



TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17th June 2026

1.0 Present:

Andrew Archer (Chair) Catherine Hughson
Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)
Birgit Wagner
Charlie Hodge
Margaret Cooper
Martin Randall
Steve Groom

2.0 Apologies:

Moraig Lyall, Selina-May Miller, Michael Duncan

3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Martin Randall in matters involving Tingwall Hall, due to his role on the Hall committee; Catherine Hughson for planning matters due to her role as SIC Planning Committee Vice Chair; and Andrew Archer, as Chair of Win Furt, had a financial interest in SCBF grant decisions.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Linda Tulloch and seconded by Martin Randall, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Co-option of new CC member. There had not yet been any expressions of interest, so a follow-up message will be put on the Facebook page, and members will continue to think about potential candidates.
 - Report from Shetland Partnership Plan meeting. Linda Tulloch and Moraig Lyall had attended the inaugural meeting, which set the scene for forthcoming meetings. The second meeting will be next week, with a theme of inequality, which Linda will also attend.
 - Replies from Roads in response to the CC's questions had been received to say that: the road surface around the Strand Loch ironwork will be investigated; the Tingwall place signs will be cleaned when maintenance crew are available; the Kergord road resurfacing and collapsed drain repairs will start soon; the road at Califf cannot be widened but the broken edges will be reinstated; and the quality of the road surface reinstatement will be looked at again once the works have all been completed.
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6.0 Decisions since last meeting

None.

7.0 Police report

There was no report this month.

8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 10th June 2026, was distributed to the members.
 - There was one grant application from the Tingwall Hall Committee for £2,016, this being 50% of the costs needed to upgrade to working, energy efficient lighting. Martin Randall recused himself from the discussion. Members felt that this was a large amount to commit early in the financial year, so requested that the Committee reapply in October when the CC will have a better idea of available funds.
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9.0 Correspondence

- An email had been received from the *Save Scalloway Pool Action Group*, requesting that the CC write to Maggie Sanderson at SIC and Robert Geddes at SRT, to emphasise support for the reopening of the pool.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to write to Maggie Sanderson and Robert Geddes to say that the TWWCC members are still concerned about the ongoing closure, and strongly hope that SIC and SRT can work together towards getting Scalloway pool reopened.
 - An email had been received from the Community Development Company of Nesting (CDCN), asking whether the TWWCC Local Place Plan (LPP) would cover the Wadbister area, as the CDCN were also working on an LPP for their area. Andrew Archer had replied to say that Wadbister would be covered in the TWWCC LPP. It was noted that the CDCN LPP could also cover Wadbister if local residents wished this.
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10.0 Planning

- There were four planning applications to be considered this month:
 - 2026/107/PPF Change of use of commercial unit (Class 4) to form 1no. residential unit (Class 9) and the erection of a single storey side extension, Kalliness. While members felt that the increasing number of holiday lets at the expense of residential accommodation was a concern, that was better expressed in the LPP rather than for an individual application.
 - 2026/109/PPP At Plot, Wadbister.
 - 2026/110/PPP At Plot 5, Wadbister.
 - 2026/127/PPF Windways Veensgarth Hill, Tingwall. To construct single storey extension to south elevation of existing dwelling house to provide new kitchen.

Members did not wish to submit comments for any of the applications.

- Local Place Plan:

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- Birgit Wagner was thanked for organising the distribution of the LPP information leaflets to residents in the Tingwall area, along with those members who had delivered them in both areas. Two volunteers from the community had delivered half of the leaflets and it was decided to give each a gift voucher for their help.
 - Andrew Archer had been asked whether the CC could rearrange the Whiteness and Weisdale LPP event that is in the Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall on Saturday 27th June, due to another party wishing to hire the hall that day. Unfortunately, as the date and venue had already been circulated in hard-copy via the leaflets, rescheduling was not possible. However, it was noted that the CC event will be finished by around 1pm, so the hall would still be available for an afternoon/evening hire.
 - Members discussed the LPP events, the idea being to have maps that people can consult and comment on, along with a laptop running PlaceCheck (an online mapping system that allows people to log in and ‘pin’ comments on areas that they would highlight as having positive or negative planning issues) and hard copies of the online comment forms. Members will be available to talk to attendees, to ensure that everyone gets to have a say in the LPP.
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11.0 Energy

- A Pre-Application Notice had been received (LT622) for the Hamarigrind Substation (south of Voe) and the Northern Shetland 220kV to Kergord 132kV transmission line. The relevant public consultation is on 30th June at Voe Hall, 3pm to 8pm.
 - At the next ASCC, Andrew Archer and Moraig Lyall will be putting forward the proposal on the convention to call for a temporary moratorium on energy developments, which is being discussed by other Community Councils in Shetland. The idea seems to be gaining momentum, with CCs nationwide having similar discussions for their areas. Andrew has been approached by the Shetland News podcast team, and members felt that it would be useful for him to talk to them about the moratorium.
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12.0 Win Furt

- The Win Furt trustees had met last week, and were feeling much more positive about progress on potential routes north of Shetland Jewellery. They have accepted Shane Jameson’s offer to produce simplified drawings for a non-tarmac path. Different surfacing options are being considered and it is hoped a planning application will then be able to be submitted.
 - There had been further meetings with the Active Travel team, who hope to have their strategy finalised by this autumn, so the Tingwall path plans will be put on hold until then.
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13.0 SCBF

- There was one application this month (CGS0080) from the Whiteness Parent Council, to purchase recycled plastic picnic benches, outdoor paints, hose reel, hose, and topsoil. Andrew Archer recused himself from the discussion. Members felt that this was a good legacy project which would be well used by the school, and so approved the application for
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the full amount of £2,366.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit approval to SCBF for the full amount.

14.0 Roads

- Members noted that the planned Kergord road closure was not notified to the CC, and also is not listed on the [SIC Road Closures and Weekly Road Works Report](#) webpage (which does not appear to have been updated since 4th April 2025).

→ ACTION: The Clerk to write to Neil Hutcheson to ask that the road closures webpage be updated regularly, along with the Roads Facebook page, and that Roads notify CCs via an emailed bulletin of planned works.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

Along with planning for forthcoming SIC statutory meetings, Catherine Hughson has been dealing with Environmental Health regarding concerns about flies at Kalliness, and continuing efforts to resolve coastal protection issues for a South Whiteness resident.

16.0 AOCB

Eight community council chairs had met informally to explore how CC could work more effectively. They agreed to encourage CCs to regularly submit agenda items to the ASCC, and relevant senior SIC Executives and Committee Heads to come to ASCC meetings for themed discussions. It was suggested that the ASCC could also be more involved in evaluating the utility of the various reviews carried out by SIC.

17.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th July 2026, at Whiteness & Weisdale Public Hall.
