Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 27th August 2026 At the Voe Hall

2026/08/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)
Mr J Milne
Mr T Tyler
Ms J Dennison
Mr D Clark
Mr A Hall - Ex Officio
Mr E Smith
Ms S McDonald
Mr D Parker
Ms R Griffiths

2026/08/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk
Ms L Hall - Community Involvement & Development Officer
Mr W Leask - Training Development Worker - OPEN
Mr G Bell - SSEN Transmission - Community Liaison Manager for Shetland
Two members of the public.

2026/08/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2026/08/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms E Macdonald – Ex Officio ad Mr M Duncan.

2026/08/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2026 were approved by Mr J Milne and seconded by Mr D Parker.

2026/08/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2026/08/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

7.1 There were no new members to Co-Opt.

7.2 Clerk has had email from Mr M Naylor wishing to become Voe representative on the Community Council. He is returning in November and will be Co-Opted at the November or January meeting.

2026/08/08 WAYNE LEASK - TRAINING DEVELOPMENT WORKER – OPEN

8.1 Mr A Cooper welcomed Mr W Leask, Training Development Worker – OPEN. Mr W Leask started off telling the members about the project he is working on. OPEN is a youth work charity and its main aims is to try and get young people into different levels of leadership either on community councils or public hall groups etc. There are two main reasons for this, one, to try and make Shetland a place where young people can thrive and two, OPEN, being a youth charity, their board is made up of young people between the ages of 16 and 29. They are now in their third year with the board and has been very successful. They want to see if there is any opportunity for the learning that they have had with young people on committees as trustees to see if this could work in with different forms of leadership. The project looks at two main areas. They could work with any young person interested in the role and they could train them up in leadership and

governance would be through Mr M Duncan and the Council for training for Community Council. The other side would be meeting with us to see what processes we have in place and what they have put in place for board of trustees that could be merged to make it look mor attractive.
Mr E Smith asked if it was Shetland or Scotland based. Mr W Leask said it was Shetland Based. They were a part of VAS and were audited and it was recommended that any projects that were part of VAS would be better separate to VAS. OPEN became an independent charity.
Mr A Hall said they were basically trying to encourage young people to take a role on the Community Council.
It was pointed out we approached the school last year asking for pupils to be put forward for Co-Option onto the Community Council as it would have been good for both Community Council having a youth voice and also a benefit to the school with the new school being built, however this came to nothing. Mr W Leask said this was something he could help with in engaging with the school as they are in the schools. He will send through a poster that he has made up and clerk can put on Facebook page.
Mr A Cooper thanked Mr W Leask for attending.

2026/08/09 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 **Glass on road** – Mr B Gray emailed Mr A Hall to say that Mr J Smith thinks there is not enough room for all the bins at the current recycling point, and it's not ideal having cars pulling up to the same place as the bus stop, as well as the trucks coming to empty these bins. So, they are wondering if it might be an idea to move them to a new location just above Moorfield Estate (See Map). It would suit them better as a collection point. Following discussion, they would like the recycling bins to remain in the same place as they are just now. There is ample room for the bins to remain where they are and seen no issues with it being at the bus stop as there were few buses stopping there. The members had concerns if they were moved to the proposed area this would create noise disturbance for nearby residents. They also had concerns with the recycling bins being away from the main road, therefore less people would be likely to use them. They also suggested possibly moving the Salvation army bins into the Coop carpark if this was an option. **Clerk to progress.**

9.2 **Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations –** There was no update on this item.

9.3 **Community Resilience Plans –** There was no update on this item.

9.4 **Toft Road –** There was no update on this item.

9.5 **Kissing Gates Moorfield estate –**Mr N Hutcheson responded saying the kissing gates at Havragord, Lingapund and two at Runafirth have been partly removed. He wants to know if we want the remaining gate frames at these locations removed. There are also full gates remaining at the playground, Gossaford, Burgadale and Ladieside. Would we want all of these gates removed. He thinks it would perhaps be better to keep the gate at the playground to prevent younger children from running straight out onto the car park at Havragord. He will arrange for the removal of the required number of gates on receipt of our response. Following discussion, the members would like the kissing gates and frames at Havragord, Lingapund and two at Runafirth to be removed in their entirety from Moorfield estate as it is the frames causing issues also. They are happy for the full gates to remain at the playpark at Gossaford, Burgadale and Ladieside. **Clerk to progress.**

9.6 **White lines in Car park –** Mr Hutcheson responded saying the majority of these marking have been reinstated and work is ongoing. The remainder will be done when our road marking squad is next in the North Mainland.

