

Extra passing place: It was also brought to the attention of the Community Council that an extra passing place is required at a blind spot on the Vementry road to the Aith side of Aithsness. This has already been reported and an enquiry will be made as to when it may be provided.

Funding: Funding details had been received from Mr M Duncan and circulated to the members including the Corra Foundation – Boost Fund and Youth Bank – Shetland Youth Voice.

R100 Broadband Evaluation: Ducting ongoing.

Defibrillator issues in Shetland: Mr E Anderson is willing to organise a training session in early Spring.

Community Resilience Plans: Some discussion took place and further information will be requested from the SIC Resilience Advisor. It will be discussed again at our next meeting.

Skeld Camping Bod: Ms Hazel Sutherland, Chief Executive of Shetland Amenity Trust will attend a meeting soon to discuss the future of the Bod.

Local Place Plan Meeting held 02-09-24: No reply regarding this account.

DATA PROTECTION: A Data Protection fee reminder was received. The £52 will be paid by the renewal date of 10 February.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATE: The Employers Liability Insurance Certificate was received from Mr M Duncan.

FINANCIAL REQUEST: A request for financial assistance towards providing transport from the westside to the Junior Up Helly Aa hop on Monday 2 February was received and considered. A reply will be sent saying that, while we see the benefit of this provision, the timeline for this year is much too short. We would suggest that, if this is to be an annual request, an application should be placed a number of months in advance and that, in future, they could also apply to the Shetland Community Benefit Fund.

WAST OWRE COLUMN: Previously a Report from our meetings was prepared and sent to Ms D Nicolson for inclusion in the West Owre News in the Shetland Times. It was agreed to discuss the continuation of this at our next meeting.

CLIMATE ACTION TING – ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION: Ms Nicole Sim from the SIC Grants Unit forwarded an invite to the Highlands & Islands Climate Hub online information session to mark the opening of applications for the Climate Action Ting, Shetland's green Participatory Budgeting initiative.

PLANNING APPLICATION: The following planning application was considered and no objections were raised:-

2026/002/MAR Propose to change the feeding pipes from black plastic to white plastic, retaining the size, configuration and location at Billy Baa, Entrance to Sandsound Voe & Weisdale Voe by Helen Fergusson.

FINANCE: It was agreed to place posters on the Community Council Facebook page and in the local shops and halls saying that financial applications are to be considered at our February meeting and local groups must send their applications to the Clerk by 7 February.

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 on Monday 9 February 2026.