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 5th October 2026 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. M. Fullerton (Chair)
Mr. N. Beattie
Mrs M. Garnier
Miss N. Fullerton

Apologies

Mrs. C. Smith
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. G. Laurenson
Mr. A. Cheyney
Cllr. C. Hughson

In Attendance

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

1. Declaration of Interest – None.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Clerk pointed out that there was one item omitted from the minutes of 7th September:

Double yellow lines – At a recent football event in Hamnavoe, cars had parked on both sides of the road at Roadside which would have made it impossible for a fire engine or any other large vehicle to get into Hamnavoe. Cars had also parked near the junctions which caused problems. It was agreed that a request be put to SIC Roads to install double yellow lines along the right hand side of Roadside going into Hamnavoe, and also double yellow lines at junctions.

The Minutes of 7th September 2026 were approved. Proposed by Mhairi Garnier and seconded by Narene Fullerton.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Road matters – outstanding items

- **Bus Shelter** – adjacent to Burra Public Hall – the Clerk had emailed Neil Hutcheson for an update but had not received a response. Cllr. Lyall had received an email from Neil Hutcheson to say they had received another delivery of bus shelters. It was also reported that there is a hole in the shelter at Glenburn Road which will need to be repaired. The Clerk will contact Neil again. **ACTION: Clerk**
- **Bridge between West & East Burra** – low dyke – Neil Hutcheson has advised that this will require a more bespoke solution than they initially thought, but it may be some time before this improvement is undertaken due to the cost. This will be kept on the minutes.
- Bin request – near Setter junction – No further response received on this so Clerk will chase again. **ACTION: Clerk**
- **Trondra bridge** – ramp at Mainland end – Barrie Scobie advised back in February that investigatory works would be done but heard nothing further. Surface dressing done during the Summer in the area but this has not really improved the situation. Clerk will contact him again. **ACTION: Clerk**

- **Ludi verges** – Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, has taken note of deteriorating verges but this will not be high priority. Mark offered to take some photographs of the verges at the south end of Ludi to send on to Barrie. The passing place on Ludi opposite Hilary Conabeer's was also spoken about as we know of two accidents which have taken place at to this blind spot. It was suggested that the passing place could be extended further south. **ACTION: Mark / Clerk**
- **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. This will be kept on the Minutes.

(b) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School
Waiting to hear back from Magnus Malcolmson who advised that the work is completed but he had to visit the school to check it out.

(c) Papal Stone
Val Turner replied stating that she has only now received permission from Historic Environment Scotland to secure the stone but is going on holiday and the conditions state that she has to be there when the work is done. She hopes to have it fixed in Nov/Dec subject to availability of those concerned. She also advised that the Churches Trust has agreed to pay for it.

(d) Wooden Railings at boat park, Hamnavoe
As mentioned at previous meetings, the wooden railings around the concrete area are in a bad state of repair. The Clerk had contacted Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC, to see if they had any information on ownership of the area. She advised that the wooden slip and concrete area are within a title the Council own. However, the Council did not build the infrastructure in question. Colleagues have informed her that the Burra Boating Club did but they no longer exist. The Burra Rowing Club have carried out repairs in the past but she could not find any documents noting a transfer between both parties. She also said if the area is unsafe, and current users are unable to maintain, they will have to cordon off and secure the site as the Council do not have funds to do the repairs. The Clerk had spoken with Laura Hughes, Burra Rowing Club, and they were aware of the poor state of the railings and agreed that the area should be cordoned off for safety reasons. The members were also in favour of this and the Clerk will reply to Tracey-Anne. **ACTION: Clerk**

(e) Shetland Partnership Plan – Session 4 – Housing, Transport & Digital Connectivity 7 Oct
Information on the above had been circulated to the members for information. Neil Beattie had been unable to attend Session 3. He has found the sessions interesting and will forward on notes received to the Clerk for circulation to the members. **ACTION: Neil / Clerk**

(f) Dog fouling – signage on bins etc
It was noted that no signage had been put on the bins yet and nothing further heard from Billy Mycock. Cllr. Lyall reported that new dog fouling signs had been installed around Lerwick which looked good and it would be nice to have similar signage around Burra. The Clerk will contact Billy Mycock again. **ACTION: Clerk**

(g) Defibrillator – Burra Hall
The defibrillator at the hall is now working and is logged on The Circuit. (Grampian Training Services have taken over the servicing of this defibrillator as requested by the hall committee.)

(h) Scalloway Swimming Pool
It was noted that Hannah Mary Goodlad is to Chair a meeting in the beginning of November with the relevant parties involved.

(i) Parking at Minn
Cllr. Lyall had mentioned possible signage for Minn to Neil Hutcheson but had not spoken with him again.

(j) Planning Appeal Ref: PPA-360-2016 (Planning Application 2025/257/PPP)
Appellant: Mr. Graham Sinclair To erect 7 detached dwellinghouses, Trondra
A letter had been received from the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division, advising that a reporter has been appointed to consider the matter. The reporter will carry out an unaccompanied inspection of the site in due course.

(k) ASCC Energy Convention – Shetland's Unified Statement
An email had been received from Andrew Archer attaching a copy of the above Statement which has been sent to our politicians. This version keeps the two key demands i.e. a pause to developments and a planning inquiry commission, along with things relevant to Shetland such as fishing, aquaculture and fuel poverty.

(l) Viking Community Fund – Community Grant Scheme (CGS)
Emma McKay, SCBF, had emailed with an update on our funding. Following publication of Consumer Price Index (CPI), they advised that our Community Grant Scheme allocation has been adjusted to include an additional amount of £209. Our total Community Grant Scheme allocation for 2026/27 is therefore £6,966 but as we chose to drawn down future funding from our 26/27 allocation to support 2025/26 projects, our current balance is £5,966.

(m) Annual Report & Accounts
The Community Council accounts have been submitted to VAS for audit and the Annual Report for 1st April to 31st March 2026 is still be be completed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE
(a) Introduction to Community Resilience Planning
Emails had been received on the above and had been circulated to the members. Neil Beattie offered to complete the Community Resilience Plan on behalf of the Community Council.
ACTION: Neil

(b) ASCC – Update
Michael Duncan had emailed to advise that Shayne McLeod had resigned as Chair of the ASCC with immediate effect. The ASCC will be looking to appoint a new Chair at its next meeting on 23rd November (6-8pm, Town Hall).

5. AOCB
(a) Norse placenames – Trondra
A few years ago we had the Norse placename sign put up for Burra (Borgaroy) but never got one for Trondra (Prandarey). The Clerk was asked to look into this. **ACTION: Clerk**

(b) Runic Stones
Paul Moar had been in touch with the Clerk advising that Malcolm Hutchison from Whalsay is trying to promote the old Viking Runic language in Shetland and is keen to have them dotted around Shetland. He hand carves runic stones with viking carvings blended in too. Paul suggested this might be suitable for Meal beach car park. The members were interested to find out more and possibly put one at Meal and Minn. The Clerk will contact Paul again to get Malcolm's contact details. **ACTION: Clerk**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 2nd November at 6pm. (Apologies from Mark.)