

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 19 April 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

01/04/21	PRESENT:	John Hunter – Chair Lindsay Laurenson Mark Burgess Andrew Blackadder	John MacKenzie Kenny Pottinger Liz Walter Louise Davis
	In attendance:	Edna Nicol – Clerk Cllr Moraig Lyall Joy Duncan	Cllr Davie Sandison Cllr Ian Scott PC A Patrick
02/04/21	APOLOGIES:	Michael Duncan - SIC	Roselyn Fraser - SIC

03/04/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minute of the meeting held on 15 March 2021 was proposed by John M and seconded by Liz with the following correction:

- ASCC – add in Crofters also having an issue with off leash dogs

In order to accommodate those in attendance Agenda items were discussed out of order.

14/04/21 PLANNING

2021/105/PPF – Proposed convenience store building with associated parking, service yard, pedestrian footpaths and drainage infrastructure, East Voe, Scalloway by Co-op. Davie declared an interest as a member of the Planning Committee, Moraig, Kenny and Lindsay also declared an interest. They did not take part in the discussion. John M opened the discussion making the points that he thought it would be a good thing for Scalloway and should be given permission. He stated he had spoken to a lot of people in the village who were all in favour of the store and that the petition that has 157 signatures was a very small percentage of Scalloway's population. He understood that there would be concern from the current local shops however a pragmatic view needs to be taken and it's an opportunity for cheaper, fresher produce and an opportunity for the village to develop. Louise felt that the letter received from local business was very poignant and made a lot of sense. Andrew said there were a number of issues and there are some benefits these come with caveats. The centre of the village will undoubtedly be impacted, the additional retail space proposed by the Co-op doubles what is currently available but as the population is not growing there is no evidence of any additional demand. Andrew said that there was a need for a retail impact assessment which Planning can carry out. Mark said that there are a number of technical issues with the application such as access, proximity to the Voe head junction, pedestrians etc and that the CC needs to focus on the wider picture and see what's in keeping with current planning policies. All efforts have been to increase footfall to the centre of the village and make the area an exciting and vibrant area. He quoted the Place Plan – changes in one area will have an impact in another. This application is not in keeping with the Local Place Plan, the Local Development Plan or Re-Create Scalloway. No additional retail space in another area of the village has ever been discussed or considered and putting a shop at the East Voe is changing the shape of the village. The site would be sterilised by a shop going there which is against all the things that we have agreed in the Place Plan. Mark proposed an objection to the application. John asked for

a vote. John M was for while Andrew, Mark, Louise and Liz were against. Kenny and Lindsay abstained. Majority vote is against. Kenny said as member of Parent Council clarity must be sought on road situation and comments would need to reflect this. John invited resident in attendance to speak. She said that the proposed store is literally right next door to her home and all residents in the area are against the development. The petition has only been out for 3 days and has 157 signatures and which she has no doubt will grow. She feels that there are many more acceptable and appropriate sites and as a business the Co-op is being anything but co-operative. Mark and Andrew are to draft an objection response and circulate to members and Edna is to ask Planning for an extension to allow this to be drafted.

Action: M Burgess/A Blackadder/E Nicol

Joy left the meeting at 8.53pm.

2021/112/PPF – Proposed new factory building for fish processing including parking facilities at Muckle Yard, Blacksness Pier, Scalloway by QA Fish. Members had no comments or objections.

Action: E Nicol

2020/241/PPF – Reconsultation – Proposed 32m x 12m steel portal frame, steel clad industrial shed and associated compacted gravel access track, 1.6m high boundary fence and new pedestrian access gate. Application is part retrospective, taking into account extra excavations which were conducted in relation to hardstanding/laydown areas, Planning reference 2019/071/PPF at Empty Plot adjacent to Blydoit Fish Sales, East Voe, Scalloway by L Williamson Fish Sales. Members felt this was difficult to comment on as there is no indication of what development is to be used for. Andrew said that it was stated as light industrial used but that covers a broad spectrum. Members decided to respond – As proposal for light industrial use there are no grounds for objection.

Action: E Nicol

04/04/21 MATTERS ARISING

CDF Grants – Prior to financial year end but after March meeting 2 applications for funds were received. Decision to award was made by email. Mark declared an interest and did not take part in the discussions other than to clarify the computer and music equipment for other members.

Scalloway Youth and Community Centre – application for £2255.90 to purchase computer and recording equipment to enable young people to record their music. Project is also being developed to meet the needs of young people to incorporate song writing, music making and recording. Staff for the project is funded by the Big Lottery and the Robertson Trust and they will also teach the young people how to record and safely promote their music online. John M, Louise, Kenny, Andrew, Liz and Lindsay all were in agreement to award the full amount. John H did not respond.

Scalloway Youth & Community Centre – application for £240 to purchase bunting for Scalloway as part of the improvements through the Re-Create Scalloway project. This will brighten up the street for the summer months along with the enhanced Heritage Trail around Scalloway. Liz, Lindsay, John M, Andrew and Louise all were in agreement to award the full amount. John H and Kenny did not respond.

11/04/21 POLICE REPORT

PC Patrick said that there was very little to report which is good. There had been the odd parking complaint and one serious domestic issue. They have been trying to engage more with young people, but this was a bit challenging. There are some road traffic issues to be looked at over the coming months such as speeding issues on the Mill Brae. Andrew asked if the Trondra straights

could be monitored as well as he can hear the roar of speeding engines coming from Trondra from his home on the East Voe.

PC Patrick and Kenny left the meeting at 8.15pm.

05/04/21 COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

The ASCC has recommended that CCs approved the changes to the constitution. Member unanimously agreed to approve the changes.

Action: E Nicol

06/04/21 RE-CREATE SCALLOWAY

Port Arthur Site – Lindsay said all had gone quiet with Planning, but he had been in touch with Robert Portman but still waiting for a response. He suggested that if the area can't be used for housing could it not be used for some other community purpose such as polycrubs for example rather than remain a scar on the hillside.

Action: L Laurensen

Camp Site – the feasibility study to look at the proposals for the site require a CC member who is not a member of the SCDC to be on the working group. Louise said she was unable to commit due to work commitments. Liz agreed to the role.

07/04/21 ASCC Update – no update.

08/04/21 CLERK RESIGNATION

Edna is stepping down as Clerk at the end of May. John to speak to Michael to see what is required with regard to advertising post. Members thanked her for a job well done.

Action: J Hunter

09/04/21 PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT CC MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

SCC has taken guidance from the ASCC and the SIC on proper protocols on public attendance. This was acknowledged and there was a member of the public in attendance tonight.

10/04/21 ROADS

Main Street - Ian said he had received information that the Scalloway Main Street repairs are to start at the end of May.

East Voe – Edna said there appeared to be a bit of sinkage between the road at the East Voe and the Trondra Bridge.

Auld Kirk Round-about – Lindsay reported that the rubber cover on the bollard at the round-about was loose.

Edna to report all issues to Roads.

Action: E Nicol

12/04/21 FINANCE

Grant Applications – the Fraser Park Trust applied for £1800 to clean, repair and repaint the plaster of walls and gates at the entrance to the park and also to repaint the infants play area fence. Davie declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion. Mark said that this was essentially

for maintenance and did not think that it qualifies under the terms of award for the CDF Fund. This is to be deferred to the next meeting and Edna is to check with Michael whether it qualifies or not. John M said that he would prefer that the FPT takes this to the SIC in the first instance as it is their responsibility.

Action: E Nicol

Kenny rejoined the meeting at 8.40pm.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund Grant Application – applications to the SCBF are forwarded to the appropriate CC for approval. The SCDC has applied for funds to help construct the necessary infrastructure and enable the provision of high-quality facilities in the amenity building. John H, Andrew, Mark, Davie and John M all declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion. Kenny took over the Chair. The application is for a total of £16000 and request is for £8000 in this financial year and for £8000 from next year's fund which starts on 01 September 2021. Lindsay asked if SCDC had applied to Tingwall CC as well. Davie said he had approached them informally and received positive feedback but then at meeting they thought the application was a little premature and groups in their own area may be upset. Scalloway can award £10000 per financial year from this fund. Lindsay asked if the septic issues had been resolved and Davie said this was all in hand. Ian asked about the lease for the land and Andrew said it was for 20 years. Lindsay said he was happy to approve but felt that there was a lack of specific information and he was relying on members due diligence. Mark said that some of the information was contractual and not appropriate for discussion in a public meeting. He is going to contact Michael to see if this type of issue arises again whether or not the meeting can go into closed session so financial and contractual information can be discussed openly. Louise proposed awarding the full amount and Liz seconded. Lindsay proposed paying £10000 this financial year and £6000 in the next. Edna is to ask SCBF if this is possible and if so, return the completed form.

Action: M Burgess/E Nicol

Special Projects Grant – noting the sad passing of Davie Couper who helped to create the artwork for the interpretive boards. This has been passed to Mark.

Action: M Burgess

Supporting Communities Fund – the fund is now closed, and Mark is working on the reporting stage of that to HiE. Only waiting on the bank statements from John. Mark said that any non-related transactions would need to be redacted.

Action: M Burgess/J Hunter

Town Centre Fund – John M said that the architects have come up with some ideas for around the Hall and bus shelter areas so project is progressing, and he will circulate the information and artwork to CC members.

Action : J MacKenzie

Corra Fund – this is now closed.

Jamieson Trust – the invoice for the hall clock has been paid leaving a balance of £277.50 in the fund which could help to pay for any labour cost involved in the works.

SCC Financial Year End – the books are now beside VAS for independent examination.

SCC Core Fund – this has been applied for.

CDF & SPF 2021/22 – first round applications must be in by the end of the month. Members agreed to apply for £3000 from the CDF initially and give thought to another special project and apply for

£1000 for that before subsequent round on 28 May. John to complete and submit the CDF application form.

Action: J Hunter

13/04/21 CORRESPONDENCE

All email correspondence and all circulated to all members.

15/04/21 AOCB

Tingwall Graveyard – grass is not being cut as often as required. The cutting schedule was reduced either last year or the year before and there were some H & S surrounding vibrations from equipment limiting time spent using. Davie is to make some enquiries.

Action: D Sandison

Garden Cup – need the criteria clarified. In past years been reliant on public to nominate gardens and Mark suggested that CC members should also be able to nominate, especially as external judges are now used. Louise proposed postponing this year and Liz seconded. All other members were in agreement.

Late Resident's Property – the accumulation of property at the home of a late resident in Houl Road cannot be dealt with until Executors have been appointed. In the absence of any significant health issue, it will be down to these Executors to deal with the issue. However, the van at the property has been stickered for removal by Environmental Health.

16/04/21. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the **Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 17 May 2021 via Zoom on-line.**

Meeting ended at 9.55pm.