9.7 **Safety Muckle Roe Road –** There was no update on this item.

9.8 **Parking in Brae Opposite Garage** – Mr N Hutcheson responded saying the reinstatement of the edge line between the parking bay and the carriageway has been prioritised. In addition to this, two parallel parking bays will be marked at the north end of the parking bay. These will be

marked so that there is a 1.5 metre space between the cars parked in the bays and the edge of the carriageway. This should prevent perpendicular parking at the north end. This in turn will improve visibility along the road and from the access to the Sunnyside dwellinghouse. The members discussed the proposal for the white line painting at the garage and what is being proposed doesn't go far enough or fix the issues which have been described previously. The main issues were visibility when driving past and the access to the pavement. When cars are parked at an angle in the bay they are sometimes parked so far back to the kerb with the back of the vehicle over the pavement, pedestrians were unable to use the footpath especially for people with prams and push chairs. This in turn forces pedestrians to cross the road and walk past on the garage forecourt where there is no pavement. The other issue with visibility and safety is that when vehicles are travelling north past the bay, especially trucks and buses, they automatically move out over the middle of the road to the opposite carriageway to make sure they are clear of the parked vehicles on the left. They do this from the beginning of the bay at the south side. This is where the safety issue arises with cars heading south and they need to take evasive action to avoid a collision with an oncoming vehicle on their side of the road. There is capacity for parking at the back of the garage, that they should not need to park as many vehicles in the parking bay across from the garage forecourt. The members would like the reinstatement of the edge line between the parking bay and the carriageway as soon as possible and parallel parking bays to be marked in the entire bay. **Clerk to progress**.

9.9 North Lea Autopoint Mossbank Smell – There was no update on this item.

9.10 Dog litter in Delting – There was no update on this item.

9.11 Safety in Woods in Brae – Ms L Hall said the Amenity Trust have put in a bid for maintenance. Ms L Hall sent them through photographs.

9.12 Litter in Woods in Brae – A bug hotel has been made with the rubbish. Its very tidy. Mr A Hall put netting on the rubbish bins to stop paper blowing out, but people are not lifting the net. The council bin had netting also put on. Waste management are going to put a big bin at the entrance at the Coop so Mr A hall will take his little bins away and they will put a big bin at the entrance to school at Moorfield too at the bridge and the school have provisionally agreed to empty this bin.

2026/08/10 POLICE REPORT

10.1 There have been 12 incidents recorded in Delting in April and May which can be summarised as follows:

Road Safety and Road Crime
- Driving whilst Unfit
- Fail To Stop and Report Collision (3)
- Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury (2)

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
- Assault

Acquisitive Crime
- Fraud
- Theft of Vehicle

Protecting Vulnerable People
- Concern for Person

Other
- Fire Incident
- Sudden Death

2026/08/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.1 Planning Ref:2026/079/PPF- Erection of a 3m x 3m Polycrub with accessible access and a visitor information point, with a map and leaflets for businesses and attractions. Mavis Grind, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9QG. Mrs Charlotte Anderson Northmavine Community Development

Company. Clerk obtained responses from members Via email and there were no objections to this application. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

11.2 **Planning Ref:2026/162/ECUCON -** Consultation in relation to a Section 36 application under the Electricity Act 1989 for 8 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 200m, battery energy storage and associated infrastructure at Neshion Energy Park. Neshion Energy Park, Land To East Of Sullom Voe Oil Terminal, Mossbank, Shetland. Neshion Ltd. The application documents will be available to read at these websites on Wednesday 5 August: Neshion Energy Park: https://neshionenergypark.co.uk/ from 10am Energy Consents Units https://www.energyconsents.scot/ by end of day (Please use the reference ECU00006120 to find the application.) The window for comments or submissions to the Scottish Government will open on Thursday 6 August and will close on Monday 14 September. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** There were no objections to this application. However, they want to make sure that a planning condition is included to ensure there is proper, high degree, independent environmental monitoring put in place in liaison with Sullom Voe Terminal due to close proximity to Sullom Voe Terminal and it doesn't impact in any way with data that they have gathered in connection with Sullom Voe over the years. There needs to be no conflict between the two parties at Neshion Energy Park and Sullom Voe Terminal in relation to environmental monitoring. They also want to make sure that a planning condition is included that the residents in the area will not be affected by noise and flicker. **Clerk to progress.**

