

## NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 held in the Ollaberry Primary School.

*This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting*

<b>Present:</b>
Cllr R McGeady
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr G Anderson
Cllr R Doull
Cllr J Parry

<b>Ex Officio Present:</b>
Cllr A Hall

<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>
Cllr D Brown
Cllr D Robertson
Ms L Hall – Community Development
Cllr E MacDonald

<b>In attendance:</b>
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk

The meeting started at: 19.32  
Cllr J Parry in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr J Parry – SCBF items Cllr R McGeady – NDCD or Hjaltland Housing Association items
<b>3. Approval Of Previous Minute</b>	Approved by Cllr R McGeady, Seconded by Cllr E Robertson
<b>4. Co-opting of members</b>	Cllr J Parry said he had spoken with Ivor Arthur who is interested in joining the Community Council. The clerk added that Kevin Scollay was also interested in being co-opted. <b>Action: Clerk to get co-opt forms completed</b>
<b>5. Police Report</b>	No police report received this month
<b>6. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Digital Switchover</b> No update</p> <p><b>Speed limits</b> No update – Clerk to email again.</p> <p><b>Sullom Voe Masterplan</b> No update <b>Action: Cllr R McGeady to look over the letter.</b></p> <p><b>Sullom Residents Internet</b></p>

	<p>Cllr A Hall had passed on the work he had done. CClr R Doull has spoken to the residents but feels some of it is over the top of their head. CClr J Parry said that a few people he has spoken to are getting Starlink. CClr R Doull agreed stating they currently have a deal of £35 a month.</p> <p><b>Action: Continue to support where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Ollaberry School Speed Restrictions</b> No update <b>Action: Clerk to email again</b></p> <p><b>Winter icy roads</b> No update <b>Action: Clerk to contact roads again</b></p>
<p><b>7. Community Resilience Plan</b></p>	<p>CClr R McGeady said that he has nearly completed the North Roe/Lochend section. He has a group of people who are willing to be point of contact and list of people with useful equipment i.e. diggers. CClr G Anderson asked if Ian Taylor would be invited to another meeting. CClrs agreed once the plan has been drafted this would be a good idea.</p>
<p><b>8. Banking</b></p>	<p>Clerk is working on this. <b>Action: Remove from the agenda</b></p>
<p><b>9. Correspondence</b></p>	<p><b>Association of Shetland Community Councils</b> CClr J Parry said he would attend the next meeting. <b>Action: Clerk to send details to Michael Duncan</b></p> <p><b>Da Voar Redd Up 2026</b> The Redd Up will be from the 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> April 2026. CClr R Doull asked if Community Council still gave payments to groups who participate. The clerk said there had been a mix up with getting the information last year but would put both payments together this year.</p> <p><b>Flood Risk Management Plans</b> CClr J Parry had looked at the maps in the management plan but there were no places in Shetland marked on the maps.</p> <p><b>Hillswick Shop</b> An open letter from Tom Morton had been circulated. CClr R McGeady said that 53 people had attended the public meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February and that NCDC directors would be having a board meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March to discuss how to move forward. He added that there were definitely some of the suggestions put forward at the public meeting that are worth considering. He added that with hindsight the Hillswick Shop should not have been set up as a trading subsidiary. CClr J Parry said he thought many people don't understand how reserves work. Cllr A Hall asked if any new board members for the shop had come forward. CClr R McGeady said that 3 had come forward to join the shop board and 1 person had come forward to join the NCDC board. CClr R McGeady stressed that everyone on the shop/NCDC boards are community members who volunteer their time. He added that there would be another update after the board meeting. CClr G Anderson said one problem with Hillswick Shop is the location. CClrs agreed with</p>

	<p>CCLr R McGeady adding that most residents of Ollaberry have to drive past the shop.</p> <p><b>Hollander’s Grave Plaque</b> A member of the community had emailed to say the plaque has fallen off the memorial. CCLr G Anderson said he would look at it. <b>Action: CCLr G Anderson to look at the plaque</b></p> <p><b>Meet the Funder with Creative Scotland</b> Free online event, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10-11am.</p> <p><b>Planning Consultation Ref 2026/005/PPF</b> To build a shed at Ronas Voe. CCLrs supported the planning application. <b>Action: Clerk to respond to planning application</b></p> <p><b>Shetland Climate Conversation Survey</b> <a href="https://www.shetland.gov.uk/climate-change/climate-conversation-survey">https://www.shetland.gov.uk/climate-change/climate-conversation-survey</a> Survey closes on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.</p> <p><b>Runic Stones</b> Magnus Hutchison would like to donate a runic stone to different areas in Shetland. He had put together a small presentation for the Lerwick Community Council to gauge interest but due to how it was reported in the Shetland Times wanted to clarify that he would only be making a couple to start with.</p> <p><b>Powering Community to Net Zero</b> The SSEN £3 million fund is set to reopen in May. CCLr G Anderson said he had applied on behalf of the Ollaberry Hall last time, but it didn’t go anywhere.</p> <p><b>Strengthening Participation in Scotland</b> Online workshop on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am-12pm - hear from the Scottish Government about the Review of Participation Requests – Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Findings Report published in March 2025.</p> <p><b>Webinar for Community Councils</b> Local Governance Review webinar on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 6-7.30pm.</p>
<p><b>10. AOCB</b></p>	<p><b>Moratorium on energy developments</b> CCLr J Parry had attended an online meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February with Scottish Community Councils, MSPs and Scottish Parliament about the industrialisation of the Scottish countryside. Campaigners are seeking a halt on all major renewable energy projects until a national policy is adopted. The Unified Statement of the Convention of Community Council states: “This Convention supported by over FIFTY COMMUNITY COUNCILS, collectively representing over 72000 residents with The Highland Council area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RECOGNISES the impact of climate change on our planet but OPPOSES an unjust and unnecessary industrialisation of The Highlands.</li> <li>• CALLS for our elected members to URGENTLY support and protect our communities at NATIONAL level. Given that community consultation is inadequate and LOCAL DEMOCRACY is being overridden, with decisions made by Community Councils and Highland Council consistently disregarded by Scottish Government.</li> </ul>

- CALLS upon the Scottish Government to undertake a PLANNING INQUIRY COMMISSION to address the whole cumulative impact of all major renewable energy infrastructure developments, including transmission, storage and generation with all ancillary infrastructure on our communities and landscape, rather than the salami sliced approach which has thus far been taken.
- CALLS for a PAUSE of all major applications, given the impact upon our communities, which may hasten depopulation in some areas until a clear NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY is in place and an ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT undertaken given that tourism is currently the backbone of The Highland economy.”

Cllr J Parry added that if all the proposed energy projects for Shetland go ahead the isles will be producing 60% more energy than what is needed to power the whole of Scotland. He also added that it was noted at the meeting that of the 300 Munros across Scotland there are only two where you can't see any turbines.

There was a discussion about the removal of the Moratorium of energy developments from the next ASCC meeting due to the upcoming Scottish elections. Those present were disappointed in this decision.

**Onshore Electricity Generation – Electricity Act threshold: consultation**

Cllr A Hall informed those present about a current Scottish Government consultation looking to gather views on increasing the 50MW threshold which determines if onshore electricity generating station applications are decided by local authorities or Scottish Ministers. He said he believes this is really important for the community and he is trying to get it brought into the council chamber for discussion.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/onshore-electricity-generation-consultation-increasing-threshold-applications-under-electricity-act/>

**Redundant Cars**

Cllr J Parry said that he had been approached by a local resident asking about the number of cars now sitting on the old road at Mangaster. Cllr R Doull said that she had spoken to the individual and had been assured they would be moved in the next few months.

Cllr J Parry said he had also been approached about the cars lying at Burravoe, North Roe. Cllr R McGeady said he would speak with the individual.

There was a discussion around the difficulty getting the cars collected with SAT no longer offering a service. Cllr G Anderson said the best option might be to hire a truck to collect cars and take down to Lerwick but the money from the scrappy was unlikely to cover the cost of the truck. Cllr R McGeady said this could potentially be a project for NDCD but would need to be discussed at a board meeting.

**Old Urafirth School**

	<p>Cllr R McGeady said that NCDC had had a planning day in January and Suzanne Malcolmson had presented plans for the potential development at the Old Urafirth School. There are designs for a 1 bed or 2 bed property, which would be constructed offsite and craned into place. The buildings will be highly insulated. Two local companies had been asked to offer indicative prices at this stage, and both prices are very similar. NCDC plans to hold a community event in coming months to showcase the development. NCDC are looking to get a SLF stage 2 application in this year to buy the site. Cllr J Parry asked how many houses NCDC are looking to build. Cllr R McGeady said that the plan was for 7 but phased over a number of years depending on demand and funding. Cllr R Doull asked if local companies would be used. Cllr R McGeady said that both indicative prices had come from local builders. He added that the proposed lead time for a house was 3 months and that the one bed properties could be extended to two bed if needed later. Cllr G Anderson asked if during the first phase would extra concrete slabs be put in for consequential phases. Cllr R McGeady agreed this would likely be the most cost effective way. Cllr R Doull asked if the schoolhouse was empty and if it was owned by SIC. Cllr R McGeady said it has been empty for about 5 years now and it would be purchased with the rest of the site. Cllr R Doull asked about the results of the consultation that was done a number of years ago for the site and what the community suggested. The clerk said that there had been a number of suggestions including housing, a café and a textile museum. Cllr A Hall asked if Malcolmson's had designed the houses and if other areas could use the designs. Cllr R McGeady said yes, they had and that NCDC were essentially a guinea pig and hopefully the model could be replicated in other areas across Shetland.</p>
<p><b>11. Date and time of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the North Roe Primary School.</p>

**The meeting ended at: 20.36**