

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 3rd June 2026 At Voe Hall

2026/05/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)
Mr D Clark
Ms S McDonald
Mr T Tyler
Mr A Hall - Ex Officio

Mr E Smith
Ms R Griffiths
Ms J Dennison
Mr J Milne
Ms E Macdonald – Ex Officio

2026/05/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer
Ms R Shucksmith - UHI Shetland -Shetland Marine Planning Partnership
Mr A Lyall - FRICS - Project Manager – Brae School Campus
Mr D Parker

2026/05/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2026/05/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of, Mr M Duncan.

2026/05/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2026 were approved by Ms J Dennison and seconded by Ms S McDonald.

2026/05/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 6.1** Ms S McDonald declared an interest in item 2026/05/15.1 Grant Application Form – Mossbank School.
- 6.2** Mr A Cooper declared an interest in item 2026/05/15.3 CGS0079 - CGS Tier 2 Application for consideration - Voxter Centre Trust.
- 6.3** Ms E Macdonald declared an interest in item 2026/05/15.18 - Proposal of Application Notice - SSEN Transmission.

2026/05/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

- 7.1** Ms L Hall emailed the Voe Community Development Association group to see if anyone from Voe would be interested in being Co-opted and made posters for advertising in the area. We have had one enquiry so far from Mr M Naylor.
- 7.2** Mr D Parker was Co-Opted onto Delting Community Council. The forms were completed by Mr A Cooper, Chairman at the meeting. Forms to be sent to Returning Officer. **Clerk to progress.**

- 8.1** Mr A Cooper introduced Ms R Shucksmith and stated Delting Community Council were particularly interested in the Marine plan in the Delting context, due to lots of activity happening in the area and potentially more to come. Delting Community Council needs to understand the Marine Plan.

Ms R Shucksmith started by saying the Marine Plan is relatively new. She outlined the background to the Marine Plan and how they have got to this stage. Shetland had the ZCC act which meant it was more competent than any other part of Scotland to take Regional Marine Plan on board rather than National planning. In early 2000s Shetland was piloted through national legislation rather than the ZCC Act to take decisions locally for the model to be replicated throughout the rest of Scotland. Due to it being the first it's been a slow process with the Scottish Government with the legal team. The Shetland Island Council adopted the Shetland Regional Marine Plan in 2021. They eventually adopted the Marine Plan and now there is a National Marine Plan for Scotland which they are in the process of reviewing and hope to have a new National Marine Plan in three years' time. They are pushing for the new National Marine plan 2 to be more specific which will allow Shetland to have more specific powers. The plan provides data and framework to which all marine license activities and all public body decisions need to adhere to. In Delting there is a lot of Aquaculture which is consented via the council. The plan helps provide information on the condition, the considerations for consenting a license and can provide evidence on the environment.

Mr A Cooper said Delting Community Council need to be firm that we need to continue the recreation area for the community.

Mr A Cooper asked what kind of thing would come up in terms of the Regional Marine Plan that the Community would be allowed to object to? Ms R Shucksmith said that with objections there are several things to consider. Decision makers only take written objections. Delting Community Council are a statutory consultee. Marine plan has policies around recreation and visual impacts etc. Every public body has to consider the best option for a use of space which balances economic, social and environmental considerations.

Mr A Cooper stressed the Delting Community Council members need to understand the document well if we want to create a sustainable objection to a marine planning application from whatever source. Ms R Shucksmith said the Community Council are better concentrating on the community impact aspect of any objections as other bodies representing e.g. nature will hold more weight coming from them.

