funds for equipment and trips for their own group. They have been informed that the bouncy castle needs 3 blowers to inflate and only two that come with it. They are applying for funding to help purchase a new blower. They are asking for the price of 1 blower plus p+p to have it delivered. Total cost of project £288.00 they are applying for £288.00. Members agreed unanimously via email consultation to award the full grant amount of £288.00. **Clerk to progress.**

- 13.2 Grant Application Form – Delting Badminton Club - Provision of Badminton in Brae for players from P4-Seniors once per week.** Sessions for all P4-S4 school pupils are free with payments being made from S5+ per session. They would be seeking financial support to help cover Games Hall hire and funding for an end of season competition. The following dates remain for this season: This would offer the chance for S5-Seniors to pay less for the remainder of the year.

5, 12, 19, 26 Feb

5, 12, 19, 26 Mar

16, 23 Apr

Sessions all take part in the Brae Games Hall. In addition, the club's equipment is in need to replacement and, given fees are minimal, this is tricky to do. The equipment the club would be seeking would be: Purchase of 10 full size club rackets to replace those no long fit for purpose (10 x £8.95) - £89.50 [Carlton 4.3 Badminton Racket](#) Purchase of 10 tubes of Feather shuttlecocks for Senior sessions and to introduce Juniors to Feather shuttles (10 x £22.95) - £229.50 [Yonex Aeroclub TR Shuttlecocks 12 Pack](#). The total cost is £689.50. They are applying for £689.50. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £689.50. **Clerk to progress.**

- 13.3 Community Council training & support needs - Community Planning & Development** will be offering a range of training opportunities during 2026. To help them identify training & support needs and tailor sessions locally, please can we complete and return the attached questionnaire by the due date of 5pm, Wednesday 18th February. Forms can be emailed or posted back to Mr M Duncan. Following the deadline, they will collate responses and finalise a training programme. Dates and arrangements will be issued to Community Councils as soon as possible thereafter. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** At the meeting five members and clerk returned forms. Clerk will get remaining two community councillor forms and send altogether to Mr M Duncan. One member took form away to fill out. They will send to Mr M Duncan directly. **Clerk to progress.**

- 13.4 Apply to YouthBank - Shetland Youth Voice - YouthBank** is an innovative grant making and empowerment initiative run by young people for young people, offering small grants to support ideas that benefit the local community. YouthBank builds on young people's skills and experiences to enable them to give cash for action, funding young people's ideas for the benefit of the wider community. Shetland Youth Voice is proud to be supporting a local YouthBank with support from the CLLD Fund with £12,000 to distribute. Funding will be considered to any youth group or organisation supporting 12–25-year-olds in Shetland that focuses on Shetland Youth Voice's priorities of transport, jobs & fair work, public spaces, and mental health & wellbeing. Applications close on 12 February 2026 at 5pm. For grant information please contact: ShetlandYouthVoice@Shetland.gov.uk Once your application is submitted, Shetland Youth Voice will get in touch to arrange a meeting or call to discuss your proposal in more detail. [Apply here.](#) [See further guidance here.](#) [What is Shetland Youth Voice?](#) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

- 13.5 Have your Say – Shetland Clan - Shetland Clan** is currently shape services to support you in a way that is best for you. Please take a moment and have your say and fill out questionnaire. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

- 13.6 Adoption of the Shetland Islands Regional Marine Plan - Shetland Marine Planning Partnership** are delighted to announce that the Shetland Islands Regional Marine Plan has been adopted by Scottish Ministers today. The plan is available to access on the [Scottish Government](#)

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[website](#). This is a milestone moment for marine planning in Shetland and they would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have worked on the plan or contributed to data gathering. This includes all current and previous members of the Advisory Group who have guided the development of the plan, and please extend thanks to the members and organisations represented. They would also like to recognise the hard work from SIC and UHI Shetland staff members both current and present, especially Simon Pallant and Rachel Shucksmith. In the new year, they look forward to organising their first Advisory Group meeting post-adoption, which will hopefully be a chance to celebrate and look ahead to the implementation phase of the plan. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Mr A Cooper had printed out the report and brought to the meeting. He would like all the Community Councillors to read the report as there was lots coming up in Delting. Members need to be aware of the document as it will be a cornerstone of what the Community Council puts back. Mr A Cooper would like to invite Rachel Shucksmith to meeting in March. **Clerk to progress.**

