



**TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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**1.0 Present:**

Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)    Ian Scott  
Margaret Cooper                    Davie Sandison  
Martin Randall                    Moraig Lyall  
Charlie Hodge  
Neil Leask  
Birgit Wagner  
Steve Groom

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**2.0 Apologies:**

Andrew Archer, Selina-May Miller, Catherine Hughson, Michael Duncan, Leah Colyer

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**3.0 Declarations of Interest:**

Davie Sandison declared an interest in Planning matters due to his role as SIC Planning Committee Vice Chair.

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**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Margaret Cooper, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

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**5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- Letter to SCT re. Scalloway Pool: A reply had been received saying simply that SCT would “continue to have ongoing dialogue with SRT on their operational challenges”. Members were disappointed by the lack of action but felt that no further action could be taken at this time.
- Road surface issues near Strand Loch, on the A971 north of Strom Bridge, and between Herrislea House Hotel and the Veensgarth roundabout: a reply had been received saying that the listed issues had been added to the repair schedule.
- Suggested topics for future ASCC meetings and any other ASCC feedback: members felt they that did not have anything more to add to last month’s discussion.

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**6.0 Decisions since last meeting**

None.

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## 7.0 Police report

Reports had been received for December 2025/January 2026 and February/March 2026. Members did not wish to raise any issues.

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## 8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026, was distributed to the members.  
*[Moraig Lyall arrived at this point]*
  - Members agreed to the pay award increase for the Clerk's salary, as per the Local Government Employees Salary Scale, with effect from 1 April 2026.
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## 9.0 Correspondence

- An invitation to participate in the development of the next Shetland Partnership Plan had been received, asking who from the TWWCC would like to be involved.  
→ ACTION: The Clerk to ask the Community Planning Team whether it would be possible to have a rotation of CC members involved instead of just a single named person.
  - An email had been received from two local residents to say that they had submitted an objection to planning application 2026/051/PPF.
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## 10.0 Planning

There were two planning applications to be considered this month:

- 2026/058/VCON Proposal to vary condition 2 of planning permission 2024/303/PPF to relocate the approved access junction on Ladies Drive approximately 25m southwards and to create new 405m long section of track to link windfarm track (approved under planning permission 2023/084/VCON) to substation platform. No comment.
- 2026/051/PPF Erection of 3no dwelling houses (to be used as holiday rental properties), formation of vehicular access, 1.2M boundary fence, associated landscaping and drainage works.

Members noted the residents' correspondence noted in item 9 but, after discussion, members decided the CC could only submit "no comment" for both of the applications.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit "No comment" for statutory consultations 2026/058/VCON and 2026/051/PPF.

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## 11.0 Energy

- Birgit Wagner and Martin Randall volunteered to be the TWWCC Representatives for the Mossy Hill Community Liaison Group.
  - The Tagdale Scoping Document was discussed. Members noted it makes no mention of:
    1. Mdotinerals which may be found in the area.
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2. Any effect on Shetland Honey which is located very close to the proposed site.

3. The Tirricks (Arctic Terns) nesting on Muckle Ayre.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to respond to request that specific studies on the above three items be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment.

- Gordon Bell (SSE) had sent a follow-up email to ask if the CC had received any reply from SSE Renewables regarding the wind farm public access routes, to which the answer was no. The CC had previously asked Gordon why a pylon connection between Kergord and Voe was required, rather than the two converters being standalone projects. He had provided a partial response saying that there was still a need to safely and reliably move electricity around Shetland, from the Kergord connection to the new substation near Voe, and onward to the Northern Hub area. This allows the planned renewable projects to connect. He is hoping to expand on this answer before the next CC meeting.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to respond to Gordon to: (i) ask him to request a response from SSE Renewables regarding access arrangements to the Viking tracks; (ii) to say members are hoping to have an extended answer for the next meeting, either in person or by email; and (iii) let him know the dates for all of the CC meetings this year, should he wish to attend any of them.

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## 12.0 Win Furt

There was no update this month, although members noted that Win Furt was carrying out a Voar Redd Up along the Weisdale Voe on the 19th April.

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## 13.0 SCBF

There were no applications this month.

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## 14.0 Roads

Several issues have been reported:

(i) The road surface was breaking up at various points along the roadsides on the stretch from the Strand Loch junction up to the T junction at Callif.

(ii) The verges near the Callif junction are very uneven and very narrow at some points.

(iii) There are pot holes to the Lerwick side at the staggered junction on the main road at Tingwall (Tingwall crossroads) in the lined section. The whole area is also generally rough.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to write to Roads to ask that they investigate the three issues above.

- A local resident had contacted the CC to say that they had ordered a refill of their grit bin and were quoted a price for this. When they were billed, the invoice was £100 higher than quoted due to required delivery and labour charges not having been included in the original quote.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to ask Roads to ensure staff answering residents' queries are aware that any quotes are accurate and inclusive of all costs.

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## **15.0 Councillors' Reports**

- Davie Sandison reported that education issues and the new Brae school were taking up most of his time at the moment.
- Moraig Lyall had been involved with Active Travel department work, and hoped that the ongoing drive to recruit more staff would progress this.
- Ian Scott highlighted a general discussion in Council about the Scalloway Pool closure, and on the ongoing job and housing situation in Shetland.

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## **16.0 AOCB**

Members appreciated that the Voar Redd Up events in both South Whiteness and the Cott road have been taken on by local volunteers.

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## **17.0 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May 2026, at Whiteness & Weisdale Public Hall.

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