

Sandwick Community Council

Minute of Meeting held at 7:30pm on 30th June 2026

Meeting held at Hoswick Visitor Centre

Members Present	Kevin Sandison, Debbie Jamieson, Ally Hall, Yvonne Malcolmson, Claire Adams, Jim Leask
Apologies	Janet Dunnet, Jeemie Smith
In Attendance	Councillor Robbie McGregor (on Teams); Councillor Alison Flea Duncan Community worker Ana Arnett
Guests	Shane and Katie Johnson from Mowgli's Garage
Clerk	Joanne Jamieson
Agenda Item	Narrative
1. Circular and welcome	The Chair welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies	Janet Dunnet, Jeemie Smith
3. Declarations of interest	None
4. Minutes of Previous meeting	Minutes were approved by JL and seconded by AH
Guest item	Shane and Katie Johnson from Mowgli's garage were invited to speak. They highlighted the various conversations about abandoned cars around Sandwick and the perception held by some members of the community that the vehicles belonged to the garage or to their customers. It was emphasised that this is not the case. The Community Council was pleased to recognise that the garage is not at fault and is not responsible for the various 'abandoned' vehicles that have been repeatedly reported to the Community Council and

discussed on social media. The Community Council confirmed that the concerns raised by members of the public were about inappropriately parked vehicles not on the public highway and frequently causing an inconvenience of private landowners. Both the garage and the Community Council continue to liaise with Environmental Health to report such vehicles.

It was proposed that the garage might be able to put a notice in vehicle that they are working on. They will look into this.

Any concerns about vehicles parked without permission should be reported in the first instance to Environmental Health.

5. Defibrillator training

Clerk confirmed that letters had been circulated to gauge interest in attending training. There is a strong interest in attending with upwards of thirty people already keen to participate.

It was highlighted that while the training is provided free of charge, participants are encouraged to make a donation to 'Lucky to Be Here'.

The possible participation of someone from the Scottish Fire Rescue Service was also highlighted

DJ will liaise with the trainer and will help deliver the course.

Action: DJ to liaise with Pupil and Parent Council to invite parents and children to participate; DJ to identify maximum numbers and options for dates for training.

6. Participatory budgeting

Participatory budgeting update – the preferred contractor has been appointed and is working on the assessment. A fuller update will be presented to August meeting

7. Roads

Discussed responses received from Roads regarding the request for extending street-lighting at the bottom of the Houlland Road. Members and guests emphasised that the area is 'black dark' in winter.

Action: Clerk to share communications with Councillor Flea Duncan; Councillor Duncan to speak with Roads Service

Discussion moved to traffic concerns and speed limits around the Central and the School, with a strong preference for traffic calming, and extending the area covered by a lower speed limit.

Councillor Duncan said he would raise the issue of speeding traffic at the school with Chief Inspector and Area Commander Sewell and request traffic checks or monitoring at the school.

8. Grants review

Clerk confirmed that the grant application form cannot be changed, but awards can be communicated in a standard letter which sets out the requirements to submit invoices or otherwise demonstrate spend, and for grant support to be acknowledged appropriately. Feedback should also be requested.

Action: Clerk to draft a procedure and a cover letter

- 9. Finance report Appendix A** Clerk confirmed receipt of Council grant, total funds and shared the agreed budget.
- YM queried whether the CC could donate money to a charity.
Action: Community Worker AA to look into this and report back.
- 10. Police report Appendix B** None received. Councillor Duncan indicated he would speak with Chief Inspector and Area Commander Sewell to query. He also said he would request a periodic visit from the Police to Sandwich Community Council.
- 11. Planning applications** None received.
- 12. Any Other Business** Grass has been cut at the bus stop.
- Action:** KS to forward invoice and payment details, clerk to arrange payment.
- Rewilding – JL has been liaising with a range of organisations, has developed an agreed approach in partnership with Community Connections, been PVG checked and cleared, and the first session will take place this weekend (4th July). There is a shortage of local wildflower seed so discussions focussed on efforts to collect seed, and on tree planting opportunities.
- Concerns have been raised about very young children cycling along the East-Wast road, wobbling and falling in front of traffic. CC discussed responsibilities of cyclists, school, parents and vehicle drivers. It was recognised that there is no age restriction on cycling unaccompanied.
- Action:** Clerk to write to the school head teacher to highlight the issue and ask whether issuing some guidance might be appropriate. Traffic calming and speed limits were again highlighted and requested.
- Discussions highlighted concerns about Council fleet vehicles (Aygo cars) being restricted to 50 mph on the main route to Lerwick, which is seen as potentially hazardous.
- Clerk highlighted the requirement to draft an annual report.
- Action:** Clerk to prepare a first draft and share with Community Councillors for their comments.
- Community Worker highlighted the recent community form event, proposals for the next one to focus on funding as well as an opportunity to discuss current projects, trouble-shoot issues, etc. Aiming to invite National Lottery, Shetland Community benefit Fund, Community Council and others, and aiming for September.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th August at 7.30 pm in Hoswick Visitor Centre.

Future meeting dates are:

Tuesday 22nd September

Tuesday 27th October

Tuesday 24th November

Tuesday 19th January 2027

Tuesday 23rd February 2027

Tuesday 23rd March 2027

There are no meetings in July or December

Grant fund availability

Shetland Community Benefit Fund's Community Grant Scheme for Sandwick (to August 2026) **is now fully allocated and will reopen to new applications in August**, when around £4,322 is anticipated to be available.

Awards made 25/26

- Local Place Planning event – venue hire, printing - £300
- GAETS – signage and path improvements - £500
- Sandwick Fun Day – marquee ends - £442
- Sandwick Community Hub – plans and building warrant for gym and reconfiguration - ££17,297
- Sandwick Social and Economic Development Co for updated furniture and new fridge - £4,235

Sandwick Community Council small grant scheme will be relaunched and publicised shortly. For 26/27 - £1,775 is expected to be available.