11.3 **NEH/SMG/R/E3/3/111 -** SIC (Firth, Delting) (20 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Traffic Regulation Order 2026 & SIC (Mossbank, Delting) (20 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Traffic Regulation Order 2026 The Orders would reduce the speed limit on the Sandside, Midlea and Leaside roads in Firth and the Maidenfield, Rayburn Road, Hamarsgarth, Smuggabank, Braehead and Burraness in Mossbank from 30 to 20 miles per hour. There were no objections to this application **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Clerk to progress.**

11.4 **Planning Ref:2026/165/PPF -** To site a static caravan for residential use (retrospective) - Parkgate (East), Voe, Shetland, ZE2 9QS – Ms Natasha Dean. The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. There were no objections to this application **Clerk to progress.**

2026/08/12 COMMUNITY WORK

12.1 **Brae Woods Project –** They spent four days in the woods through the summer holidays and got contact details of folk interested in getting a local group together to maintain the woods.

12.2 **Shetland Energy Network –** This is being set up. 1st meeting on Wednesday night. Folk welcome to come. See 2026/08/15.8.

12.3 **Voxter House –** Repairs on roof been started**.** They have got funding for new septic tank. They are starting up an apprenticeship for a Facility Manager.

12.4 **VCDA –** They were successful getting funding to purchase the Sail Loft. They are going to get a consultant in to make a business plan so it can move forward.

2026/08/13 CLERK UPDATE

13.1 The clerk updated members on the final financial position for 26/27.

13.2 25/26 Accounts have now been approved by Shetland Island Council and the files have been updated. **Clerk to progress.**

13.3 Invoice for Voe Public Hall - Invoice (SI-373) for £10.00, due on 01/08/2026. Clerk obtained approval for payment via email from the members.

13.4 Clerk Training - Updates & reporting requirements

Archiving complete. Going forward, the Council will submit minutes and annual accounts to the Archives on an annual basis**.**

Agenda management - it is a requirement that Community Councils display these papers within your local area. Community Councils are at liberty to decide where is best in their respective areas. For example, this may be the local hall, shop, ferry or another public building. Social media or websites should also be used, wherever possible. Meeting papers should also be issued at least 5 days prior to the meeting. It is emailed to schools, Shetland times, Radio Shetland, Police and put on Facebook. Members decided that the agenda should be put in shops and health centre with distribution being shared among members in their district areas. **Clerk to progress.**

Annual accounts - Each Community Council is required to produce annual accounts for period 1 April to 31 March inclusive. Once draft accounts prepared, they must undergo an independent examination. The independent examination cannot be carried out by anyone connected to your Community Council. The independent examination must be done by an independent individual/organisation with sufficient booking keeping skills and experience. The certified accounts should be approved by your Community Council prior to submitting to Nicole and Michael Duncan. Annual accounts to be submitted by 30 September each year.

Annual report - A new feature brought in after the Community Council Scheme review is the requirement for Community Councils to submit an annual report. Again, the annual report shall cover the period of 1 April to 31 March inclusive. Community Councils have “creative licence” in terms of the report presentation/look. Annual reports are a great opportunity to showcase the good work of your Community Council, and these documents are likely to be published so please ensure it is written with this purpose in mind. As this is year one of producing annual reports, support is available from Community Planning & Development. Much of the detail required should already be in your minutes, so hopefully this should not be a big task. Tasks are: 1. Chairperson’s report 2. Membership details 3. Performance highlights / outcomes delivered 4. Financial information 5. Future plans 6. Contact details. The annual report should be approved by your Community Council prior to submitting to Nicole and myself. The approved annual report should be submitted by 30 September each year. Clerk will put together report for September or October meeting and Mr A Cooper will write a Chairmans report. **Mr A Cooper and Clerk to Progress.**

13.5 Clerk change of address – Mr A Cooper signed letters to bank for account change of address.

13.6 Shredded - Shredder ordered awaiting delivery from GTS.

2026/08/14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 CGS0088 – Tier 2 Application for Consideration – Voe Public Hall - There are a number of items that the Hall would like to purchase to improve the comfort, efficiency and general usability of the space. This includes: - Replacing the current stock of chairs. They have been in use for many, many years and are showing significant signs of wear and tear. Purchase various items of Kitchen equipment. Again, this would be replacing or in addition to current equipment and would benefit all who use the hall. - Install more efficient and energy saving lights for the main hall to assist in reducing their energy bills. For the same reason, they are looking to replace the fridges in their bar area which are no longer as energy efficient as they could be. - Adding a partition in the porch area to repurpose the old Disabled toilet into a new cleaning store, thus maximising available space. - Refreshed flooring in the porch and bar area, as this is now stained and aging. These projects will be led by the committee and local contractors will be employed as needed for the flooring, structural and electrical work. Total cost of project £24,138.00 They are applying for £24,138.00. A breakdown of costs was submitted. Members agreed unanimously to award £18103.50. This is 75% of the total project costs. **Clerk to progress.**

14.2 RE: Neshion Energy Park - Planning Application Submission – the planning application for Neshion Energy Park has been validated by and submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit. We received notification from Energy Consents Unit. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.3 Association of Shetland Community Councils - 2 July 2026 – Update –

SIC Medium-Term Financial Plan - Paul Fraser, Executive Manager – Finance and Maggie Sandison, Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the Council's Finances and restructuring process. The ASCC agreed to write to Convenor, SIC, to seek clarification on the Council's strategic direction and how this aligns with budget setting and Shetland Partnership Plan.

Moratorium on energy developments

Discussion took place on the above and it was agreed that the ASCC is to arrange an event that invites local politicians to attend to discuss the situation further.

Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation (SSMO)

It was agreed that Alastair Cooper (Delting CC) and James Smith (Sandwick CC) be appointed to SSMO as the ASCC representatives.

Community Council Hybrid meetings

An update was provided. They are still exploring advice and options with colleagues in the Council's ICT, Procurement & Legal teams with regards to hybrid equipment required and options to resource it. Further information to be shared at a future meeting of the ASCC.

Future agenda items

The ASCC agreed its next meeting date to be Tuesday 8th September 2026 in Islesburgh Community Centre.However, this date is currently under review and likely be delayed until late October or possibly early November – new meeting date to be confirmed. In the meantime, any proposed agenda items, please complete the Agenda Item Request form and return to me by 31 August 2026.

The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members

14.4 Community Councils Energy Convention - Saturday 22nd August – Mr A Cooper attending. Mr P Johnson VCDA wrote letter to members in advance of meeting. Mr A Cooper put forward the views and positions of Delting Community Council. He also added if there were any developments in our area at this time should progress for community benefit. He did not have time to read out VCDA letter. Neither MSP or MP voted for the ASCC motion to seek a moratorium on new energy developments till an impact assessment is conducted covering all of Scotland. MSP wanted a Shetland Tariff. MP wants a more Shetland context to the proposal. Mr A Cooper thinks we need to seek professional advice on planning grounds in respect of the proposal to erect pylons through Delting. It will cost money and he will look at how this may be done. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.5 Da Voar Redd Up 2026 – Mossbank School filled out survey requesting funding from Delting Community Council. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Members agreed to award £75.00 for participation in the Voar Redd Up. **Clerk to progress.**

14.6 Toft Resident – Small Scale Addition – Toft resident sent Screenshots from Facebook regarding SSEN. Mr G Bell asked for more details. Ms S McDonald was going to visit resident and get back to Mr G Bell.

14.7 Update on upcoming ground investigation works in the Toft area – Mr G Bell – The ground investigation (GI) works are due to start shortly in the Toft area for the Shetland HVDC Link 2 project and the compound for these works is being mobilised. The recent information session in Mossbank confirmed that Toft is their least constrained site for the proposed Northern Hub. They expect geophysical surveys to take place until the beginning of September, and geotechnical surveys will begin on 17 August and last until mid-November, a period of approximately 13 weeks. Rigs are likely to appear around 17 August. As part of these works, they expect peat restoration to take place from the beginning of October until late November. All of the appropriate permissions are in place**. The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.8 Advance Notice - Upcoming Dales Voe Project - Brown & Mason, the demolition and dismantling contractor operating at the Dales Voe decommissioning base located near Lerwick. Members were invited to Community event – Tuesday 18 August. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.9 Tunnel Vision 2026 – Community Discussions on Fixed Links - Alistair Carmichael MP invited you to this year's Tunnel Vision events, a series of community discussions about the future of fixed links and inter-island transport in Shetland. Events took place in August at various locations. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.10 Island Communities Place Programme - Planning Aid Scotland emailed about the Island Communities Place Programme. This is the new Scottish Government programme, delivered as part of the National Islands Plan, to support island communities participate in planning and placemaking. The programme aims to ensure that island communities have the knowledge, confidence and support to engage with planning processes that affect their places, particularly around renewable energy and consenting processes, as well as the preparation of Local Place Plans and Community Action Plans. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

14.11 Shetland Cruise Impact Study - Anne Byers from McGregor Solutions the company commissioned to examine the economic and social impact of cruise tourism across Shetland in the 2026 season. More than 1,000 passengers and crew have already responded to our visitor survey. Early findings show that shopping, tours, cafés, pubs and heritage attractions are among the most common activities during a visit to Shetland. However, these responses cannot tell us fully how visitor activity translates into income for local businesses and communities, where the benefits are being felt, or what pressures, challenges and opportunities cruise tourism creates. As part of this they are keen to engage with Community Councils across Shetland with a view to hearing our views and also providing more information about the study. They would be happy to join one of our forthcoming meetings in an online capacity if desirable. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members didn't think Delting currently sees much benefit from cruise tourism in local business. Once the Sail Loft is opened to visitors that should change the Delting Experience.

14.12 Help shape SSEN's ED3 Business Plan – For Information – SSEN invites you to join their next stakeholder engagement session on 14 September 2026. This is an opportunity to continue the conversation. They will share how stakeholder feedback has shaped their proposals so far, explore their proposed ED3 commitments, discuss the choices and trade-offs they face, and invite open discussion on where they should go further and where their priorities should lie. Monday, 14 September 2026 at 10:00am – 3:15pm on Microsoft Teams. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

14.13 Love to Ride Intro - information about a forthcoming "Love to Ride" event launch. - **There is a poster The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

14.14 Help reach crofters ahead of the 2027 elections - The Crofting Commission as part of their preparations for the Crofting Commission elections in March 2027 are doing some research now so that they can better understand what people currently know about the Crofting Commission and the work of its Board, how they want to receive information about the elections, and what might encourage more people to vote or consider standing for election themselves. They are particularly keen to hear from as wide and diverse a range of people as possible. They want the information they provide over the coming months to work for different communities and audiences, rather than simply assuming that the ways we have communicated in the past are the best ways to reach people. They would also really like to encourage a diverse range of candidates to consider standing in March and to see an increased turnout at the 2027 election.
Commissioners have a strategic role in helping to set the direction and priorities of the Crofting Commission and scrutinising its work. It is a part-time role: the current commitment for Commissioners is 4.5 days per month – roughly one day a week on average – with current remuneration of £11,460 per year, as well as reasonable expenses. Their survey takes around five minutes to complete. Responses are anonymous, will be used by the Crofting Commission for their internal research only, and will not be shared with third parties. Take the survey: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/fYsXBPfscp Every response will help them build a better picture of their audiences and plan clearer, more useful communications ahead of the elections. They have

also produced printed posters containing a QR code linking directly to the survey. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

14.15 Delting News – Clerk was contacted by Ms N Smith regarding copies of Delting News – March 1977- November 1979. It was decided to scan in to the computer and give the copies to Delting History Group. **Clerk to progress.**

2026/08/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

15.1 VCDA – VCDA shared the latest VCDA delegates/ SSEN meeting minutes Lerwick office on 22 June 2026 with Delting Community Council. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.2 Brae High Trip Funding – The school have put a "school trip group" together and will meet in August to put in a whole school bid.

