

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council held in the Rankin Lounge, Aith on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present:	John Priest	Kevin Tulloch
	Mrs Sharon Deyell	Mrs Joanne Fraser
	George Morrison	Duncan Anderson
Ex-officio:	Cllr L Peterson	
	Cllr M Robinson	
In attendance:	Mrs L Fraser, Clerk	

Mr J Priest presiding

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Mr E Anderson, Mr C Manson, Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer and Mrs Leah Colyer, SIC Community Involvement & Development Worker.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2026, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mr C Manson, seconded by Mr E Anderson.

BUSINESS ARISING: Police Report: A message was received from Sgt A Barry with the February and March Police Report attached. It will be circulated to the members.

S&A Draft Community Emergency Plan: Nothing further to add to the plan at present.

Director for SCBF: Shetland Community Benefit Fund has been informed that Mr J D Garrick has agreed to be a Director for this area on the Shetland Community Benefit Fund Group.

Viking Community Fund – Promotional Material: Some promotional material has been received.

CGS Application: Further information has been received from the Aith Badminton Club and their request for £990.00 will be granted.

Road Matters: Corner at Shipping Office at Aith: A message was received from Ms N Thomson giving details of a 'near miss' at the corner at the Shipping Office at Aith. She asks for additional measures to slow vehicles down around the corner and measures to improve the visibility.

It is believed that a safety audit has been done at this area and the message will be forwarded to Mr Neil Hutcheson, Head of Roads, asking for his thoughts on this problem.

Bus shelter requested at the Reawick graveyard: In 2024 a bus shelter was requested at the Reawick graveyard. A further request was received last month and the Clerk contacted Mr Neil Hutcheson who has now replied saying that the SIC are presently doing a programme of bus shelters. They will check whether they have a bus shelter available and, if not, they will get a shelter for Reawick ordered before the end of this week. He will also check with Mr John P Johnson, Road Foreman, regarding the siting of the shelter.

Clousta Road & Blind spot near Hillcrest, Clousta: No further information regarding these stretches of road.

Extra passing place on Vementry Road: No further information.

Funding: Funding details had been received from Mr M Duncan and circulated to the members.

R100 Broadband Evaluation: Ducting ongoing.

Skeld Camping Bod: No date yet agreed with Ms Hazel Sutherland, Chief Executive of Shetland Amenity Trust to attend our meeting.

Finance: Core Fund: The Clerk has completed and submitted the Core Fund application.

Association: An update from the Association meeting held on 10 March was received. Mr Shayne McLeod was appointed as the new ASCC Chair and Mr Andrew Archer is Vice-Chair.

A message from Mr John Robertson, Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation (SSMO), to Mr M Duncan with an invitation to the Association to nominate two people to serve as directors on the board of the SSMO was also received. None of the members were available.

A message was received from Mr A Archer asking what we think about the ASCC and how it could be improved.

SHETLAND PARTNERSHIP PLAN: An email was received from Mr Neil Grant, Director of Development Services, saying that the Shetland Partnership Plan is Shetland's long-term planning document. This Plan ends in 2028 and it is now time to develop the next Partnership Plan. He requests that a representative of our Community Council be nominated to be involved in this process. He attached details of what is required with a response requested by 8 May. Mrs Joanne Fraser was nominated and a message will be sent asking her whether she is willing to take it on.

PLANNING & BUILDING WARRANT FEE INCREASES: A message was received from Ms Jill Garriock at Building Standards saying Planning Fees are set to rise from 1 April.

RNLI – PONTOON MAINTENANCE - MULTIPLE LOCATIONS – CONSULTATION: Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING. A marine licence has been requested to undertake Pontoon Maintenance at a location below the level of Mean High Water Springs. Comments are requested within 28 days from 19 March.

DOG FOULING: A message was received from Mr M Duncan sharing information from Mr Billy Mycock, SIC Environmental Health and suggesting that anyone who needs advice or support on this topic should contact Mr Mycock directly.

SKELD OBSERVATION HIDE: The Revaluation Notice in force from 1 April 2026 in relation to the Observation Hide at Skeld Marina was received and noted.

INFORMATION: Several emails sharing reminders and information with the Community Council were received and noted.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held in the Skeld Hall on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7.30pm..