

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2021 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2021/06/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman	Ms J Dennison
Ms R Griffiths	Mr A Hall
Mr B Moreland	Mr E Smith
Mrs E Macdonald, Councillor	

2021/06/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Ana Arnett, SIC Community Planning and Development
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2021/06/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2021/06/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne, Ms G Smith, Mr W Whitrow and Mr M Duncan.

2021/06/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2021 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms R Griffiths.

2021/06/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs E Macdonald declared an interest with regards on 2021/06/10 Planning applications and 2021/06/12.7 SCBF AGS Deferred Application – Voe Public Hall.

Mr A Hall declared an interest with regards to 2021/06/12.6 SCBF AGS Application – Shetland Classic Motor Show.

2021/06/07 MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Total E&P UK Ltd – Attending a DCC Meeting** – Mr Andy Cripps was due to attend the meeting tonight, but unfortunately he did not turn up.
- 7.2 School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – The Chairman said that he is still chasing up this item. The SIC are reluctant to change the current schedule and he suggested a mini bus but the argument is that there is not the footfall to justify this. The SIC Roads Department say that the roads and pavements are safe for school pupils.
- 7.3 Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – The Chairman is unsure what the effects will be on Delting when there is the Yell to Mossbank connection and fibre to the bottom of Mossbank. There is a consultation in mid-July.
- 7.4 Mossbank Play Park – Toddler Swing** – Mr Magnus Malcolmson, SIC Sport and Leisure Service has been in contact with the Clerk and he is looking to replace all the play equipment at the Mossbank Primary School during the summer holidays and will be installing the new swing at Mossbank Play Area at the same time. All works should be completed by the time the pupils are back to school in August.

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- 7.5 Community Development Fund (CDF) – Muckle Roe Car Park Improvements** – Mr Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service has confirmed that the Muckle Roe Car Park is just waiting for the surface dressing and road markings which was their contribution. Ms J Dennison said that it is bigger than she expected but it looks okay, unfortunately people keep ignoring the ‘no parking’ sign. The Clerk is to e-mail Mr Neil Hutcheson to let him know that Members are happy with the work that has been done and request the invoice by next Friday. She is to copy Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development into this e-mail. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.6 Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – The Chairman is going to look into this when the contractor has finished as the SIC could possibly do something with the space where the contractor currently has their temporary office.
- 7.7 Lack of white lines** – The Chairman confirmed the SIC will get the Grampian truck to do the white lines in Shetland in August/September time. The SIC trialled a machine but it was returned as it was unable to do what was needed. Buying plant now with minimal use, doesn’t stack up financially. There was an intention to do more work with Grampian about five years ago, but this could not work as both Shetland and Grampian would have needed the machine at the same time.
- 7.8 Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – The Chairman said the SIC will need to take it away sometime.
- 7.9 Grant Application Form** – The Chairman stated that DCC has not received the Minutes or video of the ASCC meeting where this was discussed. He feels that as nobody attended from DCC, we are being excluded from the process. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Michael Duncan has said that the Minutes are not ready for distribution yet. The Chairman is going to deal with this.
- 7.10 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement** – The Chairman has spoken to Mr Brydon Nicolson as the access to the firth lighthouse is over his land. Mr B Nicolson has not heard anything from the Northern Lighthouse Board for years. The Chairman will speak to the Northern Lighthouse Board.
- 7.11 Bench seat at Mavis Grind** – The Chairman has spoken to Scalloway Community Council and they purchased bench seats made from recycled materials from Glasdon UK Ltd. They offer a good service, are very quick and competitive prices. We are looking for a 5 ft bench for £300(ish) plus delivery. The Clerk is to share this website and options with Members. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.12 Community Development Fund 2021/22** – The Clerk confirmed that Delting Community Council has received £3,000 from the Distribution Fund to help groups start up again after closures due to the pandemic which is to be spent by 31st March 2022. The Clerk is to write a piece about this funding with a closing date for application of 16th August. She is to send this to the local shops, ‘North Notes’ in the Shetland Times and to forward on to Ms Ana Arnett and she can share this with her Delting contacts. **Clerk to progress.**
- 7.13 Sign Request for Mossbank** – The Chairman confirmed that the sign is up.
- 7.14 Brae Woods – Damage to Trees** – The Chairman said that everyone is aware of this ongoing issue. Ms R Griffiths is doing the ‘North Notes’ in the Shetland Times now and she could put in a piece expressing our concerns about this. The Chairman said as it is the holidays, there could be a minority in the woods causing mischief. He can say again to the Police. We have said to the Police, Brae High School and Anti-Social Behaviour but it has been ineffective. It is frustrating that the trees are being destroyed. Mr A Hall said that even the trees in his area in Brae are being damaged. The Chairman will work on a piece with Ms R Griffiths for the Shetland Times to try and help address the issue. When we are trying to improve the carbon footprint, destroying trees is fighting against what the world is trying to achieve.

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- 7.15 Bin Lid Replacement – Mossbank** – Mr E Smith said they have received letters in Maidenfield stating that there are going to be getting 240 litre bins for every house to use for their general waste.
- 7.16 Community Conversations Round 2 – SIC Community Planning and Development** – The North Mainland session took place on 17th June. Ms Ana Arnett, confirmed that the links to the Community Conversations is shared with Parent Councils and other community groups and she will forward on the results from the Community Conversations Round 1 when she receives them. She said there was a good turn out from the halls, youth groups and community groups with some up and running after the first lockdown and some had not been open at all. Common themes were capacity for halls, hospitality, multi-use guidance, licensing, toilets opening at halls, check-in Scot app for track and trace regulations and lateral flow tests for volunteers. It was a good positive conversation. The report from this one will be coming.
- 7.17 Shetland Renewable Connections Project – Virtual Consultation** – Scottish and Southern Energy Networks (SSEN) Transmission held virtual consultation events at the beginning of June to present their proposal for generators looking to connect to the Great Britain transmission network. The Clerk asked if the cables could be brought ashore from South Yell to Nesting (instead of through Delting) as this was raised at the last meeting. They are going to attend the August meeting to discuss the consultation further and answer any questions Members may have. If there are any questions at the moment, the Clerk can forward them onto Ms Sharon Powell, Community Liaison Manager, SSEN Transmission. The Clerk received booklets regarding this and posted them out to all Members. The Chairman said that there is a big issue with them going through Yell to Fish Holm and Lunna Ness where boats fish. The cables are to be buried one metre deep and there will be 'no go' areas. Mr A Hall said he cannot understand why they are proposing the route over land through Scatsta and Brae unless there are further connections proposed. The Chairman stated that they do not need to go through Delting and that Vidlin or North Nesting would be a better alternative to Delting. Members need to retain their position and keep pursuing this at the next meeting.
- 7.18 Security around the old Moorfield Hotel – State of Disrepair** – The Chairman believes that this area is in the ownership of the company that owns the hotel and he will look into this.
- 7.19 Speed Limits in Delting** – The Clerk contacted Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service regarding Members disappointment at a contractor being given a 40mph speed limit on the approach to Voe when Members cannot get speed reductions in their villages. Mr C Gair responded that the recently introduced 40mph limit at Scar Quilse south of Voe, at the north end of the Lang Kames is a temporary limit, not a permanent limit as the Community Council has been requesting. The criteria for considering temporary limits are different from those used to consider permanent limits. Temporary limits are regularly used in connection with construction activities and the level of speed restriction chosen will reflect the particular characteristics of the hazards or risks that are to be addressed. In this case, the temporary limit at Scar Quilse the risk being addressed centred around HGVs moving between the two Viking Wind Farm accesses, connecting the east and west halves of the project. They felt it necessary to reduce the potential speed differential between the Viking Wind Farm HGVs and other traffic using the route, and try to deter any higher speed overtaking manoeuvres. This temporary limit is in place until the end of 2024 but it will be removed as soon as the regular/planned movement of HGVs between the two junctions cease.

2021/06/08 LOCAL PLACE PLAN REGULATIONS – CONSULTATION

E-mail received from the Scottish Government. They published proposals for regulations to support the development of Local Place Plans and they are asking for comments by 25th June. They also published a number of impact assessments, including one relating to the potential impact on island communities.

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2021/06/08 LOCAL PLACE PLAN REGULATIONS – CONSULTATION

The Chairman began by saying that this is a good thing. Scalloway has used the Local Place Plan to access external funding and a lot of good has come to the area. If we were past the pandemic, it would be good to have the local place plan and achieve what we would like to do and encourage tourists to the Delting area. It may be something for the new Community Council to consider for the whole Delting area, or specific areas within Delting as we need things for people to do in Delting.

Ms R Griffiths suggested a caravan park in Firth. She feels that would attract people to Mossbank and be very positive.

The Chairman said there is a lot of wildlife to see from the Mossbank beach, including tirdicks and otters. If it was more accessible, more people would go to it. If we had the local place plan, there would be a multitude of things we could do.

Ms R Griffiths said a coastal path from Mossbank to Firth would be good.

Mr A Hall highlighted the need for an enthusiastic group of people to carry this out and that it is good to get ideas and discuss what we could do.

Both Mr A Hall and the Chairman have been approached by a member of the public interested in getting plants, trees, bushes etc planted from the burn to the Mid Brae Inn and path to the beach.

The Chairman said that with some money, we could make a difference.

Mr A Hall has been in touch with the Woodland Trust and is going to plant 2,500 more trees.

Ms A Arnett offered to assist with the local place plan and said that Ms R Fraser (Community Worker for the Scalloway area) has helped with the Scalloway projects and she could liaise with her.

Mrs E Macdonald is concerned that there may not be enough people to see it through. There is a need for the whole of Delting to pull together, but it is a good idea and definitely an opportunity to be considered.

The Clerk is to place this item on the Agenda for the September Delting Community Council meeting when the new group of Members will be formed. **Clerk to progress.**

The Clerk is to also complete the consultation before the 25th June. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/06/09 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk let Members know there was no police report this month.

2021/06/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

BT Payphone Removal Consultation – outside the Voe Public Hall. The Community Council objected to this at the meeting in November 2020. There has been no update on this as yet.

Pre-planning consultation - Proposed Communications Installation for Cellnex at Swinister Hill of Swinister, Delting, Shetland, ZE2 9TE. This was e-mailed to Members as the closing date for any comments was due before the meeting. There were no objections to this application.

BT are planning to submit applications for marine licenses to install telecommunications cables between various locations. The pre-application consultation event for Shetland is being held on 23rd July at 1pm. The Clerk is to request the link for the meeting and forward it onto Members. **Clerk to progress.**

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2021/06/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms A Arnett said they are busy with lots of groups getting in touch regarding risk assessments. They have a community hub Facebook page. Groups have been in contact following the community conversations and they have been linking groups to guidance and encouraging them to get going.

There is interest in growers support groups in the north mainland along with NCDC and Turriefield.

There are a few Church of Scotland buildings coming up for sale.

The Chairman asked if there has been much interest in the SCBF AGS?

Ms A Arnett responded that there has been some interest, but generally because of the pandemic a lot of groups have been dormant over the last twelve months and not ready to apply. She is happy to help with any applications.

2021/06/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 Voluntary Action Shetland – Invoice** – The Clerk received an e-mail from Ms Amanda Sinclair, VAS stating that she has completed the audit of the accounts and everything is in good order. The Clerk sent the statement to the Chairman for signing, when she gets this back, she will send a copy to VAS and Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The invoice for the audit of accounts is £70.00. Payment approved.
- 12.2 Skellister Stores – Postage Stamps** – The Clerk purchased nine small second class postage stamps which came to a total of £5.94. The Clerk was posting the SSEN document to Members and this was the additional required postage. Payment approved.
- 12.3 Amazon – Stationery Items** – The Clerk purchased 500 DL envelopes, 100 C5 envelopes, 50 C4 envelopes and 5 reams of white A4 paper for a total cost of £49.77. Payment approved.
- 12.4 Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) – Annual Allocation of Funds** – E-mail received from Ms Eleanor Gear, Administration Officer stating that SCBF will decide and advise Community Councils of their annual AGS allocations by the 31st May each year. It has been decided that for the lifetime of the AGS, Community Councils will receive the same allocation as they have for this year. Delting will receive £50,000.
- 12.5 SCBF AGS Application - Dogs Against Drugs** – The purpose of their organisation is to assist in the detection and prevention of drug abuse within Shetland. The grant would be used to cover a percentage of their costs to help maintain and deliver Education and Awareness Raising programmes to children, young people and adults in Shetland. They will attend PSE (Personal and Social Education) classes to deliver their programme to as many primary 7 pupils/classes as is feasible and secondary 2 pupils/classes as well. The sessions lasts 40 minutes and are an interactive learning experience developed and agreed by education, health and Police Scotland. They are applying for £5,000. The Chairman said that they do a fantastic job in Shetland and take a lot of drugs out of Shetland. We do have an issue within Delting. Members agreed to award them the full award of £5,000. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.6 SCBF AGS Application – Shetland Classic Motor Show** – They have applied for funding to stage the Shetland Classic Motor Show in 2022. The show has become a major event, attracting participants and visitors from the UK and abroad. The Covid-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of the 2020 show when in an advanced stage of preparation. The next show is planned for June 2022 with funding required for promotional purposes, in advance of the event. They have applied to several Community Councils. They are applying for £400. The Chairman said that we have enthusiasts in all areas of Delting and it is good for the Shetland economy. Members were all happy to support this application and award them £400. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 12.7 SCBF AGS Deferred Application - Voe Public Hall** – Mrs E Macdonald declared an interest. The Voe Hall has applied for £30,000 to improve and extend their kitchen, removing a toilet and external entrance lobby and replacing them with an extension for additional storage area. The hall is used by playgroups, youth clubs, fitness, dance, music, meetings, dinner dances, festivals and the Voe Show. The hall is vitally important to the community and relies upon the support of the community. The continuing development of the hall will keep people interested and involved. This project will create a better, safer working environment within the kitchen. Members decided to defer this item at their meeting in April as it is a lot of money and they did not know how much other groups may apply for. Members discussed this again and decided to defer this application until the August meeting when they know what bids are in before the end of this financial year. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.8 Scottish Government - Connecting Scotland Phase 3 Programme** – E-mail received from Ms June Porter, Team Leader – SIC Community Planning and Development. They have launched a 'fast track programme' which is aimed at getting digital devices to those who need them most as quickly as possible. Shetland has been allocated 50 devices. Individuals who are eligible must be digitally excluded and on a low income and at risk of social isolation and loneliness. The priority target groups are older people, people with disabilities and single parents. The application and guidance for the Fast Track is on the Connecting Scotland website at <https://connecting.scot/organisations/fast-track/guidance>. The Chairman said this needs an organisation that can support the individuals to use the digital devices. Ms A Arnett confirmed that someone has to work in partnership with them to ensure they can get it working. Mrs E Macdonald thinks most people have this already. The Chairman said that the Community Council are happy to support applications in our area.
- 12.9 Community Councillors and Clerks Training** – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. Members are to look at what training needs they are interested in and to select the ones they want. The Clerk is to then forward the training requirements questionnaire to SIC. The deadline for responses is 30th July. The Clerk is to re-send this to all Members. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.10 Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in Shetland – Survey** – E-mail received from Ms Krissi Sandison, NHS Shetland. They are trying to ensure everyone in Shetland has access to the Covid vaccination who wishes to have it. If Members know of anyone who would like the vaccine but have not been contacted can call 01595 743319. They are also looking for feedback to help them understand the public's experience of the Covid-19 vaccination programme so they can make improvements.
- 12.11 Voluntary Action Shetland – AGM and Annual Review 2020-2021** – Their AGM was held on 9th June and this was forwarded onto Members beforehand.
- 12.12 Boundaries Scotland – Review of Electoral Arrangements** – E-mail received from Boundaries Scotland regarding this review. Their name was changed from Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on 14th May 2021 to Boundaries Scotland. The Delting area for the Shetland North ward has remained the same.
- 12.13 Community Council – By Elections** – E-mail received from Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. An ASCC short life working group will carry out some publicity of the By-Elections in the lead up to the nomination date opening. Ms Anne Cogle should be in touch nearer the time with instructions around the by-elections and what paperwork is involved. In the meantime, Community Councils can do their own publicity and awareness raising of the By-Election to hopefully generate interested candidates for any vacancies. The notice of By-Election is on 13th August, with the closing date for nominations on 9th September. The Clerk is to post applications to all Members when she receives them. **Clerk to progress.**

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- 12.14 Grass cutting in Muckle Roe** – Facebook message received from Ms Jacqueline Tulloch asking if cutting the grass verges at the sides of the single-track roads is necessary. With a decline in the bee population as well as the wild flowers, she is asking the Council to not cut them down. The Chairman said this is a big issue throughout Shetland, especially with orchids. Mr B Moreland said that they have been cut in Moofield, Brae. There has to be a compromise, if someone is walking with a pram, it is not fine in the long grass. There is also a concern with visibility in the long grass. The grass does have to be cut but a common-sense approach is needed. Ms A Arnett said that even if only one side of the road was cut, that would be a compromise. The Clerk is to write to the SIC Roads Service stating Members concerns over the verges being cut when wild flowers are in bloom. The end of July would even be better than the end of June. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/06/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 Various funding information from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development (the Clerk is to forward this onto Members) –**

Nature Save Trust grants are available from between £500 to £2,500 to grassroots organisations seeking assistance for projects focused on nature conservation and biodiversity improvements. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. For more details see <https://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave-trust-2/>

The Island Communities Fund supports the grassroots delivery of the National Islands Plan. Businesses and community groups can apply for grants of up to £150,000 for projects supporting sustainable island economies and the journey towards net zero. The deadline for applications is 16 July 2021 and more information on this grant programme can be found at <https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/our-funds/island-communities-fund/>

Crown Estate – Boat Based Tourism Challenge Fund – applications are encouraged from those who can demonstrate an ability to make a positive impact on boat-based tourism and have a strong track record of partnership working. The potential investments will range from £350,000 to £750,000 for projects that align with wider regional development priorities. The deadline for applications is 1st October 2021 and more information can be found on their website at <https://www.crownestatescotland.com/what-we-do/capital-investment-challenge-funds/>

2021/06/14 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021

Members were content with the income and expenditure statement.

2021/06/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 15.1 Grass cutting at Brae Graveyard** – Mr B Moreland said that the SIC has cut the grass within the graveyard, but the grass is tall outside the graveyard wall and it doesn't look good. The Chairman will speak to Mr Kenneth McKenzie, SIC Burial Services about this.
- 15.2 Muckle Roe Graveyard** – Ms J Dennison shared photos of the state of the graveyard. The Chairman said that it has been poorly maintained and weedkiller has made a mess, weeds need to be taken away and the path restored. Ms J Dennison said it looks abandoned and disrespectful. It is concerning that some graves have no markers or headstones. Some people want to lay flowers and there should not be wires left lying in the grass. The Chairman said that the SIC need to clear this up and look after the graveyard, being more sensitive with people coming to pay respects. The Chairman will speak to Mr Kenneth McKenzie, SIC Burial Services about this.

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- 15.3 Community Council Minutes** – The Clerk reported that the April minutes are not on the SIC website and therefore have not been shared on the Community Council Facebook page. Ms A Arnett will speak to Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development about this.

2021/06/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council virtual meeting to be held through Microsoft Teams (or face to face depending on the Covid-19 situation at the time) on Thursday 26th August 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman