

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 6th July 2026 at 6pm.

Present

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

Apologies

Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. A. Cheyney
Mr. N. Beattie
Cllr. C. Hughson

In Attendance

Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I. Scott
Miss Laurie Clubb, Community Involvement & Development Worker
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed Laurie Clubb to the meeting as the new Community Involvement & Development Worker for Burra & Trondra. (She also covers Scalloway, Foula and part of Lerwick.) She explained that she is part of the Community Engagement Team and there are six of them covering different areas of Shetland. She is now in week five of her new role. Community Work supports people to develop the skills, understanding and confidence to get involved in their community. She is keen to get contacts for local groups and get to know what's going on in the community. She's available to provide support and can help with funding, grants, starting up help etc. They cover all age groups and initiatives and interested in keeping a record of what's going on in an area. She can also assist with any issues which need to be dealt with in the community. She asked to be added to our mailing list and will attend our meetings when available.

1. Declaration of Interest – None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 1st June 2026 were approved. Proposed by Brian Adamson and seconded by Mhairi Garnier.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Road matters – outstanding items

- Bus Shelter – adjacent to Burra Public Hall – This has not yet been put in place.
- Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke – Still no update from Neil Hutcheson.
- Bin request – near Setter junction – No further response received on this.
- Trondra bridge – ramp at Mainland end – Barrie Scobie advised some time ago that investigatory works would be done but heard nothing further. Surface dressing done in the area but this has not improved the situation.

(b) 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. It was agreed at a previous meeting that this will be kept on the Minutes.

(c) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

Magnus Malcolmson had replied to say that Building Services are speaking with the contractor about parts and dates and he will get back to us when he receives more information.

(d) Papal Stone

Val Turner had emailed to say that this should be sorted by the end of the summer, and apologised that this had taken longer than expected.

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

The wooden railings around the concrete 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 handed it over to the Burra Rowing Club but there is no paper trail. It was suggested that we contact Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC, to see if she can find any information re ownership etc.

ACTION: Clerk

(f) Pavements, Hamnavoe - moss

Michael Godden, SIC, said he would 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. This has not yet been done.

(g) Defibrillators – Burra Hall

Grampian Training Services are taking responsibility for the defibrillator at the Burra Hall at a cost of £400 per year. This was agreed at a recent hall committee meeting.

(h) Fibre Optic cable to Houss

It was reported that the cable has now been laid up the centre of the bridge at Bridge End.

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

Neil had attended the second meeting of the above. Cllr Lyall and Cllr Sandison had also attended.

(j) Dog fouling

Billy Mycock, SIC Environmental Health, had replied and will investigate adding signage to the bins already in place around Hamnavoe to let dog owners know that dog waste can also be put in these bins. More signage to be put up at Meal beach and also on the large bin in the car park.

(k) Trondra Road

Cllr. Lyall had emailed Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, as she had been contacted by Mary Isbister regarding the speed of traffic on the road through Trondra. He replied stating that this issue has been considered on a number of occasions. Signs and road markings have already been put in place to warn drivers of the 'concealed access' and the need to reduce their speed. The use of 'No overtaking' has also been suggested but their use is restricted to locations where visibility distance along the road is less than the safe overtaking distance. He will raise these concerns again at the next meeting of the Roads Safety Advisory Panel but must recognise that Police Scotland's resources are limited.

Carole Smith advised that the police are looking into which roads in Shetland are worst affected by speeding traffic via Sat Navs.

(l) Scalloway Swimming Pool

The Chairman had composed letters of support which had been sent to the SIC, SRT and SCT in June. Acknowledgements had been received from Ann Black and Robert Geddes.

(m) ASCC meeting – 2 July

The Chairman had attended the meeting and gave an update. A discussion had taken place on a moratorium on future energy developments. The ASCC is arranging an event to discuss this further.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SCBF – Community Grant Scheme Tier 2 Application – Burra Rowing Club

An application had been submitted to SCBF from the above who are looking to purchase new oars at a cost of £3,500. As we have spent all our allocation for 2025/26 and have already drawn down £1,000 from next year's allocation, this application was declined. Other funding sources to be suggested to them.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Planning Application 2025/257/PPP – To erect 7 dwellinghouses, Trondra

A letter had been received from the Planning Department confirming that this application had been refused and the reasons for the Council's decision. This had been circulated to the members.

(c) Police Report – April/May 2026

The police report detailed nine incidents in Burra and Trondra.

(d) Parking at Minn

Cllr. Lyall had sent an email to Neil Hutcheson regarding problems with parking at Minn. Tour buses in particular are regularly taking groups to Minn and are parking up, taking up much of the space. Vehicles are also parking in the turning area and hindering access to the houses beyond the car park. Cllr. Lyall had suggested that people be encouraged to park at the cemetery and walk from there. Signage could also be considered e.g. "Additional parking is available at..." It was felt that buses could park at the cemetery. Cllr. Lyall will speak with Neil and see about possible signage. This problem with parking at Minn has been discussed at a number of our community council meetings in the past but to improve the situation, land would need to be bought and this is costly.

5. AOCB

(a) Ludi

It was reported that the verges on Ludi are deteriorating and would need to be built up level with the road. This is also the case at Grunnasound, Bridge End, and at the bottom of the Boyne Brae.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of next meeting was set for Monday, 7th September at 6pm.