

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 1st June 2026 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. M. Fullerton (Chair)
Mr. N. Beattie
Mr. B. Adamson
Mrs. M. Garnier
Miss N. Fullerton

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. A. Cheyney
Mrs. C. Smith
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. I. Scott

In Attendance

Cllr. C. Hughson
Cllr. D. Sandison
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Hughson and Cllr. Sandison declared an interest regarding the planning application to be discussed.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 4th May 2026 were approved. Proposed by Mhairi Garnier and seconded by Narene Fullerton.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Police – accident in Trondra

The Clerk had emailed PC Alexander Barry pointing out the distress caused to drivers after the single road traffic accident in Trondra about a month ago due to insufficient tape/signage being put up by the police to alert drivers that this had been dealt with. PC Barry had replied apologising and advised that he will send a reminder to their officers. He did ask if we wanted to make a formal complaint against the police and if so, he would need more information. In this instance the members were happy for PC Barry to remind their officers. The members did stress that accidents need to be clearly marked with tape etc. to notify other road users.

(b) Road matters – outstanding items

- Bus Shelter – adjacent to Burra Public Hall – Cllr. Lyall reported some time ago that the shelters are now in Shetland.
- Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke – No update on this from Neil Hutcheson.
- Bin request – near Setter junction – Environmental Services had turned down this request but the Clerk had asked again but had not had a response.

(c) Road at Meal

Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, had emailed previously to advise of the active travel path proposed from Meal junction to Meal beach car park. He has agreed to consider our request to widen the small section of road between Meal junction and Speed's corner and will contact us again when the draft design is being prepared. This will be kept on the Minutes meantime.

(d) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

Magnus Malcolmson was going to speak with Building Services to see where this is at. (He had submitted a job ticket some time ago.)

(e) Trondra bridge – ramp at Mainland end

Nothing further from Barrie Scobie on this. He said they will be carrying out investigatory works as soon as they get some decent weather when he will get back to us.

(f) Papal Stone

Nothing further from Val Turner who is looking to get it reset in its existing place. She was contacting HES again about it.

(g) Wooden Railings/pier boards at boat park, Hamnavoe

The wooden railings around the concreted area are in a bad state of repair. It is not clear who owns this area or who is responsible regarding repairs etc. It is thought that the Burra Boating Club possibly handed it over to the Burra Rowing Club but there is no paper trail. It was suggested that we contact Tracey-Ann Anderson, SIC, to see if she can find any information re ownership etc.

ACTION: Clerk

(h) Pavements, Hamnavoe - moss

Michael Godden, SIC, had replied to our request to clean all pavements in Hamnavoe. He had been out the other week, and they will try to get these paths cleaned over the summer when they have a few summer students returning. The Clerk had also requested that they clean the pavements at Brough.

(i) Defibrillators – Burra Hall / Bridge End Outdoor Centre

Amanda Hughes previously advised that Grampian Training Services are taking responsibility for the defibrillator at the Burra Hall at a cost of £400 per year. (The Burra Hall defibrillator has a flat battery at the moment and is not registered on The Circuit.) Our chairman had looked into the cost of the battery and pads for this particular one and it came to approximately £400 – battery needs replacing every 5 years and the pads have a 2 year lifespan. The members were interested to know if the cost of the replacement battery and pads is included in the yearly charge of £400 from the Grampian Training Services. The Clerk will speak with Amanda. Kristan Robertson had replied to say that she is now responsible for the defibrillator at the Bridge End Outdoor Centre and this one is registered on The Circuit (the national defibrillator network). She checks it regularly to make sure it is emergency ready. (It was used recently and she has replaced the pads.)

ACTION: Clerk

(j) Fibre Optic cable to Houss

No further information on this. (The poles to carry the cable across the Bridge End bridge are due to be erected in June despite requests to lay the cable through a duct along the bridge.)

(k) Wooden walkway at Backaburn

This walkway has now been replaced.

(l) Invitation to Participate in the Development of the next Shetland Partnership Plan

Neil had volunteered to attend these meetings as our representative but was unable to attend the first one on 21st May at Mareel. Mark had gone to the introductory meeting at Mareel as they were keen for someone to attend the first one. Neil's contact details have been passed on for future meetings and he has noted them in his diary.

(m) Dog fouling

Billy Mycock, SIC Environmental Health, had said he would be happy to put up more signage wherever we think necessary. It had been pointed out that main areas would be Meal beach and the loop around Hamnavoe. It was noted that there are plenty of bins around Hamnavoe, but it may help if signage was put on the bins to let dog owners know that dog waste can also be put in these bins. He did say they would come out for a look.

(n) SLOW road markings – Trondra

Cllr. Hughson had previously passed on an email she had received from Neil Hutcheson, SIC, confirming that SLOW road markings at the two signs in Trondra are on the list to be done during the next spell of dry weather. These have not yet been done and Cllr. Hughson will chase this and request the 'smiley face' signs be put in place again. Cllr. Lyall had today forwarded on an email she had sent to Neil Hutcheson requesting that they look at this stretch of road again to see whether any further measures could be put in place to reduce the speed of traffic. (Cllr. Lyall had received a phone call from Mary Isbister from Trondra with concerns.)

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Ref: 2026/078/PPF

Proposal: Change of use from dwellinghouse to private artists' studio

Applicant: Mr. Daniel Clark Address: Aldersyde, Freefield, Bridge End, Burra

This application was discussed by the members. There were no objections raised.

(b) Scalloway Swimming Pool

A couple of emails had been received from the Save Scalloway Pool Action Group which had been circulated to the members. The first email gave the results of the Community Impact Survey they recently undertook. They asked if we would consider writing to the SIC, SRT and SCT emphasising the importance of the pool to our community and giving our support for the re-opening of the pool. The members were very much in favour of supporting them as the closure of the pool is affecting both young and old in our community. The Chairman will compose a letter for submission to the three parties.

ACTION: Chair/Clerk

(c) Support for the proposed New Hockey Pitch in Lerwick

An email had been received from Julia Halcrow and Kristan Robertson on behalf of the Burra Hockey Team. They are looking for support regarding the above and attached information on how this opportunity has arisen and how a centrally located pitch in Lerwick would dramatically improve access for players from across the islands. The members were happy to support this, and the Chairman will compose a letter to be sent to Andrew Lyall, SIC, with a copy to Samantha Flaws, SIC.

ACTION: Chair/Clerk

(d) ASCC meeting – 2 July

Papers for the above meeting had been received from Michael Duncan and were circulated to the members.

(e) The following correspondence had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting for information:

- Email from Andrew Archer – Summary of responses to Questionnaire to Community Councils about the ASCC
- Community Council Training Programme – Michael Duncan
- Wayne Leask, Dev. Worker OPEN - Involving Young People in Leadership Positions

5. AOCB – None.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting was set for Monday, 6th July 2026 at 6pm.