

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 20/09/21

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 16 August 2021 at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:
John Hunter – Chair
John MacKenzie
Liz Walter
Kenny Pottinger
Andrew Blackadder
Lindsay Laurenson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Davie Sandison
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Ian Scott

2. APOLOGIES:

Michael Duncan - SIC
Roselyn Fraser - SIC
Louise Davis
Mark Burgess

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minute of the meeting held on 21 June 2021 was proposed by Lindsay and seconded by Andrew.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

No matters arising

5. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Re-Create Scalloway – Davie reported back that since the last meeting, a contractor for the Water Front feasibility study had been appointed. An inception meeting has been held, and the project underway. Following a meeting with the directors, Stuart Douglas has been appointed as the Development Coordinator, he shall be working on a part time basis for a year helping coordinate the activities of the community development company, principally the Waterfront study, but also future works, such as the caravan site at Asta. This will help the Re-Create Scalloway Team decide which projects to prioritise in the future. Part of his duty will be contacting community groups and businesses within Scalloway to familiarise himself with the stakeholders and key players. Another aspect is that Stewart will be helping to secure more income for the projects. There is a public meeting and AGM to be held in October (date to be finalised)

an opportunity for members of SCDC to hear about progress. John H adds that Stewart has a lot of experience working in Shetland and with these type of projects, including his work with the SIC.

Caravan Park – John M reports that they are currently waiting for a tender report, which the project is dependent on, as well as the building warrant, which is to be approved soon. Depending on the tender report, there will be a final discussion with the funders to discuss the possible gap between the cost of the project required and the money raised up to this point

Scalloway Hall – works on the hall are ongoing. John M has talked to Ivor and Suzanne, the contractor and architect, who confirm work on laying the slabs should be finished within the next seven days. The handrail has been put up around the side of the hall, and existing rails have been cleaned. The work should be finished by the end of the month, as this is when the money runs out. Michael did ask the Scottish Government for an extension, but has not received a response. The new finials will only arrive in September at the earliest, so this will need to be worked out at the time. The rails and finials are red, to match the existing rails. There is to also to be a flag pole erected at the hall.

Maps – John M confirms that the maps of Scalloway have been printed, and that he dropped off a bundle to the Museum on Friday. Whilst the standard size did not seem to have been ta. He aims to drop off some more at the shops and the Corner Stone. The electronic version should also be available soon.

Action: John M

6. ACC UPDATE

Meeting of the community councils is to occur on Tuesday 14th September at 6pm via Microsoft teams. Two members of the committee are to attend. John H has volunteered to attend, and anyone else who wishes to attend is to contact either John H or the clerk. An agenda for the meeting was attached to an email sent to the clerk, which has been forwarded to the members of committee.

7. ROADS ISSUES

- Main Street – Ian said that roadworks were still delayed, due to the tar master being on holiday. However, the works should continue and be finished soon. The work that has been done seems to have been done to a high spec.

8. POLICE

Clerk received Police Report for June/July 2021. There were thirty four incidents recorded for Scalloway, which included one noise related call, one person charged with Road traffic offences, namely no MOT, and one report of attempted extortion

10. FINANCE

- Grant Applications: Scalloway Boating Club have applied for £2000 of funding for their air flow heating system. John M would support the project, stating that this is the type of project that the Community Council could support. The only suggestion would be to remove the statements about the heating keeping the hall 'safe from Covid'. Ian confirmed that the boating club's secretary had contacted

him with concerns over the wording, and would agree with the withdrawal of this statement. Moraig suggested changing the statement 'keep us safe' with 'reduce risk'. Andrew point out that there is only £4000 left in the grants fund, and this project would take half of the fund. Acknowledges the Dogs Against Drugs and the Motor Show have also put in requests for grants. Lindsay asked if enough advertisement and notice had been given to everyone interested in applying, and suggested further advertising on the website, Facebook page, and perhaps a notice in the paper. Whilst notice has been given before, Lindsey suggests this would prevent the community council of being accused of not giving enough notice. John M confirms that all the grant applications will be considered in September. It has been suggested that the remaining balance will be passed onto the next year, and that the remaining balance is to be published and advertised as being available; the applications will be considered in September

Action: Ian/John M

- Special Projects Grant: Davie was to contact the Leasks, but wanted confirmation that the funding application had been approved. John H confirms that he managed to secure this, and that the funding should be granted as long as the spend is on budget. Davie will contact Leasks to specify what needs to be purchased.

Action: Davie

- Supporting Communities Fund: Food vouchers have been distributed to the families on the free school meals list, this has been the second week, and demand seems to have dropped, but will pick up again once schools return. Lindsay confirmed that he would be able to source bread at a reasonable price.

Action: Lindsay and Davie

- Town Centre Fund: see section 5
- Jamieson Trust – no further updates

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Council by-election: John M wishes to step down from the community council, but will wait until the next election Davie suggested that someone could be co-opted into the position if no one could fill in the opening on the council. John H will talk to Michael Duncan to discuss this.

Action: John H

12. PLANNING

2021/105/PPF: Erection of Co-op retail store at East Voe Scalloway. Andrew has looked at the report produced by the Co-op representatives. This report attempts to justify how little impact the opening of their retail store would have on local businesses. He praised the report for the amount of data that it contained, but noted that the conclusions did not seem to match the data, with mistakes and inconsistencies throughout the report. It claims that there will be little impact on local businesses, due to the local businesses currently 'overtrading'; meaning turn over by square meter is higher than Scotland's

national average. This does not take into account the higher cost of goods and living are higher in Shetland overall. The layout of a typical local shop is also different than a typical co-op store. They also are going to focus on attracting locals that would typically go to Lerwick for their shopping. The total turnover is predicted to be £2.5 million annually, which seems low for a co-op of that size; further, they wish to offer 20 jobs, which would suggest that the turnover is expected to be higher. The possible impact on local shops is understated throughout the report, but do not provide actual evidence of this. Final comment to be submitted by the end of August. Andrew suggests that planning should be contacted, and feedback on the report offered. Moraig asked if the local media had been alerted to this report, and what had been their opinion on the report. She suggested that a representative of the community council could talk to the media, and lay out the points that Andrew has made. Lindsay pointed out that the co-op is the parent company of Checkout, John Lesley and the Ulster shop, and are able to control the supply going into these shops, which would seem to give too much power to the Co-op. John H says that supply shortages is an issue worldwide, but acknowledges that the co-op would naturally prioritise their own shops.

Action: Andrew

13. AOCB

Liz asked when face to face meetings of the Scalloway Community Council could begin again. John H was not sure what the council policy is on the matter. Michael Duncan shall be contacted to discuss this. Lindsay suggested moving into the main hall instead of the meeting room, so as to allow social distancing.

Action: Joy

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 20 September 2021 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.04pm.