15.3 Subsidy Control: A Practical Guide webinar – took place 12-1pm, 15 July 2026. This webinar was aimed at anyone working in the voluntary sector or public sector with an interest in public funding and subsidy control, including charity leaders, finance staff, policy officers, trustees. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.4 Island Community Impact Assessment - Meeting took place on Wednesday 15th July at 2pm. The Scottish Government was seeking your views on how best to maximise take-up of social security entitlements in Scotland. Your input would help shape the next Benefit Take-Up Strategy, due for publication in October. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.5 Shetland Islands Citizens Advice Bureau Annual General Meeting 2026 – Members Invited 19th August 2026**. The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.6 2025-2026 Annual Report - Shetland Islands Citizens Advice Bureau - The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

15.6 Training opportunity: Reflective Practice Course Aug-Oct 2026 - CLD Standards Council recruiting 2 new cohorts for the online Reflective Practice course - Group A –Wednesdays 1-3pm on 26 August, 9 September, 23 September and 7 October - Group B – Thursdays 6-8pm on 27 August, 10 September, 24 September and 8 October. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.7 Councillor Andrew Hall - Councillor Update - 28 July 2026 - The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.

15.8 Shetland Communities - Energy Network – Ms J Wilson Development Officer for the new Brae Rural Energy Hub. – sent email on behalf of herself, John Clarkson from Home Energy Scotland, Tyst Hertoghs, Community Energy Development Officer at Bressay Development, and Joanne Jamieson from Sandwick Social and Economic Development Company. John introduced us to the Highland Energy Community Partnership (HECP) and wondered whether a similar model could be beneficial in Shetland. If this is something our organisation might be interested in, they would love to hear from us. They are simply looking to gauge interest, and they will explore the idea further depending on the responses we receive.To further explore the idea, they are holding an online meeting on Wednesday 26 August at 7.00 pm. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.9 Shetland Island Council August Newsletter - The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.

15.10 New Tesco Grant - Tesco Grant open to local groups working with children. Schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations supporting children and young people can apply for up to £1,500 for projects that include an element of healthy eating or food growing. You find the online guidance and application form here https://www.tescoplc.com/fruit-and-veg-grants.**The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.11 Sustainable Growth Programme – Held a series of events in August. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.12 Reminder - 2026 SURF Awards Open for Applications - The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 7th September. You can **download all of the application materials** and find out more about the Awards here: https://surf.scot/surf-awards/surf-awards-2026/ **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.13 Gambling Harms Support Groups - RCA trust have started to provide a 8 week rolling recovery programme for adult males in Scotland are looking for help with any issue they may have surrounding gambling. There is a poster. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and put on the Delting Community Council Facebook Page.**

15.14 Places of Worship Fund - Historic Environment Scotland is running a pilot Scotland-only version of the Places of Worship fund for 2026-27. They would like to invite you to one of their online consultation events, where they will run through their draft application form and guidance document and you will have a chance to comment and help them improve their drafts:
Monday - 31 August 2026 11am – 12pm https://bookwhen.com/hes-strategy-and-policy/e/ev-swgau-20260831110000
Tuesday - 01 September 2026 7pm – 8pm https://bookwhen.com/hes-strategy-and-policy/e/ev-sxydl-20260901190000
Wednesday- 02 September 2026 2pm – 3pm https://bookwhen.com/hes-strategy-and-policy/e/ev-spfwk-20260902140000
Thursday - 03 September 2026 7pm – 8pm https://bookwhen.com/hes-strategy-and-policy/e/ev-s9qff-20260903190000
The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members. Put on Facebook ???

15.15 A Transformative Professional Learning Opportunity: Building Racial Literacy - Building Racial Literacy is a free national professional learning programme. It does require a commitment of time and engagement but its impact has been profound. If you would like to find out more, please feel free to get in touch with me directly. Further information is also available on the Education Scotland website: Building Racial Literacy | Education Scotland. Education Scotland has announced that applications are now open for the 2026-27 cohort of the Building Racial Literacy programme. Colleagues interested in participating should complete this short application form by Sunday 6th September**. The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

15.16 Scottish Islands Federation - Working Groups on Housing & Childcare – There are a couple of working group meetings coming up this week and next if any members not on these groups are interested in coming along:
Housing Working Group - They met today 11am and this was a discussion with More Homes on the new agency, More Homes Scotland, RIHF/funding, housing needs and some other areas that the working group has highlighted.
Childcare Working Group - They have been invited to provide input into the Island Community Impact Assessment for the new national breakfast offer and this meeting is planned for 12:00 to 13:00 on Thursday 3rd September. **The clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2026/08/16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no Other Competent Business

2026/08/17 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

17.1 The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank School on Thursday 1st October commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman