

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 2nd February 2026 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurenson

In Attendance

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

1. Co-option

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Aidan Cheyney from Trondra to his first meeting after being co-opted on as a member.

2. Declaration of Interest – None.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 12th January 2026 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. It was unknown when the next Planning meeting would take place. Cllr. Hughson will find out and notify the Clerk.

ACTION: Cllr Hughson

(b) Road matters – outstanding items

Still waiting for an updated from Neil Hutcheson on the following:

- 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 (near the 30mph signs) between Meal junction and Speed's corner. This has still not been done. It was suggested that this section could be widened which would mean the

road would be double from the Meal junction to just beyond the Speed's corner which would be much safer. The Clerk will contact Mr. Scobie again with this suggestion. **ACTION: Clerk**

(d) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

Cllr. Hughson had contacted Magnus Malcolmson for an update on this and he confirmed that he had put through a ticket to Building Services before Christmas to carry out further works to the floodlighting electrical system at Hamnavoe. He will chase this with Building Services.

(e) 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. The Clerk will contact him again. **ACTION: Clerk**

(f) Papal Stone

The Chairman had been for a look at the graveyard and noted that the stone is not very stable. Nothing further heard from Val Turner. Apparently Historic Environment Scotland (HES) have to give their consent if it is to be moved and this may take time. As this is a replica stone the question was asked if these consents are needed? The Clerk will contact Val Turner again.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) Wooden Railings/pier boards at boat park, Hamnavoe

Our chairman had been for a look at the boat park down at the Hamnavoe Pier and had sent around a few photographs to the members. Some of the pier boards have been replaced but there are still a few needing attention. The wooden railings at the end of the concreted area are in a poor state and would need replaced. He reported that the steel structure under the boat park looks structurally sound. Brian offered to make inquiries to see who is responsible for repairs.

ACTION: Brian

(h) Muckle Road, Hamnavoe

The Clerk had contacted the SIC as it had been reported that the Muckle Road pavement is slippery with moss. This had been forwarded to Michael Godden for attention but no one was aware if this had been done but an area at the Hamnavoe Shop had been cleaned recently.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) ASCC meeting

An email had been received from Michael Duncan advising of the next ASCC meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th March, 6-8pm in the Town Hall. Attendance to be confirmed to Michael Duncan by Wednesday 4th March and this can be attended in person or remotely. The meeting papers were passed on to the Chairman.

(b) Community Council training & support needs

An email had been received from Community Planning & Development who will be offering a range of training opportunities during 2026 for Community Councillors and Clerks. To help identify needs they attached a questionnaire for completion and return by Wednesday 18th February. This was circulated to the members prior to the meeting and paper forms were also made available. They will collate responses and finalise a training programme. Dates and arrangements will be issued to Community Councils thereafter.

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

- Email from Paul Moar – information re project relating to Runic Stones.
- National Lottery Heritage Fund – Online information session for Shetland – Tue 3 Feb
- Introduction to Local Place Plans – Wed 4 Feb
- Information from Burial Services – removal of floral arrangements.

6. Closure of Scalloway Swimming Pool

An email had been received from Robert Geddes, Chief Executive Officer, Shetland Recreational Trust, on 16th January at 12 Noon advising of the closure of Scalloway Pool on 31st March 2026. (A copy of the press release which went out at 12.30pm on the same day was also attached.) Scalloway Community Council had also emailed a copy of their letter of objection to the SRT dated 21st January, together with their press release. This had all been circulated to the members for information.

It was noted that no one was aware of this closure prior to this announcement on 16th January and it was disappointing that there had been no consultation with the communities involved. Cllr. Sandison pointed out that the population of the area who use the Scalloway Pool is approximately 5,000 which is two thirds of the population of Lerwick. It was felt that Lerwick was already at capacity and would not be able to accommodate the extra demand. Another issue raised was that there is no public transport available for users to access other pools, ie Sandwick or Aith. Other concerns were discussed and the negative impact this closure would have on the village of Scalloway and the wider communities. The members agreed with the content of Scalloway Community Council's letter and it was decided that we should submit a letter to the SRT in support of their objections and echo the points raised and the need for more information. The Chairman will compose a letter which will be sent to David Thomson, Chairman of SRT.

ACTION: Chairman/Clerk

6. AOCB – None.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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