

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 30th April 2026 At Mossbank School

2026/04/01 MEMBERS

Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)
Ms S McDonald
Mr J Milne

Ms R Griffiths
Mr T Tyler
Ms J Dennison

2026/04/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer
Mr G Bell - SSEN Transmission Community Liaison Manager

2026/04/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2026/04/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Cooper (Chairman), Mr D Clark, Mr A Hall - Ex Officio, Ms E Macdonald – Ex Officio, and Mr M Duncan.

2026/04/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2026 were approved by Mr J Milne and seconded by Ms R Griffiths

2026/04/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2026/04/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

7.1 There were no new members to Co-Opt. Ms L Hall going to look into emailing the Voe Community Development Association group to see if anyone from Voe would be interested in being Co-opted and will make a poster for advertising in the area.

2026/04/08 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 **Glass on road** – Mr B Gray asked John Duncan from Roads to see if we can alter the ground that these bins sit on. He agrees the simple solution would be to put a concrete plinth or something similar so that the bins have a hard standing. He will catch up with John next week and let us know what the plan of action will be. Update – Mr B Gray spoke to John Duncan about the glass recycling bin area and they have a plan in place for that. They are removing the bee hive bins at the back which are now surplus to requirement, and they will leave the big wheelie bins that are currently sitting in front of them. John is going to look at adjusting the kerbs so that the water doesn't pool up to on the pavement area. There is a slight issue with drainage from a couple of areas there but John is going to look into that and see what can be altered. **Clerk to progress.**

8.2 **Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – an update was sent from ZetTrans which Mr M Duncan sent for information to be circulated to members. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**

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- 8.3 **Community Resilience Plans** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.4 **Toft Road** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.5 **Kissing Gates Moorfield estate** – There was no update on this item. Members would like an update from Mr N Hutcheson. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.6 **White lines in Car park** – There was no update on this item. Members would like an update from Mr N Hutcheson. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.7 **Safety Muckle Roe Road** – Ms J Dennison provided an update that the council had been out this week and provided slow markers on certain corners. There is no change with the passing place signs yet.
- 8.8 **Parking in Brae Opposite Garage** –Mr N Hutcheson emailed to say the road marking boiler is still mothballed for the winter. When weather permits the parking laybys in Brae will be among the first marking jobs done. Hopefully toward the end of April. Members would like an update from Mr N Hutcheson. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.9 **North Lea Autopoint Mossbank Smell** – Clerk emailed SEPA and Environmental Health regarding concerns raised. Environmental Health passed onto SEPA. SEPA updated Clerk by saying they were investigation and could not say any more at this time.

2026/04/09 POLICE REPORT

- 9.1 There have been 14 incidents recorded in Delting in February and March which can be summarised as follows:
- Road Safety and Road Crime
 - Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit
 - Driving whilst Unfit (2)
 - Driving with No MOT
 - Fail to Provide Details of Driver
 - Fail To Stop and Report Collision
 - Ignoring Traffic Directions
 - Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
 - Assault
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Domestic Incident
 - Mental Health (2)
 - Sexual Offence
 - Other
 - Drugs – Possession
 - Unexploded Ordnance

2026/04/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 00011412 - EnQuest Heather Ltd - Pipeline Remedial Works - PL10, East of Fora Ness and West of Whether Holm, Shetland - Consultation- Response required by 7 May 2026. A marine licence has been requested under the above Act to undertake a licensable activity at a location below the level of Mean High Water Springs. Licence application details <https://marine.gov.scot/?q=node/27499> Mr A Cooper emailed to say having previously recorded no objections we should do the same in this instance. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

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2026/04/11 COMMUNITY WORK

- 11.1 Mossbank Development Group** – This group has started up recently in Mossbank. It is very new. Iona Graham and Jackie Grant have started it up. They have spoken to a few people who are interested in joining. Ms L Hall had a couple of meetings with them, and they are currently in the process of creating a constitution for their new group and getting their governance documents in order. They will be hosting a public event at the end of May at the hall, to share more information with the community and to find out what people would like to see happen in the area. They will be looking at funding opportunities if the group gets off the ground. Ms L Hall going to help them advertise it.
- 11.2 Voe Sail Loft** – They are going through a stage two application to the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the building and will find out in June if successful.
- 11.3 Muckle Roe Purchase** – They will be submitting a stage two application to the Scottish Land fund soon, but they need to form an official group, they are currently looking at becoming a SCIO. They have just finished their consultancy stage where they looked at feasibility and what the residents wanted. They have done a business plan which will go towards the stage two application for 95% of the value of the land. This application would be in the same cycle as Voe Sail loft so will find out later in the year.
- 11.4 Voxter House** – Voxter House have got money to replace windows, but they are still looking for money because of the septic tank. The Council owns the building, and the Voxter Committee lease the building from the council. Ms L Hall going to meet with some of the committee next week and they are hoping there will be some Islands fund available to help with the building upgrades. There is a new chairman, George Sloan.
- 11.5 Digital Awareness Courses** – Ms L Hall organising digital awareness courses for all parents and pupils of P7s in the North Mainland and about Digital Safety and Parental Controls. They are going to try and meet the Primary 7s before they go to the high school. Courses will be advertised through the school.

2026/04/12 FINANCE UPDATE

- 12.1** The clerk updated members on the final financial position for 25/26. Accounts were approved by members for submission to VAS to be independently Examined. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.2** Invoice form VAS for membership fees of £40.00. Members agreed this payment. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.3 Community Council Core Funding - 2026/27 of £14,643.71** Application was approved by Shetland Island Council and needs signed by Mr A Cooper sent back. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.4 Salary Scales** - There were new salary scales sent out from 1st April 2026 – Increasing Clerks salary. This increase was approved via email from Mr A Cooper. This was budgeted for in the Core Funding Application. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/04/13 CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Grant Application Form – Mossbank School** – Hire of bus for Nursery for school trip to Folk Festival at Mareel on Friday 1st May. This folk festival event is geared towards the nursery childrens age group. It ties in with the curriculum and also provides an excellent end of term educational event for fun and relaxation. Total cost of project is £240.00. They are funding £60.00 from school fund and they are applying for £180.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £180.00. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

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- 13.2 Upcoming Meeting – Voe Public Hall, 29th April** - Please note that a meeting will be held at Voe Public Hall on 29th April. Representatives from OCU and SSE will be in attendance to provide information regarding the upcoming works planned through the hill above Voe. A letter drop will take place this week to notify residents living closest to the work site. In addition, a public notice will be displayed in Tagon Stores for wider community awareness. Ms R Griffiths attended. There was only about 15-20 people and was only on for one hour. Mr G Bell took pictures of the routes at the meeting and he will forward onto clerk to send to members. There was discussion with Mr G Bell regarding the mess of the roads that SSEN Distribution have made during the cable laying project and the lack of information and communication. Mr G Bell is SSEN Transmission but was open to hearing the views of the members. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.3 Yell Sound marine surveys** - SSEN Transmission emailed to provide a short update about upcoming marine surveys in the Yell Sound, which may be of interest to community council members. In the coming weeks marine survey work will take place in the Yell Sound to help inform the routing for our subsea cable from Yell to the Shetland mainland. All of the appropriate permissions are in place and engagement has taken place with marine stakeholders include the Shetland Fishermen's Association and Shetland Islands Council's ports and ferries team. The project team will be hosting an information session on the island later in the year and will provide an update on progress. Events were held in Burravoe Hall in June and October last year. Plans for a marine link have been the subject of discussion since 2020. For more information contact shetlandengagement@sse.com. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Mr E Smith asked if there was any update on the Pylons that were proposed. Mr G Bell said they had an event at end of November in Voe and there was significant feedback from this. There was a handwritten petition by the Voe Community Development Association of 1600 signatures handed in. It is currently going through a refinement phase and they are hoping to update the community again before the summer. There was considerable feedback. Mr G Bell asked if we would like updated in advance of any public meeting. It was decided to see when public meeting would be and the members will decide the best way forward. Mr G Bell said he was hoping to come to as many of our meetings as he can. Clerk will forward meeting dates and also said we could arrange a special meeting out with the normal meeting dates. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/04/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 14.1 Planning Fee Increase** - Planning Fees Set to Rise from 1st April 2026 -New planning fees will come into effect across Scotland from 1 April 2026. The new fees will see an inflation-linked increase of 3.9% increase in fees. Building warrant fees will change from 1 April 2026. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.2 Newsletter No.6, New Powers For Scotland's Community Councils** - **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.3 Andrew Hall - Councillor Update - 16 April 2026** – Mr A Hall sent his Councillor update - **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and shared his facebook post.**

2026/04/15 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 15.1** Mr D Manson emailed to ask about an update for the dog bin that was located next to the toilets as he was constantly needing to pick up other dog walker's litter. The Clerk emailed Mr B Gray and he responded saying the dog litter bin was relocated to Grindahoul for dog walkers going up by the graveyard. The bin that was removed was irreparable and we do not stock dog litter bins anymore. In rural areas we usually just have litter bins due to capacity, and there is a litter bin within 80m of the removed bin so we felt this was adequate provision in this area. Members would like clerk to contact environmental health regarding signage in Brae for dog Fouling. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 15.2** Mr J Milne quoted the report in the Shetland News regarding the Hockey Association backing plans for a Hockey pitch in Lerwick as part of the new Brae High School project. The Shetland Island Council will be resurfacing it as a football pitch instead. He is concerned about the centralisation of the facility and the provision being lost to Delting for children after school. All the members were in agreement that this facility should be retained in Brae. Delting Community Council have never been consulted in any way. It was decided to invite Andrew Lyall, project manager Brae High School Project, to the next Community Council in May to update the members on the current proposals of the project. **Clerk to progress.**
- 15.3** Mr T Tyler raised the issue of the mess and safety in the wooded area beside the school. He showed a video of the area with rubbish and a makeshift camp fire. There is broken seats and smashed glass. Members would like the Amenity Trust to be contacted to inform them for advice. Mr T Tyler will send video to Clerk. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/04/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 16.1** The Vice Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Voe Hall on Thursday 28th May commencing at 7.30pm.
Vice Chairman