13.7 VCF - Community Halls Grant Scheme - SCBF have opened an initial one-off grant scheme for community halls where 5 awards of up to £10,000 is available. The fund will close on Sunday the 15th of February 2026. Successful applicants will still be eligible to apply to the VCF Community Grant Scheme during the 2025/26 funding year. Guidelines and an application form can be found on the SCBF website - [Community Halls Grant Scheme](#) Please note, the fund is only open to community halls and not any other community buildings. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page. Clerk shared email with all the public halls.**

13.8 SSEN Distribution – Meeting in February – Clerk emailed Ms G Higgins SSEN Distribution about attending a Delting Community Council meeting. Due to Lerwick Up Helly Aa they were unable to attend the meeting in January. They have confirmed they will be attending the Community Council meeting in February at Mossbank School. They will be discussing cable laying at Dales Lees and Roadworks and they will bring the cable cutaway and photography from the Mossbank-Yell project to present to the Community Council.

13.9 Community Council Training - 4 February - training opportunity from Planning Aid Scotland - Introduction to Local Place Plans and the Capacity Building Programme for Community Councils in Shetland Wednesday 4 February 2026 5.30pm – 6.30pm Online Register to attend: [Community Council Training \(online\) – Fill out form](#) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

13.10 Runic Stones/Shetland Times – Email from Mr P Moar – Councillors might be aware of an article in The Shetland Times this week (14/1/26) and online regarding a project relating to Runic Stones. It's the brainchild of Magnus Hutchison from Whalsay and it was reported in the Shetland Times that he had written to all the Community Councils in Shetland offering a bespoke Runic Stone. As you may be aware, this isn't true. Magnus expressed a desire to donate a small number of stones to various locations in Shetland and asked how this could be achieved. A possible way forward would be to contact the Community Councils. He did this with the Lerwick Community Council as a small "toe in the water" test and was subsequently asked to give a small presentation. Mr P Moar stepped in for him and give a small presentation about his project to the Lerwick Community Council (Monday 11/1/26). The reaction was very favourable and I thought it might be best to send a small email of clarification to the other Community Councils. Magnus was not intending to take on too much initially (even one stone is an incredible amount of work) so he decided to test the water with one or two such as the Lerwick Community Council. His long-term desire is indeed to offer a Runic Stone to each Community Council in Shetland to put on public display but this is something that will take time and be for the future. The ancient Runic text that Magnus uses is based on Runic Stone(s) that were found at Cunningsburgh (there are replicas in the Shetland Museum and a photo is attached with this email). There are a number of Runic styles (e.g. Elder & Younger Futhork) and Shetland's Runic Language comes under the "Younger Futhork" style. He has attached a photo or two of the stones Magnus has made and must say, the workmanship and quality is outstanding. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members discussed this and they were very positive about the project. They feel that due to the size of the stones, if Delting were to get one, they would

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need plenty advance warning so they could identify a suitable place to display it. Clerk to reply to email. **Clerk to progress.**

13.11 Burial Ground Annual Flower Collection from 1st February - Families are reminded that if they wish to keep their Christmas wreaths and floral tributes, they are to make their own arrangements to remove them from burial grounds in Shetland before the 31st January. From 1st February each year, burial grounds staff begin to prepare for the grass cutting season. They will collect and dispose of any non-funeral related wreaths and flowers lying directly on the grass or not within suitable receptacles, where a permanent memorial exists. They will endeavour to leave one tribute in the memorial area until such time as it significantly deteriorates, where no permanent memorial exists. Funeral related tributes will normally be disposed of three weeks after the funeral. Should you have any questions, please contact Burial Services by email burials@shetland.gov.uk or on 01595 744853. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

13.12 Interview invitation - largescale community landownership - Alys Daniels-Creasey a researcher at the University of Edinburgh got in touch as she and Catriona Mallows(cc'd, a researcher at the University of the Highlands and Islands) are working on a project on community landownership, looking at the barriers communities face when trying to acquire large landholdings and the possible solutions to enable more communities to do this (you can find more about the project aims, funding, etc. [here](#)). They are wondering if someone from the Community Council (or perhaps the Community Development Officer, Lynsey) would be keen to take part in an anonymous interview to share some thoughts on the above. As Muckle Roe is currently going through the community acquisition process, and is the first in Shetland, they feel any insights we are keen to share would be invaluable additions to the overall project. The interview would be up to an hour over Teams and the person interviewed would be kept anonymous in the research. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and with Ms L Hall.** Members discussed if anyone was wanting to give an interview, however, no one knew enough about it. Mr A Cooper asked clerk to email Ms L Hall to get their thoughts and possibly pass on invitation to steering group. **Clerk to progress.**

13.13 Showcase Event Invitation: Children and Teenagers' Living Well Locally North Mainland Plans - 30th January – There is an upcoming Showcase Event celebrating local children and teenagers' contributions to place planning in the North Mainland. These events form part of Phase 4 of Shetland Islands Council's pioneering approach to working with A Place in Childhood on co-creating neighbourhood plans with local children and young people. The Showcase Event details: Brae Hall, Brae Friday 30 January 10:15am – 12:00pm This phase builds on the success of the Westside, South End and North Isles Children and Teenagers Plans, which you can read here:

[Westside Plan](#)

[South End Plan](#)

[North Isles Plan](#)

Each session will feature presentations by the pupils themselves, sharing the findings and proposals they've developed for improving life for children and teenagers in their local areas. These events offer an opportunity to hear directly from young people about their lived experiences and priorities for their place, and to explore how their insights can support wider ambitions across planning, transport, health, education, and community development. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** 🖱️ [RSVP: Showcase Attendance Form](#)

13.14 Association of Shetland Community Councils - 10 March 2026 – Mr M Duncan request your attendance at the next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils. The meeting shall take place as follows: Date: Tuesday 10th March 2026 Time: 6pm – 8pm Venue: Town Hall (chamber) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Mr A Cooper will attend. There are two items on the agenda which members will need to discuss, Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust and a Moratorium on Energy Developments. Members will need to discuss and decide on a response at the meeting in February which can be passed on at the

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ASCC meeting in March. Mr A Cooper would like this as an agenda item for February Meeting.
Clerk to progress.

- 13.15 Da Voar Redd Up 2026** - This year the event will take place between **18th-24th April 2026**. Groups which participated in 2025 should now have received information regarding registration. New groups can register online at their [website](#). **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

2026/01/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 14.1 Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 update – November 2025** - Regulations laid in the Scottish Parliament confirm that the five-year PVG scheme membership will come into force on 1 April 2026. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.2 Northern Isles Ferry Services - Community Needs Assessments - User survey** - Surveys closed on 9 January 2026. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.3 Funding information - CARES Community Solar Fund** - The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) is supporting community and faith organisations to install solar PV and battery storage in their buildings. This is a short-term pilot, funded by the Scottish Government and Great British Energy, with funds needing to be spent and claimed by 31 March 2026. For more information see website [CARES Community Solar Fund - Local Energy Scotland](#) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.4 Networking for Net Zero Stakeholder Newsletter – Newsletter from SSEN Transmission.**
The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.
- 14.5 Free training from Planning Aid Scotland** - [Planning Aid Scotland](#) are pleased to share their new programme of free training funded by [the Scottish Government](#) through the [National Planning Hub](#). The training is free and open to anyone across Scotland. It provides a clear introduction to engaging with the planning system, with a particular focus on renewable energy, community engagement and place-based planning. The sessions are available to any community or individuals across Scotland who want to engage more confidently in decisions that affect their places. The remaining courses still available:
[Online & engaged: Learn how to use Placecheck](#) (Wed 11 Feb)
[How to analyse community feedback](#) (Thu 12 Feb)
[How to benefit from a renewable energy as a community](#) (Thu 19 Feb)
The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.
- 14.6 Community Councils Scotland newsletter - Christmas 2025 – Newsletter was shared with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.7 Corra Foundation - Boost Fund** - **The Boost Fund** is for small community-led organisations across Scotland supporting local people affected by poverty or disadvantage. Groups can apply if their activities will support their communities and the people who live there. Grants are flexible and groups can apply for many different costs. The work might be about providing practical help, or organising activities and gatherings, or addressing another local need. The Boost Fund will provide grants of £500 - £3,000 to constituted groups and charities with an annual income of £50,000 or less. Un-constituted groups can apply for grants of between £250 - £1,500. There is £750,000 available to distribute until March 2026, and Corra Foundation anticipate making approximately 250 - 300 grants. Approximately 10% of the funding available will be made in grants to un-constituted groups. Please note that The Boost Fund continues to support groups working with children and families, but now also supports wider community activity. The Boost Fund will remain open for applications until all funds are spent. This fund aims to: Provide an accessible funding opportunity for small community-led organisations and ensure supportive community-led activities are available. This funding is to support the work and running of small groups helping communities affected by poverty or disadvantage. The application will ask to explain what challenges, especially poverty, your community faces. Corra Foundation will

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prioritise applications from groups that can show a need for funding. For more information or an application form see web link below: [Boost Fund supporting communities across Scotland](#) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 14.8 Public consultation, Safeguarding Scotland's Water Environment** - The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) are calling on Scots to have their say on the future of the nation's water environment. SEPA has launched a public consultation, [Safeguarding Scotland's Water Environment](#), about what it calls Significant Water Management Issues – issues that are having a significant adverse impact on the condition of the water environment and that it seeks to tackle. The consultation is open until 3 March 2026. They know that Community Councils appreciate a sharable version of consultations which members can read in advance of discussion. A Word version of the consultation is therefor provided on the consultation website - [Safeguarding Scotland's Water Environment](#). They hope that we may be able to promote the consultation on the community council social and with local groups. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 14.9 National Flood Risk Assessment (NFRA) 2025 report – SEPA shared their report - The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.10 Flood Risk Management Plan – Consultation** - People across Scotland are being asked to help inform future plans by sharing their experiences of flooding. People across Scotland are being invited to share their experiences of local flooding issues to help inform how flood risk is managed in their communities, as work continues on Scotland's next Flood Risk Management Plans. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency's (SEPA) public consultation, launched on Wednesday 21st January, focuses on finding out about local flooding concerns in areas identified as having the highest flood risk. The feedback will help inform Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP) covering 2028 to 2034, which will set out how Scotland reduces the impacts of flooding and builds resilience for the future. People can find out more and take part in the consultation [Flood Risk Management Phase 1 Consultation](#). **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.11 Andrew Hall - Councillor Update - 5 January 2026 - The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 14.12 National Lottery Heritage Fund – Online Information Session for Shetland** - Join NLHF for an online information session – specifically for Shetland! Event details: Date: Tuesday 3 February 2026 7:00-8:30PM Online **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**
- 14.13 Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO - Opening Soon** - The Agnes Hunter Trust SCIO was established in 1954 to support registered charities delivering health and social welfare projects in Scotland. The Trust now focuses on one key area of funding support: offering grants to charities that support disabled people in Scotland. The Trust is opening for its Spring/Summer round of applications on Thursday 15 January 2026, and will be open for approximately 3 weeks. More information about the Trust [here](#). Apply [here](#). **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.14 Meet the Funder with Tesco Stronger Starts - Online Event** - SCVO are hosting a free online event with Tesco Stronger Starts. Learn about their funding programme which supports thousands of children's and young people's projects across the UK. The scheme is open to all schools, registered charities, and not-for-profit organisations. There will be a chance to get grant application tips, learn about the Tesco blue token customer vote process, ask questions, and to network directly with other community groups. Date: Tuesday 3 February 2026 Time:10:00–11:00 AM Location: Online For more information and to book a free space at the event: [Meet the Funder with Tesco Stronger Starts - SCVO](#) See more training and event opportunities from SCVO here: [Events & training - SCVO](#) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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14.15 Meet the Funder with Creative Scotland - Free Online Event - Join SCVO for a Meet the Funder session with Creative Scotland to learn about their open funding programmes and how they support culture and creativity across Scotland. Find out how funding from the Scottish Government and the National Lottery helps organisations, individuals, and projects to develop new work, deliver creative activity, and strengthen Scotland's cultural sector. Attendees will discover Creative Scotland's key funding opportunities, receive practical guidance on writing strong applications, engage in a Q&A session, and have the opportunity to network with other community organisations. Event details: Tuesday 3 March 2026 10:00–11:00 AM Online For more information and to book a free space at the event: [Meet the Funder with Creative Scotland - SCVO](#) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.16 Newsletter 3: Next Steps – An Action Plan - New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils – newsletter no.3 **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.17 Neshion – Ms L Anderson, Shetland Aerogenerators has requested more information on Delting Educational Trust. Clerk sent through link to OSCR.

2026/01/15 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

15.1 Permanent Smiley Faces in Brae – Mr A Hall spoke with Mr S Cowie SSEN Distribution regarding three permanent smiley faces to be positioned in Brae due to the ongoing increase in traffic due to the continuation of the cable along the carriageway and of roadworks down Dales Lees. Mr A Hall asked if Delting Community Council could email him also to make this request. Following consultation with Chairman and Mr Hall regarding SIC Roads department involvement, the clerk emailed and received the following response – Mr S Cowie has requested costs from SIC roads who have said they can investigate providing this. Once he has the details from Neil & SIC roads regarding prices and installation, he will be able to provide an update.

15.2 Voe Hall 30th April – Voe Hall are now hosting the Folk Festival the night of the meeting. Members suggested swapping Mossbank and Voe around in April and May. Clerk will email Mossbank School and Voe Hall to check if they are available.

2026/01/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

16.1 The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank School on Thursday 26th February commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman