

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 13 April 2026, having been circulated, were taken as read and were approved. Moved by Mrs S Deyell, seconded by Mr G Morrison.

BUSINESS ARISING: Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF): Viking Community Fund – Apprenticeship Support Fund for Small Businesses: A reminder was received from the Fund Manager of Shetland Community Benefit fund saying that the Apprenticeship Support Fund for Small Businesses will close on 31 May 2026.

Road Matters: Corner at Shipping Office at Aith: No reply yet from Mr Neil Hutcheson, Head of Roads, regarding this problem.

Bus shelter requested at the Reawick graveyard: No reply from Mr N Hutcheson. The Clerk will check with him before our June meeting.

Clousta Road & Blind spot near Hillcrest, Clousta: No reply.

Extra passing place on Vementry Road: No reply.

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 a meeting.

Finance: Core Fund: 2 copies of the CC Core Funding Grant Offer Letter was received and signed. One copy has to be returned to Ms Nicole Sim, Resources Officer, at the Community Planning & Development Dept and the other is retained by the Community Council.

Association: A reply was received from Mr A Archer with the results of the questionnaire he had circulated. Of the 18 Community Councils, 10 had replied and he had summarised the responses.

Shetland Partnership Plan: Discussion of the next Shetland Partnership Plan is to get under way soon with some meetings being held later in the year and Mrs J Fraser has agreed to represent this Community Council.

Skeld Observation Hide: The Non-Domestic Rates Bill showing, following adjustments, a nil balance was received for the Skeld Observation Hide.

Active Travel: A message was received from Mr M Duncan, attaching an update on Active Travel from ZetTrans. In it, it states that design work is complete on schemes in various areas, including Aith and that these schemes are ready for construction subject to funding from Transport Scotland.

Cruise Forward: A note was received from Mrs Leah Colyer giving a report from the Cruise Event which she attended recently.

INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN LEADERSHIP: A message was received from Mr Wayne Leask, Development Worker at OPEN. He says that they are sharing their project looking at sharing their learning and successes with youth leadership & governance, with the aim to support community organisations to involve young people in their meetings. They are putting on various training events for young people in Leadership, Governance and Finances in partnership with Voluntary Action Shetland, with the aim that this will encourage young people to feel confident in taking on leadership roles within community organisations such as Community Councils. He has more information available to anyone interested.

FERRIES: Details of a series of public drop-in sessions were received. These will be held later this month to update islanders on the ongoing work into future connectivity options.

ARCHIVING OF MINUTES: A letter was received from Mr M Smith, Shetland Archives Assistant, acknowledging receipt of Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council minutes. The Clerk expressed thanks to Mr K Tulloch for his help in making these ready for submission to Mr M Duncan.

SLOW SIGN ON ROAD AT SEMBLESTER: Following surfacing in the area, the 'SLOW' sign on the road at Semblester has not been redone. A request to repaint this sign will be sent to Mr N Hutcheson, Head of Roads.

PERMANENT SMILEY FACE SIGN AT BIXTER: Cllr L Peterson reported that a permanent 'Smiley Face' sign is to be provided in the Bixter area soon.

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 15 June 2026 at 7.30pm..