

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at 6pm.

### **Present**

Mr. M. Fullerton (Chair)  
Mr. B. Adamson  
Mr. N. Beattie  
Mr. A. Cheyney  
Mrs. C. Smith

### **Apologies**

Mr. G. Laurenson  
Ms M. Garnier  
Miss N. Fullerton

### **In Attendance**

Mr. Michael Duncan, SIC  
Ms Nicole Sim, SIC  
Cllr. D. Sandison  
Cllr. I. Scott  
Cllr. M. Lyall  
Cllr. C. Hughson  
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed Michael Duncan and Nicole Sim, SIC, to our meeting.

**1. Declaration of Interest** – Cllr. Sandison, Cllr. Hughson and Carole Smith declared an interest with regard to Planning Application Ref: 2026/049/PPF.

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 were approved. Proposed by Brian Adamson and seconded by Neil Beattie.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

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

Nothing further had been heard from the Planning Department on the above. Cllr Hughson advised that the next Planning meeting is to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April unless they set a special one.

#### **(b) Road matters – outstanding items**

Update received from Neil Hutcheson re following:

- Burra Early Years – pick up/drop off sign requested – The contractor is currently working in Burra, Trondra & Central Mainland so sign should be in place soon.
- Bus Shelter – adjacent to Burra Public Hall – A number of shelters have been ordered but have been delayed and are waiting in Glasgow for collection but should be here soon.
- Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke – No update on this.
- Bin request – near Setter junction – He has discussed with Environmental Services and their thoughts are that this is not the type of location where a litter bin would normally be sited. The members noted that a number of dog walkers use this route and asked the Clerk to pursue this further. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Sign for Meal Beach car park – This has been ordered.

(c) Road at Meal – arrows

The Clerk had contacted Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, again and he explained that arrows have to be a set distance from the nearest centreline markings and that's why they are where they are, so no further arrows. We had suggested making this section wider but he didn't think this would make it safer. He did say that there is an Active Travel submission going in for Speed's Corner to see if funding can be attained for safer pedestrian access. The members agreed that we should ask for the road to be widened at this section when the pedestrian path is being constructed. Michael Duncan said he could contact Michael Craigie for an update on Active Travel.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(d) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

No further information on this. Magnus Malcolmson had put through a ticket to Building Service some time ago to carry out further works to the floodlighting electrical system at Hamnavoe and he was to chase this up.

(e) Trondra bridge

Barrie Scobie had no update on the Trondra bridge mainland end as yet. He said they will be carrying out investigatory works as soon as they get some decent weather when he will get back to us.

(f) Papal Stone

Val Turner had replied and confirmed that permission has to be sought from Historic Environment Scotland (HES). She has also spoken to the Graveyards Officer in the Council and she does not want it to be put right against the wall as she feels that would cause issues for the wall and there are far more rules about what you can and can't do in graveyards than there were when it was erected – including who is allowed to erect/re-erect anything. Val is looking to get it reset in it's existing place and will contact HES again about it.

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

Brian had spoken with Marvyn Inkster and also Kay Hughes to try and find out who is now responsible for this and they are looking into it. They thought it was possibly handed down to the Burra Rowing Club by the Burra Boating Club but there is no paperwork on this.

(h) Muckle Road pavement, Hamnavoe - moss

Nothing had been heard from Michael Godden, SIC, who had been contacted to have the pavement cleaned. Carole will check the pavement to see if this has been done and let the Clerk know.

**ACTION: Carole**

(i) ASCC meeting – 10 March

Mark and Aidan offered to attend the ASCC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March. This was noted by Michael Duncan.

(j) Community Council training & support needs

Community Planning & Development are offering a range of training opportunities during 2026 for Community Councillors and Clerks. Questionnaires had been circulated to the members previously. Michael advised that dates will be set for May/June and September and these will follow.

(k) Closure of Scalloway Swimming Pool

After the last meeting, the Chairman had composed a letter which was sent to David Thomson, Chairman of Shetland Recreational Trust, expressing our strong support to the recent correspondence from the Scalloway Community Council regarding the proposed closure. It was also pointed out that residents of Burra and Trondra rely on a limited number of accessible

facilities and the loss of a well-used pool would further reduce already constrained provision and risk deepening inequality of access for children, families, older people, and organised user groups. Robert Geddes had acknowledged receipt of the letter and said they were working through the questions raised by community groups and we would receive a copy when available. All that we have received to date is a copy of their press release. The members were disappointed that no proper response had been received from SRT.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### (a) Fibre Optic cable to Houss

Pierre Cambillard, who lives at Houss, had been in touch with the Clerk. He has lodged a complaint with Openreach as the fibre optic cable has not yet been laid across the bridge at Bridge End and this has been ongoing for months. He has also contacted Beatrice Wishart MSP and she is pursuing the matter. Openreach were unsuccessful when they tried to lay the cable down the middle of the bridge and were now looking to erect a pole of about 8 meters high at each end of the bridge for the cable. As there is already a duct on the side of the bridge for the water supply, this would appear to be the best solution. The members were in favour of this option and the Chairman will compose an email to be sent to Openreach and Beatrice Wishart.

**ACTION: Chairman/Clerk**

### (b) Feedback re Community Council Election publicity

Michael Duncan asked if there was any feedback from the members on publicity or any ideas for improvement. The only suggestion was that advertising could have started earlier. The short videos which were available online from current Community Councillors had been interesting and helpful. Some people might also be put off if it came down to an election.

### (c) Da Voar Redd Up 2026

An email had been received from the Shetland Amenity Trust advising that this year the event will take place between 18-24 April. They asked if there were any locations not already covered by a community group which would benefit from a Redd Up. The only area suggested was the beach at Houss. The Clerk will pass this on.

**ACTION: Clerk**

*(Carole Smith left the room.)*

### (d) Planning Ref: 2026/049/PPF

Applicant: Gary Smith      Address: Utterabrake, Burra

Proposal: To site 3 static mobile homes with associated services & drainage & site parking

The above application was discussed by the members. There were no objection raised.

*(Carole Smith returned to the meeting.)*

### (e) Funding Applications

The following grant applications had been received from local groups and the following donations were agreed by the members:

Trondra Hall – toilet refurbishment.....	£1,900
Burra Public Hall – new front door.....	£500
Burra Soccer School.....	£400
Burra Badminton Club .....	£200

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

- Invitation to Regional Online Session on Community Benefits from Onshore Renewables – 23 March
- Shetland Charitable Trust – Small Grant Scheme & Innovation Grant Scheme
- SSEN – Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund – opens March 2026

## **6. AOCB**

(a) It was reported that the path or shortcut going through the Hulsidale Playpark to the Hulsidale housing scheme is in a poor state. Children regularly use this shortcut when going to the playpark and it is also used by the children living in Hulsidale who walk to and from school. Photographs had been sent showing how guttery this section has been recently and a number of children have fallen in this area. It was suggested that Matta Tiling could be put down. The Clerk will contact Magnus Malcolmson. **ACTION: Clerk**

### (b) Wooden walkway at Backaburn

The short wooden section of walkway at the Backaburn Beach, Hamnavoe, is in need of repair. As this is part of the Core Path network the Clerk will contact Liam Drosso, SIC.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of next meeting was set for Monday, 6th April 2026 at 6pm.  
(Later changed to 13<sup>th</sup> April.)