

NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Northmaven Community Council on 13th April 2026 held in the North Roe Primary School.

This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting

Present:
Cllr R McGeady
Cllr E Robertson
Cllr G Anderson
Cllr R Doull
Cllr J Parry - online
Cllr D Robertson

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr A Hall

Apologies Submitted:
Cllr D Brown
Mr M Duncan – Community Development
Mr A Barry - Police
Cllr E MacDonald

In attendance:
Mrs C Anderson – Clerk
Ms L Hall – Community Development
Mr I Arthur

The meeting started at: 19.32
Cllr R McGeady in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative
2. Declarations of Interest	Cllr J Parry – SCBF & NCDL items Cllr R McGeady – NCDL & Hjalmland Housing Association items
3. Approval Of Previous Minute	Approved by Cllr J Parry, Seconded by Cllr G Anderson Cllr E Robertson joined the meeting at 19.33
4. Police Report	Two police reports had been received – Dec/Jan there had been 4 incidents – Road traffic collision with minor or no injury, sexual offence and 2 sudden deaths. Feb/Mar there were 2 incidents – theft and mental health.
6. Matters Arising	Cllr R McGeady moved onto matters arising. Digital Switchover No update Speed limits An update had been circulated prior to the meeting. Sullom Voe Masterplan Cllr R McGeady said he would prioritise this for the next meeting. Sullom Residents Internet

	<p>CCLrs agreed to remove from the agenda. CCLr J Parry said that Starlink were currently offering £25 a month for the first 6 months. CCLr R Doull said she would pass the information on.</p> <p>Action: Remove from agenda.</p> <p>Ollaberry School Speed Restrictions A response had been circulated from Neil Hutcheson stating that an additional period of 20mph speed limit around 4pm would likely be the most effective solution. CCLr E Robertson highlighted that the email spoke about Urafirth rather than Ollaberry. The clerk said she had noticed this as well and would contact the school.</p> <p>Winter icy roads A response had been received to say it would be sent to the relevant people but no other correspondence had been received.</p>
<p>7. Community Resilience Plan</p>	<p>CCLr R McGeady had circulated the work he had done for North Roe with points of contact in North Roe, Lochend and Skaw which could be replicated for the rest of Northmavine. For Mr I Arthurs benefit, CCLr R McGeady gave a quick overview of the purpose of a resilience plan is and added that it can help getting generators for halls. Ms L Hall had brought some examples with her of other resilience plans that CCLrs looked at. She had also sent them to the Clerk to circulate via email. CCLr R Doull asked who would apply for generators. CCLr R McGeady said either each hall or NCC could apply for all together. CCLr R Doull said that halls can already apply for generators but it is not guaranteed that they will be successful.</p> <p>CCLr D Robertson joined the meeting at 19.39.</p> <p>CCLr R Doull agreed to replicate for Sullom</p> <p>CCLr G Anderson and CCLr E Robertson agreed to replicate for Ollaberry</p> <p>CCLr D Robertson agreed to replicate for Eshaness</p> <p>CCLr I Arthur agreed to replicate for Hillswick.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to circulate other community resilience plans</p>
<p>9. Correspondence</p>	<p>Viking Community Fund Apprentice Support Fund is now open until the end of May. Applications are only for 1st year apprenticeships this time. Clerk had shared on the Northmaven CC Facebook Page.</p> <p>50KW Consultation & Councillor Update from Andrew Hall Clerk said this had been shared on the Northmaven CC Facebook Page.</p> <p>North Mainland – Children and Teenagers Living Well Locally Plan Report had been circulated before the meeting</p> <p>Newsletter no.4 – invitation to survey your local community New Powers for Scotland’s Community Councils are asking community councils to run a survey to see if their residents want</p>

community councils to have more power. The clerk said that none of the Shetland community councils have put out the survey yet.

Action: respond to email and put out survey

What can ASCC do better?

The new chair and vice chair have put together a short questionnaire about how to improve ASCC meetings.

SSMO Director Nominations

The Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation are looking for two community councillors to join the board of directors- a response from anyone interested is due for the June ASCC meeting.

Viking Community Fund

Variety of promotional material had been circulated before the meeting.

Action: Clerk to post on social media

Shetland Partnership

NCC have been invited to participate in the next Shetland Partnership Plan. Clerk said that NCCDC had also been invited and she was happy to represent both at upcoming meetings.

Hillswick Shop

Cllr R McGeady said that the EGM had been well attended and that there are 4 new directors in place. Mr I Arthur added there was a board meeting next week.

Action: Remove from the agenda

Marine planning consultation ref 2026/004/WL

No objections

Action: Clerk to respond to application

Marine survey for Shetland HVDC link 2

SSE would like to attend the May NCC meeting to discuss the marine survey work currently being carried out.

Action: Clerk to invite SSE to next meeting

Planning Fee increase

SIC planning fees increased by 3.9% on the 1st April 2026

SSEN Braewick cabling survey

The Shetland Times had been in contact looking for local views on the proposed marine surveying. Cllrs agreed that they would not respond at this moment in time.

Moratorium on energy developments

Cllr R McGeady asked Cllr J Parry if there had been any updates from the last meeting. Cllr J Parry said it was on the agenda for the next ASCC meeting in June with the current consensus to adopt the same moratorium. Cllr A Hall added that a letter had been

	<p>written from SIC to SSE before Christmas and Cllr E MacDonald had met with SSE since then.</p> <p>Old Urafirth School Cllr R McGeady told those present that NCDC would be holding open days on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April 10am – 4pm in the Hillswick Hall. He asked all those present to encourage as many folk as possible to attend and added that the Local Place Plan consultation would also be running adding that it could be really important especially with proposed plans for the cable at Braewick.</p> <p>ASCC Cllr J Parry said that at the last ASCC meeting there had been two people from the Scottish Ambulance Service in attendance that said there are over 200 defibrillators in Scotland but only 40 are registered on Circuit meaning if someone calls 999 they may not get referred to the closest defibrillator. They asked each community council to find out how many defibrillators there are in their area and get them registered. He added that batteries need to be replaced every 5 years. Cllr R McGeady said there had been mention in the past about a funding application for pads and batteries. There was a discussion about known defibrillators in Northmavine. Action: Clerk to compile a list of defibrillators in Northmavine and get them registered.</p> <p>Letter about School Transport Provision A letter had been received from Ivor Tulloch about the school transport provision for bairns at Heylor. There was a discussion among the Cllrs about the problem and the difficulty to challenging the decision when SIC are following their policy. Cllrs agreed to offer support to parents. Action: Clerk to respond to letter</p>
<p>8. Local Place Plan</p>	<p>Cllr R McGeady said that NCDC have received some objections to the proposed HDVC cable in Braewick and it would be discussed at the next NCDC meeting. Cllr R McGeady added that Local Place Plans are really important for communities and have statutory implications. He added that there is a geopark designation in Eshaness but it might be worth trying to get other designations. He said that the community needed to get prepared and a Local Place Plan was a good way to do this. Cllr G Anderson said that there had been a plan to run cables out to the rigs to the west of Eshaness in the past. Ms L Hall said that SSEN had looked at a number of different places. Cllr A Hall added that there had been 23 options with 4 in the North Mainland of Shetland which did not include Eshaness. He also said that the cable can't go over ground so there would be no pylons. Cllr R McGeady said that he had spoken to Cllr D Brown who spoke about a community benefit fund, but NCC would need to make sure that the community would really benefit from the project. Mr I Arthur added</p>

	<p>that Braewick is an important fishing ground for scallops. CCllr R McGeady added that having a UNSECO Geopark designation should mean something. Cllr A Hall said that the project could be seen to have national interest and override the designation. CCllr R McGeady asked everyone present to encourage the community to attend the exhibition this weekend and engage in the Local Place Plan consultation. He added that there would be directors and staff there and short questionnaires.</p>
<p>10. AOCB</p>	<p>Redundant Cars</p> <p>CCllr J Parry asked if there was an update on removing redundant cars. He added he had seen the Orkney and Shetland Island Vehicle Uplifting advertising they were in Shetland. CCllr D Robertson said that they did eventually come and collect cars from him but still haven't collected from a neighbour. CCllr J Parry said that there had been mention of it being an NCDC project CCllr R McGeady said it could definitely be discussed at the next board meeting. Mr I Arthur said that having a central point could help collect redundant vehicles. The clerk said that NCDC did do this in the past but ended up stuck with them for months. CCllr J Parry asked if vehicles were collected, was there some where in Lerwick that they could go. CCllr D Robertson said that John Lawrie had a scrap yard in Lerwick.</p> <p>SCBF</p> <p>CCllr J Parry said that the SCBF board had been formed with representation from each of the Community Councils in Shetland with the idea that any energy development community benefit is split between every area proportionately. Some Community Councils are now working directly with potential developers. There is an agenda item at the next ASCC meeting asking if community councils want to continue getting a proportion of funds relative to how close development is to their area. CCllr R McGeady said he thought a proportion was best. CCllr G Anderson said he understood Community Councils wanting to work directly but felt it should be shared Shetland wide. Cllr A Hall added that the proposed Neishon project at Toft was offering to credit individual energy bills which had been welcomed by the local community due to fuel poverty. Cllr R McGeady said Shetland should avoid Community Councils and groups negotiating against each other, as developers could use that to their advantage and Shetland would end up with less overall.</p> <p>Northmavine Benefit</p> <p>CCllr R Doull raised the community benefit that was meant to come from the windmills at Hillhead in Ollaberry to NCDC. There was a discussion about when this was agreed and CCllrs thought it was around 10 years ago.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to look back through minutes</p>

5. Budget 2026/27	<p>The clerk said there was around £1000 left in the budget with Voar Redd Up payments still to go out. The money is distributed slightly differently now, and each CC needs to say what they will use the money for over the coming financial year. There had been discussion at a previous meeting about the Road Grant and that most other community councils no longer offered it using the money for their Local Grants instead. CClrs agreed to continue to offer the road grant for 26/27.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to respond to SIC</p>
11. Date and time of next meeting	<p>Monday 25th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Urafirth School. CClr R McGeady gave his apologies.</p>

The meeting ended at: 20.30