# BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Tuesday 6th July 2026, in Bressay Hall.

Minute subject to approval at the next Bressay Community Council Meeting.

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**Present:**

Lindsay Tulloch
Ruth Mackenzie
Graham March
Margaret Macdonald
Arwed Wenger

**In Attendance:**

Janice Jones (Clerk)

**<u>Agenda Items</u>**

**1. Introduction and Apologies:**

The Chair opened the Meeting at 19.15, welcomed members and visitors to the hall and verified the meeting was quorate.

**Apologies were noted from:**

Katrina Gifford
Andrea Sanchez
Eric Perdu
Michael Duncan
Andrew Inkster
Sonny Thompson
Stephen Leask
Gary Robinson

**3. Declarations of interest:**

None.

## 4. Minute review:

The minutes from the previous meeting of 26th May 2026 were reviewed and approved. Proposed by Ruth and seconded by Graham.

**Matters Outstanding (actions not elsewhere on agenda or completed):**

The Place Plan has been very well received – it is considered they have done a very good job and it is something that will be helpful as a reference point for various issues such as planning applications and development opportunities on Bressay. It has now gone back to the person who is helping in Planning for final tweaks.
There have been no recent issues reported with the Bressay Ferry waiting room and it is hoped the problems with anti-social behaviour will not return later in the year after the summer weather. However, with the multi-agency approach we hope a long-term solution will be found.

## 5. Member and Visitor Reports:

Arwed could detail more about the tunnel presentation to the full SIC and how well it had been received, all councillors applauding Morag Lyell's Presentation. Our understanding was that the order of building of tunnels was Yell Sound first followed by Bluemull sound with ferries continuing in Bressay and Whalsay for the interim period until their tunnels came along, however Arwed could clarify that the order of construction had not yet been set, this is to be discussed at a meeting later in September, by that time there will be indications on financial sourcing. Meanwhile replacement ferries will be needed. Some discussion was around the improved ferry services demonstrated at the last Bressay Hall meeting where Ferry Do Max had been presented – not as a realistic proposal but as a comparison to the tunnel model. The council had some discussion on what the Scottish Government would take into account - what the benefit to the islands would be. There is a strong case in the North Isles for economic stability and regeneration with improvement for the fishing industry and the Spaceport. The Yell Sound tunnel would also service a larger group of the population. With the Westminster Government interest in the Spaceport there is always the possibility backing for the Bluemull Sound tunnel could come from there. He was asked if there was any suggestion to improve transport in Bressay? He was asked to be mindful in discussions of the needs for upgrading of our ferry and the problems of the relief ferry being not fit for foot passenger usage. Because of the timescales for tunnel building, it is obvious that most of the ferries will need to be replaced. Councillors felt Bressay would be last to get improvements to a fixed tunnel transport link due to the island's close proximity to services in Lerwick. It was re-enforced that despite our proximity to Lerwick we lack on Island services particularly for medical care and emergency provision as well as social needs so that proximity actually becomes the most significant disadvantage.

The other big issues had been the proposed sports pitches and the Brae High School. The new football pitch will be dependent on the school being built.

**6. Infrastructure**

Andrew sent his apologies – the Clerk will circulate and update the previous infrastructure report to be discussed at the next meeting. Surface dressing has now been competed and we will now need to address the issue of the white lines for around Maryfield and the shop. We will also need to have an update on the pavement at Maryfield. Margaret is now going back to using cash on the Ferry as the inconsistent debiting of electronic ferry transaction is too difficult to track.

**Action: Clerk**

**7. Correspondence:** All correspondence has been shared. Most have been surveys.

**8. Planning Applications:** None and none reported on the website.

**9. Community Led Housing**:

This had been discussed Infrastructure Committee and perhaps we could discuss and see if there was anything we could do to support this on the Island. There is a £50,000 fund which could help some organisation to further develop this. It would be good to see if BDL was interested in exploring this.

**10. Finance: Grant applications & Financial position:** There was nothing new on the finance front as we had not yet had any major spends, another skip was to be looked at for the late summer. The Hall Committee had previously been approached to man it and the Clerk will follow this up with them.
The Clerk had circulated a SCBF Grant Application for £20,000 for Bressay Development to address the shortfall in their funding for the upgrade works for the former Bressay School. Some discussion ensued on the detail of the project, and it was recognised necessary to support the grant application in order to secure the significant funding available to BDL and the community. The application was supported unanimously.

**Action: Clerk**

**11. Bressay Groups Update (Hall, Sports Club, Boating Club, BDL etc.)**

Nothing further to update.

**12. Any other business:** The Clerk shared the details outlined in the Clerk's training day of the need for each Community Council to produce an Annual Report which gets submitted with the Annual Accounts. It was suggested the Clerk create the template and the members submit some aspects. This is similar to the report previously created by the Chair and will be good to publish locally as well as submit to the SIC. **Action: Clerk**

This led on to the discussion regarding a logo – our logo is now a bit out of date and could do with upgrading – we will explore this further. We could take this as our “Project” for this year. Ruth will explore the option with the designer who updated the “Wrecks” poster. **Action: Ruth**

The Chair attended the recent Association Of Community Councils meeting where they had an update from Chief Executive Maggie Sandison and Head of Finance Paul Fraser regarding the shortfall in Finance and their proposal to cut costs through staffing cut backs and restructuring. Andrew Archer had submitted a proposed moratorium on energy developments which our Chair, on behalf of Bressay Community Council, agreed to support.

**13. Meeting Review:** No comments

**14. Date of next meeting**: After some discussion on members availability, it was decided the next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th August 2026. There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.30.

Chairman: Date

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Summary of new and outstanding actions

**AP1: Circulate the previous Infrastructure report for consideration at the next meeting** **Action: Clerk**

**AP2: Follow up with the Hall Committee on their availability to man a skip.** **Action: Clerk**

**AP3: Create template for the Annual report for discussion next meeting** **Action: Clerk**

**AP4: Investigate the possibility and cost of design work for a logo** **Action: Ruth**