

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 7th September 2026 at 6pm.

Present

Mrs M. Garnier (Chair)
Mrs. C. Smith
Miss N. Fullerton
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. A. Cheyney

Apologies

Mr. M. Fullerton
Mr. N. Beattie
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mr. Michael Duncan, SIC

In Attendance

Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. I. Scott
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Sandison declared an interest with regard to planning items to be discussed.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of 6th July 2026 were approved. Proposed by Narene Fullerton and seconded by Carole Smith.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Road matters – outstanding items

- Bus Shelter – adjacent to Burra Public Hall – Cllr. Lyall reported that she was of the opinion that the first batch of shelters ordered had now been put in place. We thought that our shelter was part of this order so the Clerk will get in touch with Neil Hutcheson again to see where this is at. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Bridge between West & East Burra – low dyke – Neil Hutcheson had replied advising that this railing will require a more bespoke solution than they initially thought. The radius is too tight for it to be done with straight sections of rail. They will have to budget for this due to the not insignificant cost. He pointed out that the 'Traffic Signs & Street Furniture' budget is almost entirely spent on safety related repairs and improvements so it may be some time before this improvement is undertaken
- 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.
- Ludi & Boyne Brae – verges – The Clerk had contacted Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, regarding the deteriorating verges but he replied to say he had taken note, but due to lack of resources it will not be high priority.

(b) Road at Meal

Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, emailed some time ago advising 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

The Clerk had spoken with Magnus Malcolmson who reported that the work has now been completed but he has to visit the school to check it out and will get back to us.

(d) Papal Stone

Val Turner had advised that this would be sorted by the end of the Summer but this has not yet been done. The Clerk will contact her for an update. **ACTION: Clerk**

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

As mentioned at previous meetings, the wooden railings around the concrete area are in a bad state of repair. It is still 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. The Clerk has emailed Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC, to see if she can find any information re ownership etc. Meantime it was agreed that a sign should probably be put up warning of the danger. Brian agreed to speak with Laura Hughes of the Burra Rowing Club.

ACTION: Brian

(f) Pavements, Hamnavoe - moss

It was reported that the pavements around Hamnavoe have been sprayed with weed killer.

(g) Shetland Partnership Plan – Session 3 Population & Economy - 2nd September

Cllr. Lyall and Cllr. Sandison had attended this meeting. Cllr. Sandison had just received the documents which had been circulated after the meeting and will forward this on to the Clerk for circulating to the members for information. **ACTION: Cllr. Sandison/Clerk**

(h) Dog fouling - signage

Billy Mycock, SIC Environmental Health, had emailed on 17th July to say that Cleansing were struggling with signage at that time. No signs have been put on the bins around Hamnavoe and Meal beach so far. The Clerk will contact them again for an update. **ACTION: Clerk**

(i) Defibrillator – Burra Hall

Not sure if Grampian Training Services have sorted this defibrillator and added it to the Circuit yet. (The hall committee have asked them to over the servicing.)

(j) Trondra Road – speeding

Carole Smith advised that the police will be monitoring speed in this area as time permits. It was noted that their presence has already been seen.

(k) Scalloway Swimming Pool

There was nothing further to report on this. Cllr. Sandison advised that the Shetland Charitable Trust have their AGM this week. It was reported that Scalloway School has encountered various problems with the transition to the Clickimin pool which has not been easy and caused extra pressure and workload on all school staff involved.

(l) ASCC

An update from the ASCC meeting on 2nd July had been received from Michael Duncan and had been circulated to the members for information. The next ASCC meeting date has been changed to Monday 23rd November, 6-8pm in the Town Hall.

(m) Parking at Minn

Cllr. Lyall had mentioned possible signage for Minn to Neil Hutcheson and will be speaking with him again on this.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Planning Appeal Ref: PPA-360-2016 (Planning Application 2025/257/PPP)

Appellant: Mr. Graham Sinclair To erect 7 detached dwellinghouses, Trondra
Correspondence on the above Appeal had been received from SIC Planning and had been circulated to the members previously. The appeal has been submitted to the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) on 11th August 2026. It was noted that the main concern was the entrance to the site together with drainage.

(b) Planning Ref: 2026/143/Ppf

Applicant: Geoffrey Hay Proposal: dwellinghouse, East Hogaland, Bridge End, Burra
The above application had been received in July had had been circulated to the members for comment. There were no objections to this application and this had been reported back to the SIC Planning department.

(c) Energy Convention - 22nd August

Our chairman, Mark Fullerton, had emailed a statement to Andrew Archer to register our support of the moratorium. This had been circulated to the members for information. This had been read out at the meeting on 22nd August.

(d) Viking Community Fund – Community Grant Scheme (CGS)

Emma McKay, SCBF, had emailed with an update on our funding. We allocated £27,743.83 in 2025/26 and a poster was attached highlighting the projects we had supported for display. Our allocation for 2026/27 is £6,757 but as we chose to draw down future funding from our 26/27 allocation to support 2025/26 projects, our balance is £5,757 as of 1st September 2026.

(e) Police Report – June/July 2026

Two incidents were recorded for our area:

- Protecting Vulnerable People – Mental Health
- Other – Drugs – Attempt to Posses

5. AOCB

(a) Annual Report & Accounts

A new feature brought in is the requirement for Community Councils to submit an annual report. This shall cover the period of 1st April to 31st March. Annual reports are also likely to be published. As this is year one of producing annual reports, support is available from Community Planning & Development. A blank template was attached with main headings which is to be used. The report should be approved by the Community Council prior to submission. The end of year accounts are ready to be submitted for audit and were approved at the last meeting.

(b) Parking at Guddataing

It was noted that some of the parking spaces at Guddataing are taken up by untaxed vehicles and there is also a boat. Carole Smith advised that this is not really a police issue and would be classed low priority.

(b) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to the members for information:

- Shetland Cruise Impact Study – Anne Byers, McGregor Solutions
- Help shape SSEN's ED3 Business Plan

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 5th October at 6pm. (Apologies from Gary and Aidan)