2026/05/09 MR A LYALL - FRICS - PROJECT MANAGER – BRAE SCHOOL CAMPUS

- 9.1** Mr A Lyall introduced himself. He is a builder by trade and is the project manager for the new Brae Campus. He has been involved in a number of projects around Shetland. He passed paper copies of the slides he uses for community engagement to the members. He explained the history of the project and the current position and how they got there. They are in the middle of the design process just now. A collective group called Northern Alliance that began the process. The delivery model HUB provide them with all the professional services that assist with developing the project. Robertsons is the contractor. Scottish Futures Trust is the Government Body which assists with funding. Cost is built around pupil numbers and location factor. There will also be additional funding for Accessible Abnormal due to locality to coast. It is a design and build contract. The contractor assists as they go along. When they get to end stage 2, at the end of this year, there will be an agreed price and a Commercial Close in December which will go into full business case and go before the council in January. They decide if they want to proceed. They are starting to look at how they would access the school, round the Hockey facility. Mr A Cooper asked what the impact would be on the Care Centre. Mr A Lyall said there should be no impact. There may be at construction phase but this would be to a minimum and form part of the planning process. Mr E Smith asked if there were separate contracts for building and demolition. Mr A Lyall said no, it was all the one contract. Mr D Clark asked if Robertsons have a history of building schools. Mr A Lyall said yes, they have been in projects involving schools. Mr J Milne asked where the contractors will stay. Mr A Lyall has passed on contact details for Sodexo and local private rentals. There will be around 100 workers for this project.

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Mr A Lyall showed the layout of the school and design and how the different areas could be used and the flexibility it offers. All access arrangements and dust and noise issues during construction and delivery of project will be part of the planning process with the contractor that need to be taken into consideration. Timeline will be stage 2 signed off by end of year. Phase 1 construction end 2028. Handover then demolition end 2029 for completion. Ms R Griffiths asked what the cost will be. Mr A Lyall has said the cost is being worked on just now and will be available at the end of the year and will go to full council in January. It was pointed out the council may not vote to do a new build and opt to do a refurbishment instead. Mr A Cooper said the members in the council needs to look at the impact not building a new school would have on the local community. Mr D Clark pointed out once construction started then Delting Football Club would have no pitch to play on. Mr A Lyall said it's been agreed with the club to put in a system of transporting players to matches. Mr A Lyall said the report to the pitches and the responses to the questionnaire goes back to Education and Families then back to Full Council.

2026/05/10 MATTERS ARISING

- 10.1 Glass on road** – Mr A Hall emailed Mr B Gray to highlight the glass on the road which was left after the bins were removed as a safety issue. Mr B Gray responded saying the contractor they got to remove bins have only done just that, so they will need to get some of our staff to clear up the broken glass that has been left behind. They will get that done this week as we don't want anybody getting cut. He asked John Duncan for a quick update and he says they are going to sort the bases and drainage issue, which has been making it a bog in the winter. So hopefully get all of this sorted out shortly.
- 10.2 Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations** – There was no update on this item.
- 10.3 Community Resilience Plans** – There was no update on this item.
- 10.4 Toft Road** – There was no update on this item.
- 10.5 Kissing Gates Moorfield estate** – Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson but have received no response. Members asked clerk to email again for update. **Clerk to progress.**
- 10.6 White lines in Car park** – Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson but have received no response. Members asked clerk to email again for update. **Clerk to progress.**
- 10.7 Safety Muckle Roe Road** – There was no update on this item.
- 10.8 Parking in Brae Opposite Garage** – C Clerk emailed Mr N Hutcheson but have received no response. Members asked clerk to email again for update. **Clerk to progress.**
- 10.9 North Lea Autopoint Mossbank Smell** – There was no update on this item.
- 10.10 Dog litter in Delting** – Mr B Mycock responded saying he was actually thinking if there was any areas in Brae that needed signage. They were just spraying dog fouling stencils last month and finishing them off this month. He would suggest on either roads or pavements and they could do some dog stencils in yellow road marking paint. They do have some dog fouling signage that can support this too. He is on leave most of May but he will ask another member of staff to consult with us about this and get signage and sprays up in the appropriate areas. They have already had contact with members of the public about Mossbank through the winter and have put up some signage and will be going back to do stencils there soon. They are also considering a dog watch in Mossbank if any residential areas are heavily fouled at the moment but last time they spoke to the public it had appeared to be better at that time.
The bin situation is up to cleansing and there are normally a number of factors around this from capacity to empty bins and number of bins they can sustain to the cost of getting any new bins. He will speak with them and get back to us about what options there might be to sort this out. If the council cannot provide a stand-alone bin he wonders if any private business in that area

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might have a bin outside their property. It might be if they empty it and put it in their waste the community council could find funding to pay of the bin for example.

