

SANDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE

**A meeting of the above Community Council was held via
Zoom video conferencing due to Covid 19
27 April 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present :

Kieran Malcolmson (KM) Interim Chair
Yvonne Malcolmson (YM) Interim Vice Chair
Bryan Peterson (BP)
Mairi Smith (MS)

Ana Arnett (AA- SIC)

In attendance :

Cllr George Smith (GS)
Hugh Harrop (Dunrossness CC)
Ryan Taylor (Shetland Times)
Evelyn Jamieson (member of the public)

Apologies Received :

Cllr Robbie McGregor (RM)

Michael Duncan (SIC)

Clerk : Sally Sanford

Agenda Item	Narrative
Approval of Previous Minutes	Minute of the Meeting held 30.3.21 were approved by BP and YM with acknowledgement that there are outstanding items being carried forward from Pre-Covid” and these will remain noted until normal meetings resume.
Declarations Of Interest	KM Committee Member SYCC
Police Report	There have been 9 incidents recorded in Sandwick 1 person cautioned and charged assault 1 person cautioned and charged SECTION 52 CIVIC GOVERNMENT SCOTLAND ACT 1982
Matters Arising	<p>SIC Roads Dept have agreed to install new signs on road north to A970, & move speed limit sign on Southern approach to village.</p> <p>Broonies Taing Pier Trust – safety concerns photographed & circulated. To be forwarded to Environmental Health.</p> <p>Hoswick Chapel – in hand with SIC Planning enforcement. Some question about this arising previously and possible historical significance of the building. Awaiting update from SIC.</p>

SCBF – Advance Grant Scheme – Discussion agreed to nominate Neville Martin as a New Director. AA

KM to forward questions for SIC Roads Dept (to ASCC) on the matter of how to progress concerns raised by members of the community.

- i. At what point do the SIC Roads Department review existing infrastructure/take action (if at all) when there is an increase in properties/traffic in a particular area? E.g. in Sandwick there are several side roads that have seen a number of private houses built along them but the roads have not been improved to cope with this? (Cullister, Broonie's Taing, South Hoswick, North Swinister)
- ii. When does a road become an 'Adopted Road' by the Council and how does this process work?
- iii. How often do the SIC Roads Department review ditches/verges and/or at what stage of disrepair would action be taken? Is this classed as a major or minor improvement?

Planning

Planning Application 2021/106/PPF

As a statutory consultee Sandwick Community Council (SCC) have had extensive engagement with the local community on this proposal. We encouraged members of the public to submit their comments to Planning directly and provided information on how to do so. We also encouraged members of the community to contact the SCC to voice their opinions (receiving emails, phone calls and letters. Circa 50 people fed back to the SCC clerk and Community Councillors verbally) a summary of which is provided below....

Supportive –

- Could be a catalyst for road improvements.
- Lowering individuals carbon footprint by reducing travel to Lerwick
- Increase in local shopping facilities
- Attract population to Sandwick, - visitors & residents
- Cheaper food relevant to low income households

Objecting –

- Contrary to the Local Development Plan – not supporting existing local rural businesses. This covers the local other retailers and the Shetland supply chain.
- Site not designated for commercial development.
- Threat of local job losses and closure of other services (e.g. Post Office)
- Access roads in/out of Sandwick are single track & traffic problems regularly on SCC & SIC Roads agendas.
- Threat to community resilience & sustainability – existing local shop delivers to elderly & vulnerable, and has been key part of the Community response to Covid (food vouchers, etc).
- Increase in food miles / lack of local produce supplied /stocked by national chain supermarkets.

We believe that the contradiction to the Local Development Plan, site designation and public concern are relevant material considerations in this case.

2021/148/PPF – no comment

Finance Core Funding not yet received. Request from SIC for budget for this year.
Agreed budget - £100 grants, £100 environmental, remainder Admin costs.
Distribution Fund 2021/22 applied for.

Correspondence SIC Trading Standards (Scambusters), due to attend May meeting with presentation via Zoom..

Amendment to Community Council Constitution – approved unanimously.

Shetland Community Benefit Fund – Grant Applications
Support confirmed for T1 180011 and T2 180007

Any Other Business (a) **2020 Project Update** – Community Skips booked 1 & 15 May. Posters put on noticeboards & on social media. Clerk to repost on social media shortly before each time. KM to publicise on Shetland Radio.

(b) Bruck at Inchyre - MS to establish who owns ground that the apparently dumped vehicles are on, as this will determine what approach is relevant.

(c) Toilets enquiry from Tourism Shetland. Clerk to advise that SIC maintain & administer Sandsayre facilities & Shetland Recreational Trust operate the South Mainland Centre.

(d) Disappointed to note that there has been more mindless petty vandalism, this month in the Hoswick area. Increased patrols & monitoring by Community Support and responsible people.

(e) GAETS AGM on 1/5/21 YM to attend & report back.

(f) Clerk Resignation – KM & AA to liaise to find replacement.

Pre - Covid Items carried forward -

- (i) Vacancies on Community Council & Chair
- (ii) ASCC -
- (iii) Councillors photos for website
- (iv) Standardised Grant Applications/protocols
- (v) SYCC Update
- (vi) Senior Pupil Council invitation

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

The next Zoom meeting set for 7.30 pm on Tues 25 May.
This minute is DRAFT until approved by the Council at the next meeting.