

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6pm.

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

Mr. M. Fullerton  
Mr. G. Laurenson  
Cllr. M. Lyall

### **In Attendance**

PC Alex Barry	Cllr. D. Sandison
Mr. Kevin Nicolson, Trondra	Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. Gillian Okill, Trondra	Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. Fiona Tait, Trondra	
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)	

**1. Declaration of Interest** – Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Hughson declared an interest with regard to Planning Application Ref: 2025/257/PPP to be discussed.

The Chair welcomed the three members of the public from Trondra to the meeting and PC Alex Barry.

### **2. Planning Application 2025/257/PPP – 7 dwellinghouses, Trondra**

The Planning Department had asked for the Community Council's comments regarding the revised drawings which had been uploaded on the SIC Planning website for this application. Kevin Nicolson was asked to speak regarding this, and the plans were looked at again and discussed. It was noted that the main areas of concern had not been improved e.g. access road at turning head, blind corner, steep elevations and no proper pedestrian access. Street lighting was also proposed which residents were against. Kevin also pointed out that they are proposing individual septic tanks, but the size of this scheme would need a proper treatment plant. It was also pointed out that an ecological study had not been done, and this should have been done beforehand. The increase in traffic was also mentioned and the problems at the Cauldhame junction at school bus pick up/drop off. After considering all these issues the members agreed to uphold the original objection previously lodged and this will be passed on to the Planning Department with additional comments. Kevin advised that he will be attending the Planning meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and will be allowed five minutes to speak on behalf of the residents. Kevin, Fiona and Gillian were thanked for taking the time to attend and they left the meeting. (6.25pm)

### **3. Police Report**

PC Alex Barry was asked by the Chair to give an update on Police issues. He advised that the recent Police Report had not yet been sent out. He was aware that the two fatal road traffic accidents would be having an impact on the local community and wished to give their support. It was too early for them to give any information on the incidents as meetings were still to take place. They will be looking to do speed checks in Trondra in the future but would give the

community time to recover before taking any action. It was pointed out that speeding is a problem in Trondra and this has been mentioned in the past. Cllr. Hughson said that Neil Hutcheson had agreed to put 'slow' signs on the road in Trondra and she will chase this. PC Barry asked that we email with any other concerns or issues regarding recent events. The Chair thanked PC Barry for attending and he left the meeting. (6.40pm)

#### 4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 were approved. Proposed by Carole Smith and seconded by Aidan Cheyney.

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING

##### (a) Road matters – outstanding items

- Burra Early Years, pick up/drop off sign – this is now in place.
- Bus Shelter – adjacent to Burra Public Hall – ordered and should be in place soon.
- Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke – no update on this.
- Bin request – near Setter junction – Environmental Services had turned down this request, but the Clerk had asked again but not had a response.
- Sign for Meal Beach car park – this is now in place.

##### (b) Road at Meal

Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, had emailed to advise of the active travel path proposed from Meal junction to Meal beach car park. The Clerk had replied asking if the small section of road between Meal junction and Speed's corner could be widened at the same time due to near accidents at this narrow, blind spot. He had replied saying this would be considered during the design of the path and they will contact us again when the draft design has been prepared.

##### (c) 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.

##### (d) Trondra bridge – ramp at Mainland end

Nothing further from Barrie Scobie on this. He said they would be carrying out investigatory works as soon as they get some decent weather when he will get back to us.

##### (e) Papal Stone

Nothing further from Val Turner who is looking to get it reset in its existing place. She was contacting HES again about it.

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

Nothing further on this. Waiting to hear back from the Rowing Club.

##### (g) Muckle Road pavement, Hamnavoe - moss

It was noted that some pavements in Hamnavoe have been cleaned but not the Muckle Road pavement we requested. The Clerk will contact Michael Godden, SIC, to see if they will clean all pavements in Hamnavoe. **ACTION: Clerk**

##### (h) ASCC meeting – 10 March

An update on the above meeting had been received and circulated to the members. One point raised was defibrillators. It had been noted at the ASCC meeting that there are a lot of defibrillators throughout Shetland but a significant percentage of them are not registered to 'The Circuit' or being checked/maintained regularly. In the event of a blue light emergency, being registered to 'The Circuit' ensures that emergency services can find the nearest public defibrillator if someone is in cardiac arrest. A link to 'The Circuit' was also provided where

defibrillators can be registered. The Clerk will contact the Burra Hall and the Bridge End Outdoor Centre to see if they are registered and if they are regularly being checked and maintained.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(i) Fibre Optic cable to Houss

A number of emails had been received from Pierre Cambillard who has been corresponding with Beatrice Wishart and others regarding the above. Mark Fullerton, our chairman, advised by email that he had emailed Beatrice Wishart regarding the proposed poles. The response from Openreach does not seem like they are willing to move on this issue. He has also spoken with local engineers, and they are aware of the concerns and were still hopeful that a more discrete solution could still be used in place of the poles. It seems that Planning have been involved and have mentioned the National Scenic status of the area and the restrictions that go along with that. The poles are due to be erected in June.

(j) Grants – letter of thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from the Burra Public Hall for their recent donation. They are continuing to fundraise for the remaining funds and sourcing the new doors. They also thanked the community council for last year's grant for the new TV and trolley which is now in place and in use by all hall user groups.

Trondra Hall had also been in touch as they received a grant to assist with toilet refurbishment but had recently been unsuccessful sourcing other funding. They wished to point out that this grant will be ring-fenced until further funding is obtained for this project. The members were happy with this.

(k) Hulsidale Playpark - Path

It was reported at the last meeting that the path/shortcut going through the Hulsidale Playpark to the Hulsidale housing scheme is in a poor state. The Clerk had contacted Magnus Malcolmson and he replied saying they are looking to put a section of stone/chips below the gate where the muddiest/wettest area is. They are not planning any expensive path works.

(l) Wooden walkway at Backaburn

The Clerk had contacted Liam Drosso, SIC, and he was aware of this issue, and a job ticket has gone out to have it repaired soon.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Invitation to Participate in the Development of the next Shetland Partnership Plan

An email had been received on the above and had been circulated to the members. The current Partnership Plan ends in 2028 and it is now time to develop the next Shetland Partnership Plan. To support this process, they request that a representative of our Community Council be nominated to be involved in this process. The commitment is to attend where possible, seven 2-hour sessions between May 2026 and March 2027. Responses to be in by 8<sup>th</sup> May. It was not made clear if the meetings were during the day or evenings, and if just one member had to attend all sessions or could others take a turn. Neil Beattie said he would be interested if the sessions were during the evening. The Clerk will email and find out for the next meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Dog fouling

Billy Mycock, SIC Environmental Health, had emailed with links on dog fouling. It was noted that there are issues with dog fouling at Meal beach and the loop core path. The Clerk will contact Billy Mycock.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **6. AOCB – None.**

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

The date of next meeting was set for Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6pm.