- 10.11 Safety in Woods in Brae** – Clerk emailed Shetland Amenity Trust – They are aware of the issues in the Brae woodland, and have recently spoken to the Community Involvement and Development Officer about it. Shetland Amenity Trust has a management agreement for the woodland; however, this only covers, for example, management of the trees themselves and the maintenance of access. That said, they think the issues need to be addressed as they're having a negative impact on the woodland, and we'd be keen to be part of any discussions about a solution. It sounds like it might be necessary to deliver some kind of education/engagement activities with the school, with the aim of creating a feeling of ownership of the woodland. They not sure what that would require, or what role SAT would play in that, but they would be happy to discuss it further. Ms L Hall hoping to do engagement, through community planning, in the summer to invite the community in to see if anyone is wanting to do any maintenance. It was highlighted by Mr D Clark that the bridge in the woods is in disrepair and a safety hazard. Members want clerk to email SAT again to highlight this issue.

2026/05/11 POLICE REPORT

- 11.1 There was no police report.**

2026/05/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 12.1 P07/2026 and P08/2026** – (A968 Voe) (30 Miles Per Hour And 40 Miles Per Hour Speed Limits) Traffic Regulation Order P07/2026 (A970 Brae) (30 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit South Extension) Traffic Regulation Order P08/2026 The final version of the above proposed Orders and their Notices of Proposal are enclosed for your information.

The speed limit amendment on the A968 at Voe is aimed at making the 30mph limit start point more visible in advance of the new vehicle actuated permanent speed warning sign planned for a little further south along the road. This is to be at the location of the former part-time 20mph school limit. The 40mph extension northwards is in response to community requests.

The extension of the 30mph limit on the A970 south approach to Brae is also in response to community requests, and it will allow us to site a vehicle actuated permanent speed warning sign in advance of the Camp junction – in this case the optimum location for that sign was determined to be at the current 30mph sign/ Brae village gateway signage. As part of the proposed 30mph limit move we would also be looking to move the Brae village gateway signage to match. This should maximise the impact of the relocated 30mph limit and avoid any distraction from the proposed VAS.

Should anyone wish to make a formal objection to either of the Orders please write to the Council at the above address as per the instructions in the attached Notices. The period for receipt of comments is prior to 12 June 2026. There were no objections to this application. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

- 12.2 Disabled Space, Leaside, Mossbank** - SIC (Leaside, Mossbank) (Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle) Order 2026. The above proposed Orders and its notice of proposal are enclosed for your information. The period for receipt of comments is prior to 11 June 2025. There were no objections to this application. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

2026/05/13 COMMUNITY WORK

- 13.1** Ms L Hall updated the members regarding community work. The Mossbank Development Group held an event in the Mossbank Hall. It was attended by 16 people. They have had a lot of responses from their questionnaire. All very positive. Martyn Neeson came along to to look to do a community composting group through the development group and wondered if the school would want to be involved with this. He is meeting Neil Bealattie, Cleaning and Catering manager, as they have just purchased a new composter at AHS.

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The Voxter Trust are needing a new roof and septic tank and electrics. They have very little reserves. They are looking at options available.

2026/05/14 FINANCE UPDATE

- 14.1** The clerk updated members on the final financial position for 26/27.
- 14.2** Invoice for Information Commissioner membership fees of £52.00. Members agreed this payment. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.3 Grant Feedback 2025/26** – Clerk provided a report on the grant awards form 25/26 to the members.
- 14.4 Shredder** - Clerk requested approval to purchase a shredder for disposal of all documents for destruction for between £200 - £300. Members agreed unanimously for this to be purchased. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/05/15 CORRESPONDENCE

- 15.1 Grant Application Form – Mossbank School** – Hire of bus for School trip to Yell for the whole P1-P7 on 17th June 2026. The trip ties in with areas of the curriculum that have been covered by classes this academic year and also provides an excellent end of term educational event for fun and relaxation. Pupils, who live in the DCC area, will be able to enjoy a well-deserved fun day out with peers, visiting beaches and other areas that they would possibly not have the chance to do outwith the school.
Total cost of project is £480.00. They are funding £60.00 from school fund and they are applying for £420.00. = 87.5% - 75%= £360.00. Members agreed unanimously to award £360.00 (Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds) **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 15.2 Grant Application Form – Brae High School - Modern Languages Department** – They are organising a Senior Study Trip to Nice, France from Saturday 24th October 2026 to Saturday 31st October 2026. This trip is for our National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Senior learners who have taken French to qualification level. The grant would be to reduce the cost of the trip for our learners and their families. At this time, the trip costs £1,200 per pupil. The costs covers Northlink ferries, an overnight in Edinburgh Airport Ibis budget hotel, Easy Jet flights, The fee from Caledonia. Caledonia is a specialist tour operator organising tailor-made educational travel based in Edinburgh. They have organised the Language classes with qualified French teachers, homestays for the learners with French families and all the cultural activities our learners will have the incredible opportunity to take part in. Their cost also includes breakfast with the French Families and also their evening meals. Learners will still have to pay for all their lunches and other meals when travelling to and from Nice, in addition to the £1,200. Northlink Ferries £807.20 – Flights £2015.10 – Hotel and Taxis Edinburgh - £396.68 – Caledonia £6520.00 – Meals while travelling £400.00 Total - £10138.98. They are applying for £1603.88 16%. Following discussion, it was decided to seek clarification from SCBF regarding what advice the Brae High School had been given regarding Parent Council applications for the whole school grants and carry this application across to the next meeting in June. Mr J Milne will speak to SCBF and Ms L Hall will speak with school. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**
- 15.3 CGS0079 - CGS Tier 2 Application for consideration - Voxter Centre Trust** - Voxter Centre Trust is a community-led charity that manages Voxter Outdoor Centre, a B listed building providing affordable group accommodation in North Mainland Shetland. Our core role is to offer safe, low-cost accommodation for schools, youth groups, charities and community organisations, as well as families and visitors. Our primary benefit is within Delting and the wider North Mainland, including Brae, Mossbank and Voe. However, we regularly host groups from across Shetland, so the wider community also benefits from access to the facility. They are seeking support to carry out essential roof repairs to address ongoing water ingress at Voxter Outdoor

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Centre. The works will focus on gable ends and chimney areas, including installation of lead flashing, repairs to stonework and associated remedial works. This is necessary to prevent further internal damage, including damp affecting walls and accommodation areas, and to improve comfort and usability for those staying at the Centre. The project will take place at Voxter Outdoor Centre in Voxter, benefiting local communities and groups from across Shetland. The Trustees of Voxter Centre Trust will oversee the project, including contractor management and ensuring works are completed to the required standard. Total cost of project is £41,040. Materials - £6,890 (SCBF) Labour - £21,160 (SCBF) Scaffolding - £6,000 (SCBF) Dumping - £150 (match funding) Non rec VAT - £6,840 (match funding) They applied for £18,000 from Pilgram Trust but did not meet criteria. They are applying for £34,050 82.97%. Members agreed unanimously to award £30,780.00 which is 75% of the total project costs. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

- 15.4 Scotland's Forests: A Survey for Your Community - [Forest Policy Group](#) (FPG),** a volunteer-led independent think tank dedicated to making Scotland's forestry more diverse, community-focused, and ecologically resilient. They want to ensure that local voices are heard in national policy discussions and have launched a short survey to gather views on how forestry is experienced and valued across the country. You do not need to be a forestry specialist to take part. Whether your residents live near a woodland, volunteer in local green spaces, or simply care about the Scottish environment, their views are essential. They are looking for honest feedback on:

Local connections to forestry.

The benefits and challenges of forestry in your area.

Community involvement in land-use decision-making.

Priorities for public funding and the environment.

The survey is entirely anonymous and takes only **5 to 7 minutes** to complete. You can access it here: <https://forms.gle/QRtq65TCXVW7bzxD7> Survey closes Friday 5th June. They have also attached a PDF version of the survey to support discussion within your group. They would be incredibly grateful if ywe could share this survey link through your local newsletters, social media pages, or community noticeboards. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.5 Viking Community Fund - Apprenticeship Support Fund for Small Businesses -** Viking Community Fund Apprenticeship Support Fund for Small Businesses will close on the **31st of May 2026**. The guidelines and application form can be access on the SCBF website - [Apprenticeships, Bursary & Training Funds](#) Please note this fund is not an online application and we ask that the application form is downloaded, completed, and returned to SCBF via email along with the requested supporting documents – admin@scbf.org.uk **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

- 15.6 Viking Community Fund - Bursary Fund - bursary fund is now open for applications -** They want help in sharing this opportunity with our local young people. The fund is available to support young people aged 16–25 who are either: Studying full-time at UHI Shetland, or Undertaking a local apprenticeship Applications are quick and easy to complete online, making it simple for eligible young people to apply. Further details can be found here: [Apprenticeships, Bursary & Training Funds](#) and on the attached posters. Please note – the funding cannot be used for general living expenses but must be towards specific costs. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

- 15.7 Involving Young People in Leadership Positions – Mr W Leask – OPEN –** emailed to share 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 aware that all community councils have been trying to recruit young people to their meetings with some having success. OPEN 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

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community organisations such as yourselves. OPEN are also keen to work with the Community Councils members to look at guidance for meaningfully involving young people in the meetings. He attached an information sheet for clarity, and if you would like him to attend a meeting or would like more information, please feel free to get in touch. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members would like him invited to a meeting in August or September. **Clerk to progress.**

- 15.8 ASCC Questionnaire Results** – Mr A Archer would like to thank the community councils that responded to the questionnaire about the ASCC. A summary of the responses is attached. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.9 Sessions updating islanders on potential fixed links** - A series of public drop-in session will be taking place later this month to update islanders on the ongoing work into future connectivity options. Representatives from the Council's Programme Team, as well as consultants Stantec, Mott Macdonald and COWI, will be there to update residents on recent work and answer questions in the lead up to the next key decision-making meeting of the full Council on 30th June. Elected members will decide on the preferred options for each of the eight island routes based on the evidence and appraisal set out in the Inter-island Transport Connectivity Network Strategy Outline Business Case (OBC).

The drop-ins will take place:

Bressay Hall – Monday 25th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.

Mid Yell Hall – Tuesday 26th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.

Fetlar Hall – Wednesday 27th May 4.00-7.00 p.m.

Baltasound Hall – Wednesday 27th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.

Symbister Hall – Thursday 28th May 3.30-7.30 p.m.

Sessions are also being arranged for Foula, Papa Stour and Skerries.

The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

Mr A cooper asked about consultation within the Delting Community. Clerk received the following response from Mr N Grant - The current work is at a programme level and at this stage we are not considering detailed local impacts for specific communities, although we are outlining considerations around e.g. equalities impacts etc. These local impacts (including where infrastructure would come ashore) will be assessed at a later stage, once decisions have been made on preferred options and we move forward to project-specific business cases for each island route. This will provide the opportunity for the Delting community and others to understand and consider the local implications of the landward landfall from any proposed development.

- 15.10 Brae Campus – Pre-Application Consultation and Proposal of Application Notice** – Ms A Williamson – Children Services, Shetland Island Council emailed to formally share details of the pre application consultation process for the proposed Brae Campus development, on behalf of Shetland Islands Council. Attached in the email the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) and supporting information issued by their appointed architects, Ryder Architecture. As this proposal constitutes a major development, a statutory pre application consultation period is required prior to the submission of any planning application.

The consultation will include:

An online consultation running from Wednesday 24 June to Friday 14 August 2026.

An in person public consultation event on Wednesday 24 June 2026, between 15:30 and 19:30, at the existing Brae High School.

Full details of the proposal, the consultation process, and how comments can be submitted are available via the consultation website referenced in the attached documents. Comments made at this stage are part of the pre application process and are not representations to the planning authority; there will be a further opportunity to comment should a formal planning application be submitted. This information is being circulated to us as a consultee in line with statutory and non-statutory planning requirements. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.11 Community Council Training Programme** - Mr M Duncan sent the training programme for members - Please circulate the attached training programme to your members. Any members seeking to attend training are required to email grantsunit@shetland.gov.uk and specify the

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course(s) they wish to attend. Course attendees are also required to provide him with a contact number and email address when booking a space. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**

15.12 Local Place Plan - Facebook group - Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council has just started the process of creating a Local Place Plan. Their understanding is that there are twelve community groups (mostly community councils) going through the process in Shetland. They must all have a lot of the same questions and so Planning Aid Scotland have created a facebook group where we can pick each other's brains and share what worked (and what didn't!). If you are creating a Local Place Plan, they would like to encourage us to get some of our project team to join the group. If you search in facebook for Shetland's Local Place Plans you should find the group. It's a private group, administered by Planning Aid Scotland and they seem to respond quickly to requests to join. We are not undertaking a place plan in Delting at this time. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.13 Shetland Partnership Plan - Session 1, Information Sharing – Alastair provided an email Update. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.14 Defibrillator List – Shetland - It is important that local defibrillators be registered to The Circuit. See website link below: [The Circuit - the national defibrillator network](#) The Circuit is the national defibrillator network and is used by blue light services. Knowing the location of a defibrillator can be lifesaving, and it is particularly important to the emergency services when taking a 999 call. It was agreed at the ASCC meeting in March that the current list of Shetland registered defibrillators to The Circuit network be circulated to Community Councils. This will enable each Community Council to check the attached list against known defibs in their own area. If you identify defibs in your area that are not on The Circuit, please contact the owners and encourage them to sign up. It is also advised that defibrillators are checked regularly to ensure batteries and pads are functioning and up to date. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.15 Association of Shetland Community Councils - 2 July 2026 – Mr M Duncan requests your attendance at the next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils. The meeting shall take place as follows Date: Thursday 2nd July 2026 Time: 6pm – 8pm Venue: Islesburgh Community Centre (Room 12) Meeting papers are attached for your attention. Please note change of venue as the Town Hall is currently being refurbished. As always, a good turnout is requested so please ensure your Community Council confirms its attendance to me by no later than 2pm, Wednesday 24th June 2026. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.** Mr A Cooper will attend in person. **Clerk to progress.**

15.16 Mr G Bell – SSEN Transmission Update - They hoping to hold events to provide an update on all of our development projects before the summer holidays – some of these will be formal statutory consultation, and others information sessions. He put the dates and some of these will be of significant interest. He could arrange for some of the project team members to meet (at least virtually) with the community council ahead of these events. As well as an update, this would provide community council members an opportunity to ask questions.

The Shetland2 project team are going to explore a second potential landfall site on the west coast at Islesburgh – a short distance from Mavis Grind. The project team had previously considered both Mavis Grind itself and an area near Mangaster (they were ruled out due to engineering constraints), and Islesburgh is essentially in between both of these. Related to this, the project team have now ruled out Wethersta as a potential landfall site. They are still a long way from making any final decisions, and it's very much a case of gathering as much evidence as possible during our early optioneering phase.

Events pre-summer holiday:

Northern Hub information session - Monday 29 June 3-7pm Mossbank Hall

First pre-application consultation (PAC1) event Kergord 2 (this is a working title and will change subject to local feedback) substation **Second pre-application consultation (PAC2) event Kergord to Northern Hub Overhead Line** - Tuesday 30 June 3-8pm Voe Hall

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First pre-application consultation (PAC1) event Yell substation Second pre-application consultation (PAC2) event Energy Isles Wind Farm Connection Overhead Line -
Wednesday 1 July 1-5pm Mid Yell Hall 6-8pm Burravoe Hall

Shetland 2 landfall information sessions - Thursday 2 July 11am-1pm Brae Hall and 3-7pm Hillswick Hall

Update on work for Shetland2: Marine survey work will assess an additional Shetland High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Link 2 landfall location, with further offshore studies planned. The work will take place in waters within St Magnus Bay, around Minn Islesburgh and close to Mavis Grind. It will be carried out by vessels already operating in the area including the Viking Reach and Northern Maria. While landfall options to the south around Mavis Grind were previously considered but not progressed due to engineering constraints, the newly identified area may provide a more suitable alternative. The survey work will gather detailed seabed and coastal data to inform ongoing project design, and a Notice to Mariners has been issued, outlining vessel movements and timings. The activity forms part of a wider programme of marine and onshore studies to help determine the route and most suitable landfall location for the proposed subsea cable, which would provide a second HVDC connection between Shetland and the Scottish mainland. Recent assessments have highlighted the challenges associated with some previously identified potential landfall locations, including Wethersta, which is no longer being considered as an option. No final decisions have been made on the marine cable route or landfall location, with Braewick and Yell Sound remaining under consideration, in addition to Minn Islesburgh. From the landfall location, the HVDC cable would be installed entirely underground, connecting to the proposed Northern Hub in northern mainland Shetland. At their events in a few weeks, they will present landfall cable options along with updated proposals for the Northern Hub. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.17 Proposal of Application Notice - SSEN Transmission -** Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) and accompanying location plan that has been submitted to Shetland Islands Council on 1 June 2026 giving notice of our community engagement intentions relating to the proposed Yell substation located to the north of Burravoe village.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc operating and known as Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission), is proposing the development, as described above, within the area shown on the accompanying location plan. Please note that the PAN red line represents the maximum extent of the land that is anticipated to be potentially included in the application site. This area may be reduced or rationalised as the development proposal becomes finalised. As part of the proposal public consultation events will be held on the following date: Wednesday 1 July 2026, at Mid Yell Hall from 1-5pm and then at Burravoe Hall from 6-8pm. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.18 Proposal of Application Notice - SSEN Transmission -** Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) and accompanying location plan that has been submitted to Shetland Islands Council on 1 June 2026 giving notice of our community engagement intentions relating to the proposed Hamarigrind Substation (previously referred to as "Kergord 2") located to the south of Voe.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc operating and known as Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission (SSEN Transmission), is proposing the development, as described above, within the area shown on the accompanying location plan. Please note that the PAN red line represents the maximum extent of the land that is anticipated to be potentially included in the application site. This area may be reduced or rationalised as the development proposal becomes finalised. As part of the proposal a public consultation event will be held on the following date: Tuesday 30 June 2026 Voe Hall, Isles Road, Voe, ZE2 9PT, from 3-8pm. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.19 VCDA Delegates/ SSEN meeting minutes 19th May 2026 –** Mr M Naylor shared the minutes form VCDA Delegates/SSEN meeting. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 15.20 TWWCC proposal to the ASCC – clarification –** Mr A Archer emailed clarification following Gary Robinson's comments at the Lerwick Community Council meeting. He says I think that I need to clarify something about Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council's

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proposal to the ASCC about energy developments in Shetland. The proposal is about getting community councillors to call on our MSPs to act. We are very well aware that SIC cannot stop what is happening and that is why action needs to be taken at national level. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2026/05/16 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 16.1 Funding opportunities - various sources - Highland & Islands Climate Hub** - Please find below new **funding** and **training** opportunities for community groups across the Highlands & Islands region:

Climate Action Fund opened on 1st of May

Communities across the Highlands, Orkney and Shetland can apply for up to **£1,000** through the Highlands & Islands Climate Hub's Climate Action Fund from the **1st of May, closing 31st of May**. The fund supports community-led projects tackling climate change - from practical activities to early-stage ideas and consultations. Applications open once a quarter, with additional support available to help bring projects to life. [Find out more and apply here.](#)

Breaking Barriers Fund

Grants of up to **£1,000** will be available from 1st May to support community projects facing unexpected costs that could otherwise halt progress. This funding is designed as a **last resort** and can be used for unforeseen expenses such as community engagement costs, planning or licensing fees, or project-related legal costs (excluding staffing or HR). It is only available where costs cannot be covered through other funding sources - and once allocated, the funding is gone.

[Apply here.](#)

Highlands and Islands Climate Festival Funding - now open!

The Highlands and Islands Climate festival is back for 2026. Highlands & Islands Climate Hub can't wait to celebrate all the incredible community led climate action from 1st - 30th September and beyond. Applications are welcome NOW for the Event Contribution Fund which offers £150 to groups hosting events that align with the theme of 'think local' within event dates. For 2026, we have a special emphasis on food and celebration as it is the 5th Birthday of the Highlands & Islands Climate Hub! [Apply now.](#)

Training opportunities

Highlands & Islands Climate Hub look forward to welcoming you at one of our upcoming events soon. Here's a list of what's available to book [via our website](#);

Carbon Literacy Training (online)

Funding Masterclass (online)

How to create a community resilience plan (online)

How to create a Net Zero Policy (online)

Members Connect networking session (online)

The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

- 16.2 Employability Grant Scheme launched (SLEP 2026/27 Grant Application) - Employability Grant Scheme launched.** A fund designed to remove barriers to employment in Shetland has been launched again this year with local organisations from public, third or private sector invited to apply within the next four weeks. organisations can apply for funding by 4pm on Monday 8th June 2026. To apply, follow the [SLEP Grant Application](#) link. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 16.3 Engage: Stakeholder Edition** - Spring/Summer 26 edition of our Scottish Water digital stakeholder newsletter. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 16.4 Tesco Grant opportunity - Tesco Fruit & Veg Grants** - Tesco Stronger Starts has now been replaced by a new grant called Tesco Fruit & Veg. The criteria are similar in that eligible groups can apply for activities that help improve children's physical and mental health, but there also needs to be an element of healthy eating included (e.g. healthy snacks provided during activities, providing lunches, growing food, food banks etc). You can apply here: <https://www.tescopl.com/fruit-and-veg-grants> The next closing date will be Friday 12th June. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

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16.5 Newsletter 8, New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils - The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

16.6 CLLD Funding open for applications - Scottish Government has now confirmed an allocation of £238,704.11 of Community Led Local Development (CLLD) funds for Shetland for 2026-27, therefore the Shetland CLLD programme has opened to consider applications from Shetland based social enterprises, community development companies and constituted not for profit voluntary organisations to apply for project funding in the current financial year. The fund is provided by the Scottish Government to Shetland CLLD Local Action Group (LAG) which is made up of partner organisations representing economic, environmental and community interests in Shetland – and which oversees the development and implementation of the CLLD programme in Shetland. Shetland Islands Council, is administering the programme on behalf of the LAG and is now inviting applications from community-led organisations to apply for grant support. Applications will be carefully assessed to ascertain the amount of funding allocated to each project. The goal is to support a diverse range of projects across Shetland. Projects that already have their own funding to contribute will be given more priority. Projects requesting grant funding below £3,000 will not be considered. Projects will only be considered if they can demonstrate that project completion, spend and grant claim can be achieved in full by 26 February 2027. Applications and associated documents will be assessed as they are received. The final closing date for applications for this round of funding is Friday 31 July 2026.

Initial enquiries prior to application are invited before applications are submitted and details can be found at this link: <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/grants/shetland-clld> or by email to Annette.Priest@shetland.gov.uk or by phone to 01595 744902. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2026/05/17 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

17.1 September meeting – The date for the September meeting needs to be changed as Clerk not available. Clerk to see if Thursday 1st October is available at Mossbank School. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/05/18 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

18.1 The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School on Thursday 25th June commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman