

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST 2021 – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held through Microsoft Teams.

2021/08/01 MEMBERS

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

2021/08/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Sharon Powell, Community Liaison Manager, Shetland Renewable Connections Project
Mr Grant Smith, Lead Project Manager, Shetland Renewable Connections Project
Mr Steven McMillan, Project Manager, Shetland Renewable Connections Project
Mr Nicholas Moore, Marine Consents Manager, Shetland Renewable Connections Project
Ms Ewelina Metlak, Overhead Line Engineer, Shetland Renewable Connections Project
Ms Ana Arnett, SIC Community Planning and Development
Mrs A Foyle, Clerk

2021/08/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2021/08/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr W Whitrow and Mr M Duncan.

2021/08/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2021 were approved by Ms J Dennison and seconded by Mr B Moreland.

2021/08/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs E Macdonald declared an interest with regards to 2021/08/8.19 and 2021/08/10.

Ms G Smith declared an interest with regards to 2021/08/12.1.

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The Chairman welcomed SSE staff to the meeting.

Ms S Powell explained that they had a presentation to share and she would send a copy to the Clerk.

Mr S McMillan showed the first slide Planned 132kV Transmission Infrastructure Review. This showed the sub-stations with the hub for the network in Kergord. The converter station and Viking Windfarm substation are to share a platform. The Shetland cable connects from there to the Scottish mainland. The Gremista connection sub-station is the island supply. Both connections are proposed for 2024 and 2025. Subsea connection at Cul Ness to Burravoe, Yell to connect to Yell switch station. Both proposed windfarms in Yell are proposed to be connected in 2025 for Peel Energy and 2027 for Energy Isles.

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He then looked at the Transmission Owner Obligations. SSE have licence conditions under Ofgem who monitor what they do. They check they give value for money and a cost-effective solution. Developers and consumers pay for the infrastructure. The security of supply and sustainability are required.

The Chairman asked if SSE meet the capital costs, then the national grid repays them with the rate of interest set by the Scottish Government.

Mr S McMillan said this is the case with the rate of return a fixed rate defined by Ofgem.

Ms E Metlak showed maps of alignment at Kergord, Gremista and Mossy Hill. Overhead lines are identified as the preferred option and they will seek feedback and comments from the public. The two overhead lines may be parallel and go along the A970 road with a distance of 50m apart and an approximate length of 12kms. Engineering sections of alignments have engineering constraints. The underground cable is 7km from Kergord, then an overhead line and underground cable 6km from Gremista. They are searching for preferred alignments which are preferably near existing access roads and also minimise disruption to peat.

The Chairman said he was led to believe that buried cables generate heat and the moor dries out directly around the cable. He asked how that would be dealt with?

Mr S McMillan responded that the buried cables will generate heat, but it depends how heavily loaded the cable is. He is not expecting it to dry out the ground to a great extent. Cables are buried just over one metre deep in a cement bound sand surround and therefore not in direct contact with the soil.

The Chairman asked if it is trident poles overhead.

Ms E Metlak said it is. She went on to explain the preferred route has changed following the public consultation and engineering constraints and number of pipelines of the first choice. The preferred alignment is now from Kergord to Cul Ness. Going along Kergord, the loch of Voe, A970 and B970 junction, B970 road, north to Lunna and Cul Ness. Single trident low profile 18km line with 80m spacing between and two short underground cables at both ends. Kergord 200m and Cul Ness 300m. They look at technical, environmental and cost factors and liaise with the land owners to collect feedback.

The Chairman explained that this connection aligns more with Delting Community Council. He had serious concerns with Firth Ness due to the pipelines, fishing boats and a lot of unhappiness in the community. Fishermen are likely to be happier with Cul Ness than Firth Ness. This change has shown the SSE have listened to the community and in Delting there is minimal effect on the community.

Ms E Metlak said that the cables from Burravoe, Yell are both short and underground 2.5km. Both have been assessed by engineers and are the preferred alignment. The public consultation will allow more comments.

Mr S McMillan discussed the Environmental Considerations. These included historical, landscape, ecology and people. They will avoid overhead lines on top of a hill and try to put lines at base of a hill with good access. They have bird survey results for the last one and a half years, looking at protected species and flight paths. They will avoid overhead lines in those flight paths. Regarding pet land, they will avoid overhead lines or cables through deep peat. They keep overhead lines 100m away from residential properties to minimise visual impact on people.

Overhead lines versus underground cables.

Underground is more expensive and difficult to find cables if there are faults. Underground is not visible but no collision risk for birds etc. Overhead is a smaller footprint. They have a number of factors to consider.

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Mr N Moore discussed the Subsea Cable Corridor. They looked at several routes and connection points and came up with seven potential corridors. 30 landfall sites considered across mainland Shetland and Yell. A technical and environmental review has been undertaken. Survey data was partially available. Cul Ness and Burravoe is the proposed cable route which is an 11km line and 110m deep. The preferred route will cross two active oil and gas pipelines and one prospective telecoms cable. They will carry out a marine survey. There is an active region for aquaculture, static and dredged fishing. Engagement is ongoing with SFA, SSMO, aquaculture operatives and SIC. They may need the fishermen to let them know which are the main areas they want to avoid.

The Chairman said that Firth Ness was near Greig's aquaculture site. Cul Ness is better. Fishermen should be able to easily show where they fish in the area.

Mr N Moore has a chart of the area and would like members of the public to draw specific areas they would like SSE to avoid. They cannot avoid every area but will try to avoid hot spots. SFA and SSMO agreed to this.

The Chairman asked about rock dumping.

Mr N Moore said that the preferred route is the most promising for burying the cable long-term. They are hoping to bury the cable and the more efficient way of protecting this will be for the cable going over the oil and gas pipeline to be rock armoured.

Mr S McMillan discussed Consenting. They need planning permission from the local planning authority for the substation. Scottish Ministers for the overhead lines. Local planning authority for the underground cables and various for the subsea cable. Also, Nature Scotland, HES, SEPA and consulting landowners for some time on preferred alignments.

Ms E Metlak discussed the single circuit 132kV trident H pole structure with conventional or new technology conductors. The height is 11-17m. H poles have smaller foundation requirements, lower costs, less environmental impact and easier maintenance.

The Chairman asked if the linesmen will be able to go up these wooden poles to carry out maintenance.

Ms E Metlak confirmed they will be able to. She then went on to discuss the underground cables. They begin by a survey with a ground investigation. Installing wayleave fencing. Removing vegetation and soils for storage. Constructing temporary drainage and environmental mitigations. Expand existing roads or install haul roads. Trench excavation. Constructing ducts, backfill and reinstate. Installing joint bays and pull cables. Conducting testing and undertaking reinstatement.

Mr S McMillan gave a project timeline.

July 2020 Public consultation.

June 2021 Public consultation.

7-9 Sept 2021 Public consultation, pre-planning application for overhead lines and Yell switching station.

2022 Planning to submit the planning application.

2023 Start construction for connections to overhead lines from Gremista to Kergord and Kergord to Cul Ness and Yell.

2024 Energise Gremista on 30th November with first transformer.

2025 Second transformer connected with all windfarms.

2025 Construction and energising windfarm.

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Mr J Milne asked about reinstatement, is the hardcore left or taken?

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Mr S McMillan said that normally it is taken up and the area reinstated, reseeded and goes back to normal. Temporary haul roads are not kept.

Mr J Milne asked where the materials go.

Mr S McMillan said the materials typically go back to the quarry.

The Chairman thanked SSE for their full report tonight. As they have moved to Cul Ness and removed serious connections in Delting both on water and land, Delting Community Council no longer has the serious concerns they once had. Members agreed. A full report of what is happening is important to help people understand. There will likely be concerns which come up along the way.

Mr S McMillan said the consultation will include a 3d model and show exactly where lines will be and people can zoom in and out on the model, they can put in their postcode to see it in their area.

Ms S Powell will e-mail booklets to Delting Community Council. They are having public consultations on 7th at the Lerwick Museum, 8th in Yell and 9th in Vidlin.

The Chairman thanked them for attending and they left the meeting.

2021/08/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 **Total E&P UK Ltd – Attending a DCC Meeting** – Mr Andy Cripps was due to attend the June meeting, but, unfortunately did not turn up. The Clerk has tried to contact Ms Della Armstrong, Administration Co-ordinator at Shetland Gas Plant, but has not received a response from her. The Chairman reported that the company has changed names to TotalEnergies. The Clerk will try to contact Ms D Armstrong again. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.2 **School Transport Issue – Mossbank service not fitting in with the school times** – The Chairman said this is an ongoing issue.
- 8.3 **Digital Highlands and Islands – Broadband Rollout** – The Chairman said there is still no R100 roll out which was expected by the end of the Summer.
- 8.4 **Mossbank Play Park – Toddler Swing** – The Chairman confirmed this has been done.
- 8.5 **Muckle Roe Car Park Improvements** – Ms J Dennison sent photos of the car park and Members are all happy with it.
- 8.6 **Lack of Parking at Maidenfield, Mossbank** – The Chairman said that the contractor is still on site, therefore there is no further update on this item.
- 8.7 **Lack of white lines** – Mr J Milne said the lines from Brae to Sella Ness have been done. The Chairman said that people can see how poor the lines are elsewhere now but the SIC can only afford to do so much per year.
- 8.8 **Removal of the Traffic Light Signage at Scatsta Airport** – The Chairman has spoken to Mr Robert Sinclair, SIC Head of Capital Programming about this. The windsock is now torn and an eyesore.

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8.9 Grant Application Form – Ms Laurena Fraser, Clerk, Aithsting and Sandsting Community Council sent through their grant application for comment and if Members are willing to give their backing if the form is discussed again. The Chairman stated if a group needs assistance, they can contact the community worker. Delting Community Council have decided to use the generic form but are happy to back Aithsting and Sandsting as well. **Clerk to progress.**

8.10 Firth Lighthouse – Removal/Replacement – The Chairman is still trying to contact the Northern Lighthouse Board.

8.11 Bench seat at Mavis Grind – The Clerk sent an e-mail to all Members. Members decided to go with the Marmax bench which costs between £209 and £239. VAT and delivery costs will be in addition to this. Mr J Milne agreed for the bench to be delivered to him. He will arrange to get it put in place with Mr B Moreland and Mr A Hall. If they can pass their receipt for the cement to the Clerk, she can get them reimbursed. It is to be located next to the gate at Mavis Grind. **Clerk to progress.**

Members are concerned with the bin overflowing at Mavis Grind. The Chairman said that fortnightly rubbish collections is not enough and this needs to be emptied weekly as it is overflowing with mess in the area needing picked up regularly. The Clerk is to contact Mr Michael Godden, SIC Waste Collections regarding this. **Clerk to progress.**

8.12 Community Development Fund 2021/22 – Following the last meeting, 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 wrote a piece about this funding with a closing date for applications of 16th August. Two applications have been received for this.

One application has been received from the Voe Youth Centre asking for funding to restart their club after the restrictions of Covid-19 have lifted. They would use the funding to make sure their children have appropriate health and safety needs met in accordance with Covid-19 rules and purchase new resources to help the children socialise again and gain confidence after the difficult isolation period due to Covid restrictions. They are applying for £300 for PPE and resources for restarting the group. Members support this application and agreed to award them £300. **Clerk to progress.**

The other application has been received from the Brae High School Parent Council. The main purpose of their group is to support the pupils', staff, parents and carers of the children aged from 3 to 18 years at school. They would like to ask for funding for fertiliser, compost and other materials for their primary and secondary poly tunnels. Their poly tunnels have become neglected after restrictions caused by Covid-19. They want to be able to use the two poly tunnels effectively to create a great learning space again. They are applying for £500 for fertiliser, compost and general gardening resources. Members support this application and agreed to award them £500. **Clerk to progress.**

Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development has said that as there have only been two application forms received, this can be advertised again. The Clerk is to liaise with Ms Ana Arnett about writing another piece to go to voluntary groups. **Clerk to progress.**

8.13 Brae Woods – Damage to Trees – Ms G Smith reported everything is okay at the moment.

8.14 Bin Lid Replacement – Mossbank – Mr E Smith said that residents have wheelie bins outside their houses in Maidenfield and they are happy with them.

8.15 Security around the old Moorfield Hotel – State of Disrepair – The Chairman will continue to try and contact the company who owns this.

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- 8.16 Local Place Plan Regulations Consultation** – The Chairman and Clerk looked at the form following the last Delting Community Council meeting and the amount of research needed to complete the submission could not be achieved within the timescale and therefore it was not completed.
- 8.17 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 discussed this application and agreed to award the Voe Public Hall £30,000 on the basis that no further contribution is given for this project from Delting Community Council. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.18 SCBF AGS Grant Award to Dogs Against Drugs** - Mr Ian Davidge, Chairperson with Dogs Against Drugs sent a letter thanking the Delting Community Council very much for allocating a grant donation of £5,000 to their charity. They have recently recruited two new dog handlers to help with the ongoing work of keeping Shetland safe. They would like to offer the Community Councillors the opportunity to see the dogs in action at a training display. To register interest, e-mail admin.dogsagainstdrugs@btinternet.co.uk The Clerk is to let them know that Members would like to do this in the future. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.19 Community Council – By Elections** – Ms Anne Cogle, Depute Returning Officer, SIC Corporate Services e-mailed the Clerk with the Notice of By-Elections which the Clerk has posted to local organisations, e-mailed to Members and the distribution list and put on the Facebook page. Ms R Griffiths put a piece in the North Notes of the Shetland Times. There are three vacancies within Delting Community Council. The closing date for nominations is 9th September.

Mr Michael Duncan, SIC Community Council Liaison Officer also e-mailed to give an update on the publicity that is taking place. This includes a banner being added to the Shetland News website, a link to the by-elections on the SIC website, advert on SIBC, press release from SIC and weekly posts to be issued by SIC Communications. The Clerk shared these e-mails with Members before the meeting. Mrs E Macdonald will mention this to the Voe Hall committee to see if anyone in the Voe area would like to join the Community Council. Members have been speaking to the community about the By-Elections.

- 8.20 Grass cutting at Brae Graveyard** – The Chairman said that the SIC are struggling with the work that is needing to be done. Mr B Moreland said that it looks terrible outside the Brae Graveyard. The Chairman is going to speak to Mr Kenneth McKenzie, SIC Burial Services about this.
- 8.21 Muckle Roe Graveyard** – Ms J Dennison said that it still looks awful. The Chairman is going to speak to Mr Kenneth McKenzie, SIC Burial Services about this.

2021/08/09 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for June and July 2021 was received and forwarded onto Members by e-mail.

There were 37 incidents recorded for the Delting area, which can be summarised as follows –

- One person cautioned and charged with assault.
- One report of threatening and abusive behaviour – enquiries ongoing.
- Drugs search warrant and one person arrested.
- One road traffic collision – no injuries.
- The other incidents were of a routine/minor nature.

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2021/08/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2021/219/PPF – To erect single storey extension to existing dwelling house and change of use of land to north west of dwelling house to land within domestic curtilage at 1 Grindahoul, Brae, Shetland, ZE2 9XS by Mr and Mrs Daniel and Margo Okroj – Members have no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/221/VCON – Application to vary condition no. 9 of planning permission 2018/335/ECUCON (Approved working hours) at Viking Windfarm, Central Mainland, Shetland by Mr Jamie Watt – Members have no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2021/015/MAR – To site a marine data buoy, South East of Burki Bank, Swarbaks Minn, Shetland by Greig Seafood Shetland Ltd – Members decided to object to this application. Members want to know its purpose and what the need is at this location when there is nothing in this area. When they have answers to their questions, they will give the application further consideration at the next meeting. **Clerk to progress.**

The Clerk received an update from the SIC Planning Service. They have decided to extend the temporary suspension of the free Planning Duty Officer and Pre-Application Enquiry services until 27th September to allow them to focus on the application backlog. At present they have 51 applications that are still to be allocated to an officer. The increased number of applications and the holiday period means the time from validation to allocation to an officer has risen again to 12 weeks.

2021/08/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms Ana Arnett, Community Worker, attended the meeting. She is working with groups, helping them to modernise constitutions and change from Trusts to Skios as this opens funding opportunities. She is sharing information on the Shetland Community Hub Facebook page about being in level zero. She is navigating regulations as they change. The Come to Brae Days group are now in receipt of the keys for the Skelladale toilets. They are hoping to acquire the toilets in the future.

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12.1 Grant Application Form – Delting Woodland Group – Their project is to buy a small poly tunnel to start growing trees and other native plants to help restore some of Shetland's landscape. The poly tunnel is to be situated at 2a Gossaford, Brae and it costs £479 from firsttunnels.co.uk. Members' discussed this. The Chairman said that the Shetland Amenity Trust are doing this kind of thing at the moment. The Delting Woodland Group need to get land to put up the polytunnel, as it cannot be on a tenant's land. This project could run for 50-60 years and they would be constrained and there could be an issue gaining permission from the tenant. It is a good cause. The group could speak to SIC Housing Service to get land for it.

Ms A Arnett said that the SIC have the Fair Food Policy and SIC could look at a piece of land for the polytunnel. A long-term lease of land or community asset transfer. She would be happy to look at this with the Delting Woodland Group, then get Assets and Properties to see what land may be available.

Mr J Milne believes there is a piece of ground that is nearby that may be available.

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- 12.1 Grant Application Form – Delting Woodland Group – continued** - The Chairman said that the Delting Woodland Group are to liaise with Ms Ana Arnett and take to the point where the polytunnel can legally happen. Members agreed to award them 80% of the funding for the polytunnel provided the group has ground and not constrained by a domestic tenancy agreement. This totals a grant offer of £383.20. Trees growing gives a significant carbon offset and Members hope the SIC would be keen on this project.

Mr J Milne enquired if planning permission would be required. The Chairman said it would not be required as it would be a temporary structure.

The Clerk is to forward this information onto Ms G Smith. **Clerk to progress.**

- 12.2 Surface Dressing, Re-Surfacing and Reconstruction Programme 2021 and Micro-Surfacing Programme 2022 – SIC Roads Service** – The Clerk received a letter and maps of the areas that the SIC Roads Service are going to be working on. The SIC are employing a contractor to micro-surface a number of housing estate roads throughout Shetland. This treatment seals the road to prevent further damage and will level out minor height differences in the surface to address issues such as settled reinstatements and patches.

Surface dressing programme 2021

B9076 Hardwall to Scatsta junction – poor surface texture, fretting starting in places.

B9071 Lower Voe – time expired (more than 5 years since overlay).

Ladies Mire, Brae, access road – poor texture, time expired (more than 5 years since overlay).

Re-surfacing programme 2021-2022

B9071 Voxter to Loch of Gonfirth – damaged edges, rutted and poor profile.

A970 Tagon to Public Toilets, Voe – fretted.

X0311 South Voxter, Gonfirth – poor profile, cracked edges, needs patched.

Micro-surfacing programme 2022

Mulla, Voe

Vistavird, Brae

Grindahoul, Brae (Lower section)

Hevdaland, Brae

Gallowburn, Brae

Havragard, Brae

Leaside, Firth

Lower Leaside, Firth

Maidenfield, Mossbank

- 12.3 Community Council Meetings – Update – SIC Community Planning and Development** – E-mail received from Mr M Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer. At the end of September, the SIC expects real changes to take place in terms of Covid legislation and how that is applied to conducting meetings. Therefore, in the short term, the recommended course of action for Community Councils is to continue with remote meetings.

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- 12.4 Brae School Playground – Litter Issues** – Following messages Mr J Milne had brought to the attention of the Delting Community Council, the Clerk sent an e-mail to Brae High School regarding concerns from the public about broken glass and litter around the school, bins needing emptying, broken wooden picnic tables and flower tubs with nothing but weeds.

Mr Logan Nicolson, Head Teacher, replied to the Clerk. They have a lot of bins on the school site, but they may need emptied more often during the day, so he has asked the janitors to do this. He thinks part of the problem might be that the grounds are heavily used at nights and weekends, which is great, but there is nobody around to empty bins. In addition to this, the janitors don't work all holiday periods so that too causes issues with emptying bins.

Mr Brydon Gray, SIC Waste Management thinks the current arrangement with janitors emptying the bins is the best one. The SIC empty litter bins once per fortnight in each area.

With regards to broken bottles and vandalism, this is happening out with school hours, but he has flagged it to the Police and they are trying to do more visits to the site. In addition to this Billy Mycock and Youth Services are going to try to find a proactive way of redirecting the young folk in the evening.

The wooden picnic tables have been removed as they were vandalised at the end of last term. They had planted the flower tubs but unfortunately, they kept getting vandalised. The maintenance of the school grounds has slipped during the pandemic. This is due to having to reorganise the layout of the school on three separate occasions, as well as having to put everything back to normal twice. This was a really significant piece of work for the janitorial staff. However, by doing this they were able to maximise the time the children spent in school, meaning that the S5-6 pupils were able to return to full-time education a fortnight before children in other areas. In addition to this, the janitors helped set up two hubs, as well as helping to run one over the summer holiday period. The janitors had key roles in this, and as such weren't able to give the grounds the same attention as they would normally. They have started to tackle this now, but unfortunately one of their janitors is not at work at present. He is aware that their nature area is needing a little more attention, however, they did renovate the front garden at the secondary and create a new kitchen garden last year.

Mr E Smith said this situation needs to be monitored and looked at again if things do not improve.

The Chairman said that the SIC are looking at the possibility of a new school for Brae but needs to be careful to not neglect the current area and look after what they have.

- 12.5 Access to the Beach at Firth** – The Clerk received a message through Facebook from a member of the public asking if there are any funds or grants available to improve access to the beach at Firth. It is very nicely signposted from Sandside but the access is treacherous. It is an amazing local resource that is underused because not everyone is capable of accessing it. Ms R Griffiths highlighted the sustainable communities fund as a route to apply for funding for this access. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Ms Robina Barton to find out what is happening with this under the Active Travel Strategy and when we are likely to find out if we are getting funding as there are other funding streams that are coming up and report back to the next meeting. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.6 Cattle Grid Removal – Mulla, Voe** – E-mail received from Mr Mervyn Smith, SIC Roads Service asking if the Delting Community Council had any objection to the removal of the cattle grid at the foot of Mulla, Voe. The grid is in a poor condition and would need major repairs, however the pass gate at the side has been open/removed for several years and not stock proof. It would appear that this grid has been redundant for some time. This was sent to Members at the beginning of July and there were no objections.

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- 12.7 Active Shetland Project** – E-mail received from a member of the public stating that they had seen that the Active Shetland project would be on the agenda at the ASCC meeting. The ideas for the Active Shetland project to get more people out and about is great but a real consideration needs to be given that there are people avoiding walking or very apprehensive to do so caused by people not keeping dogs under proper control. Their family and friends have had many bad experiences to the extent that some of them avoid walking or going to certain places, including hill tracks, beaches, promoted woods and other popular places in Shetland including Lerwick.

Dog walkers need to be made aware and even if it is the friendliest dog, that they are not welcome in many people's personal space and should never be allowed uninvited to do so. Many people will have no idea the negative effect these actions have but none the less need to be made aware. Many more people would get out and about for their wellbeing if this problem was acknowledged and addressed properly. They asked to remain anonymous.

The Chairman said that he attends the Coastal Committee along with Police Scotland. There is a big report out for consultation. He will forward a copy of the report to Members. Members are well aware that some people are scared of dogs but they have an issue with people not putting their name to their comments. Members cannot put action in if people are not prepared to say who they are. The Clerk is to let the member of the public know this. **Clerk to progress.**

- 12.8 SCBF – AGS Update** – E-mail received from Ms Eleanor Gear, Administration Officer. The FAQ's for the Advanced Grant Scheme have recently been updated and are now available to view on the SCBF website www.scbf.org.uk

- 12.9 Viking Energy Wind Farm – Newsletter** – E-mail received from Mr John Robertson, Viking Community Liaison Officer attaching the third newsletter. The Clerk forwarded this onto Members.

- 12.10 Road between Burravoe and Camp Junction, Brae** – Letter received from Mr Jon Scott Drummond regarding the safety of the road in this area. The walkway is in a poor condition with loose rocks and huge weeds. There are vehicles that do not abide by the speed limit. He is asking if this is going to be rectified in the near future as it is not safe and he feels a proper pavement should be put in place for all residents of Burravoe to walk safely into Brae.

Mr A Hall said that is just a verge now. There is a serious issue with speeding in the area with many people going above 40mph. It is vehicles both going in and out of Brae. He would like to see the Police doing a speed campaign there. The Clerk is to let Police Scotland know about this. **Clerk to progress.**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to SIC Roads Service about this. There are a number of houses in the area and this has been an ongoing issue for many years. **Clerk to progress.**

- 12.11 Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Report 2021** – Ms Karen Eunson, CAB Bureau Manager e-mailed the report. The key highlights for 2020/2021 are –
Shetland CAB supported 1,525 individual clients in communities right across the isles. They advised 5,716 issues – 62% of these related to benefits, 11% to money and debt, 8.5% to energy advice and 5% to employment.
CAB advisers helped clients gain over £1.3 million, mostly through supporting them to make benefit applications and appeals.
They assisted 84 individuals tackle over £0.5 million of debt.

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- 12.12 Scottish Community Councils – Facebook Page** – E-mail received from Mr M Duncan, SIC Community Planning and Development. The Scottish Community Councils Facebook page was launched earlier this year and they are keen to ensure that the page becomes both a resource for Community Councillors and a forum for highlighting best practice and innovative projects by Community Councils. The Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/ScottishCC's>
- 12.13 Flood Risk Management – Consultation** – E-mail received from Mr Colin Smith, SIC Planning Engineer. The current local flood risk management plans were published in 2016 and the current work seeks to progress the actions in that plan, to lead to a new six-year plan due to be published in June 2022. They are welcoming feedback from the Community Council. The Clerk e-mailed this onto Members before the meeting.
- 12.14 The Building Standards (Fire Safety) Consultation** – E-mail received from Mr Simon Moore, Building Standards Division. This consultation is seeking views and opinions on a review of building standards relating to the fire safety of cladding to help ensure the safety of people in and around Scotland's buildings. More information can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/building-standards/building-regulations-fire-ews-review/> The Clerk forwarded this e-mail onto Members before the meeting.
- 12.15 The Building Standards (Energy Standards) Consultation** – E-mail received from Mr Simon Moore, Building Standards Division. This consultation is a review of energy standards in building regulations. Topics include standards for new buildings, ventilation, overheating, compliance plus proposals to enable electric vehicle charging. More information can be found at <https://consulta.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/building-regulations-energy-standards-review/> The Clerk forwarded this e-mail onto Members before the meeting.

2021/08/13 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) –

The Sustainable Communities Fund is made up of two different grant streams and is set to total £850,000 over three years. Community Capacity Grants provide early-stage financial support for community enterprise projects. This programme is open to all communities up to five miles from Scotland's coastline or within five miles of our rural estates. Grants are available between £20,000 and £50,000, with a total of £250,000 being made available in this year of the grant programme. Environment Grants provide funding to Crown Estate Scotland tenants only, for projects which can deliver demonstrable environmental benefits within 18 months of award of funds. Grants are available between £5,000 and £20,000 for projects that can deliver demonstrable environmental benefits within 18 months of award. A total of £100,000 is available this year. Enquiries to the fund can be made by 13 September and more information is on the website: <https://www.crownestatescotland.com/new/ps850k-fund-for-communities-green-recovery-opens-for-applications>

The 2021 SURF Awards highlight, celebrate and share the achievements of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland. This year's five thematic categories include; Supporting Youth Employability sponsored by Skills Development Scotland, Creative Regeneration sponsored by Creative Scotland, Community Led Regeneration sponsored by Highlands and Island Enterprise, Scotland's Most Improved Place sponsored by Scotland's Towns Partnership and Architecture & Design Scotland and Housing and Regeneration sponsored by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations. Further information be found at <https://www.surf.scot/surf-awards/>

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Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) can help organisations on the journey to net zero. CARES is offering grant funding, advice and support to community organisations that want to decarbonise their community buildings by installing low carbon or renewable technologies, such as heat pumps or solar panels.

CARES funding is available for many types of community buildings, including: community cafes, community hubs, faith buildings, public halls, community halls and community centres. The deadline for completed applications is 30 September 2021. More information can be found at: <https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/cares-lets-do-net-zero-community-buildings>

The National Centre for Resilience are offering short funding for projects up to £20,000 that broadly address the following themes - storms and gales, cold and snow, coastal flooding, fluvial flooding, heatwave, drought, wildfire, surface water flooding, landslide and reservoir dam collapse. The deadline for applications 17th September 2021. For more information see: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/ncr>

The **Scotland Loves Local Fund** aims to empower communities by enabling local delivery, and giving them support and guidance to help them achieve aims important to them. The fund will support eligible groups to develop projects to build the wealth of our local communities, revitalise our local places, town centres, or 20-minute neighbourhoods; increasing footfall and activity. This will be by encouraging communities to 'think, choose and love local', improving, supporting, and promoting local places, and communities. Examples of relevant actions include: Marketing and advertising, Providing information for local residents/residents, small scale green infrastructure projects and Refurbishment/enhancement of vacant and derelict sites. The deadline for applications is 1st October. For more information please see: <https://lovelocal.scot/scotland-loves-local-fund-application-and-guidance/>

The Community Capacity and Resilience Fund (CCRF) from Scottish Government aims to support local, community-based organisations with small grants of up to £8,000 to deliver activities that help people mitigate the impact of welfare reform. To be eligible for a grant, organisations must have had an income of less than £200,000 in their last financial year. Grants can be spent over 12 months and the aim is a simple way to access funding from the Scottish Government that can trial new ideas and capacity build organisations so they are prepared to access larger funding pots from elsewhere. Next deadline for applications is by 10th September. For more information see: <https://scvo.scot/funding/community-capacity-resilience-fund>

2021/08/14 CARRIED FORWARD ITEMS

The Carried Forward Items were discussed and forms an Appendix to the Minutes.

2021/08/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

15.1 Crash Barriers Survey – Mr B Moreland asked if the crash barriers will be getting replaced. The Chairman responded that there is an SIC programme to replace all crash barriers. The Dales Leas crash barrier has recently been completed.

2021/08/16 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 30th September 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman

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- 1 **Laxobiggin and Voe Cemeteries** – (Laxobiggin) letter to Jim Grant **11.8 May 2007** (Laxobiggin) Not currently required. **7.7 Aug 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing. **6.4 Sep 2007** (Laxobiggin) Chairman to progress with Director of Infrastructure Services – **Feb 2009**. (Laxobiggin) The Chairman is having discussions with Mr Bertie Johnson regarding an extension to the cemetery and access road down to the cemetery **Nov 2009**. (Laxobiggin) Chairman still discussing **Jun 2011**. (Laxobiggin) To be discussed on 11 Oct 2011 at the Public Meeting in Voe **Sep 2011** (Voe) A Public Meeting was held on 11th October 2011 at Voe Public Hall to discuss extending the existing kirk yard or having a kirk yard elsewhere in Voe. DCC have 3 months to explore alternative sites in Voe which would be suitable for the kirk yard. Mr A Cooper was going to speak to some people about land, access and drainage. **Oct 2011**. Currently Voe Cemetery is the main focus **Nov 2011**. (Voe) The application has been deferred until March to allow the Community Council to identify alternative sites. **Jan 2012**. (Voe) The Chairman stated that the SIC are looking into the costings of a new kirkyard and the extension of the current kirkyard **May 2012**. **Discussed Apr 2019**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Jun 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **Nov 2012**. (Laxobiggin) Discussed **May 2015**. (Laxobiggin and Voe) Chairman said that the SIC has no Capital Programme and no money to put in to a Capital Programme. Kirkyards will have to be resolved in the next few years **Aug 2015**. The Voe and Laxobiggin Kirkyards are not in the SIC Capital Programme. This could be discussed in the summer **Mar 2016**. Mr W Spence e-mailed the Chairman, he will forward this onto Members **Jun 2016**. The Chairman said that this is not in the SIC Capital Programme **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that there have been more layers identified in the old kirkyard in Voe. A new kirkyard will be needed in Voe and Laxobiggin within the next 5-7 years. The Land Equisition 2017/18 – trying to get this in the Capital Programme **Nov 2016**. Discussed **Feb 2017**. A meeting with the Voe Community is needed sometime after the summer **Apr 2017**. Discussed **June 2017**. Mr W Spence, SIC Burial Services attended the meeting on 2nd Nov 2017. Ms R Griffiths is going to write a piece for the Shetland Times **Nov 2017**. Discussed **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said that the Capital Programme will be looked at with the new Chief Executive in the Autumn **Apr 2018**. Discussed **Jun 2018**. Discussed **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Laxobiggin cemetery does not have many layers left. The Chairman will try to get this in the SIC Capital Programme. **Sep 2020** The Chairman will raise this at the mid term financial programme and asset programme with the SIC **Nov 2020**. The Chairman will take this to committee if he thinks he will get support. **May 2021**.
- 2 **Local Housing Policy** – letter sent to Environmental Health **12.5 Jun 2008** - response from Housing – reply sent asking for meeting to discuss support services – **7.10 – Aug 2008** Chairman to progress **6.5 Sep 2008** E-Mail seeking clarification on points raised **9.4 – Jan 2009** Chairman to progress with Housing **8.3 Mar 2009** Number of local issues which need to be addressed **6.3 May 2009** The SIC are going to come out with a consultation process on the local development plan and will be consulting Community Councils on local plans **Feb 2010**. Shetland Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report Consultation – SIC Infrastructure Services Department. Community consultation deadline 7th June 2010. **Jun 2010**. HNDA approved by Scottish Government last week. Still dealing with local housing policy **Sep 2010**. Discussed **Sep 2011**. The Chairman reported that Local Housing Strategy has been adopted by SIC and 10 houses to be built in Brae hopefully next year **Nov 2011**. Chairman reported 10 Council houses are going to be built in Brae **Feb 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2012**. Discussed **Nov 2012**. Discussed **Jun 2013**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson, Executive Manager, SIC Housing Services has asked for Members to think of house names **Feb 2014**. Members suggested 'Valayreburn' after the burn near the site and wondered about the possibility of remembering people of the place in the house names **Mar 2014**. Discussed **Jun 2014**. The Chairman said that Anita Jamieson is going to attend the ASCC to speak about the Local Plan **Sept 2014**. The Chairman said that there is going to be a Consultation on HNDA – Housing Need & Demand Assessment **May 2015**. Ms Anita Jamieson is working on the Housing Need & Demand Assessment and this will be coming out soon. There will be more discussions with the community within the next 12 months. There is a need for more houses in Delting **Aug 2015**.

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- 2 **Local Housing Policy continued** – The Housing Needs Demands Assessment (HNDA) will be coming out and, following that, the Local Housing Policy **Oct 2015**. The HNDA will be getting finalised before the summer recess **Mar 2016**. The HNDA is with the Scottish Government at the moment. The grant rate for Hjatland Housing Association is being increased. The SIC are giving £10,000 top up for some houses. This will be easier for Hjatland to build more houses **Jun 2016**. The Local Housing Strategy will be in place before the end of the current Council. A bulk of the housing will be in the central mainland **Sept 2016**. The Chairman said that HNDA was sent to the Scottish Government which sets out evidence of housing demand both in the private and social sector. Questions were received, completed and returned. The Housing Strategy will hopefully be in place before the end of this Council in May 2017. This identifies the land for private housing and the social housing too **Nov 2016**. Ms Anita Jamieson has got the policies for Council housing in Shetland. A final version will be coming out **Feb 2017**. The Chairman hopes more young people get employment at Sullom Voe Terminal and more houses are built in Delting **Apr 2017**. Discussed **Jun 2017**. The HNDA will be coming out soon **Sept 2017**. The Strategic Housing Involvement Plan is going to the Development Committee next week **Nov 2017**. The Chairman will be able to give an update in the Summer. At the moment, Shetland should be building 60-70 new houses per year, but they are building approximately 20 less than this. Most new houses will be in Lerwick, but some will be in Brae **Feb 2018**. The Chairman said in Shetland there will be little done in the next few years for Hjatland SIC housing in Delting. More effort for insulation and reduce fuel poverty in next few years for social housing. In Delting more effort will be to build private sector housing. There are a lot of empty rented properties in Brae and some houses on the market **Apr 2018**. The HNDA has not been approved yet **Jun 2018**. The Chairman will continue to fight for housing in Delting **Sept 2018**. The Chairman said that the Scottish Government are trying to get starter homes which will make it easier for first time home owners. This is the best chance for something happening in Delting **Feb 2019**. Discussed **Apr 2019**. The Chairman reported that the SIC are waiting for the Scottish Government to approve the HNDA but realistically the bulk of the effort is going to be in Lerwick over the next while. If Sullom Voe is going longer term, Enquest and Total may want to domicile staff which may encourage more low carbon, high insulated homes in Delting **Jun 2019**. The Chairman said by Spring 2020 the future of Sullom Voe Terminal will be clearer **Oct 2019**. The Chairman reported that at present the bulk of the housing (300 houses) is going to the Staney Hill in Lerwick. The likelihood of Delting getting new houses is slight unless the industry want to domicile the workforce in Shetland **Jan 2020**. The Chairman said that there is pressure on the SIC Housing Department to re-start the housing programme for the construction industry. The Scottish Government is putting on pressure for the SIC to deliver programmes as soon as possible **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA is under review with the Scottish Government and the local development plan will be coming through and we need to look at housing in the Delting area. **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that the HNDA will be available early next year and is being discussed by the Scottish Government who will set out where houses are going to be built in Shetland in the next five years. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman explained that the HNDA (the document which the Scottish Government justifies the amount of aid they will put to Shetland) is in its final form and waiting to be signed off by the First Minister. Following this, SIC Housing can do the Housing Investment Programme and we will then see what housing will be coming to Delting. The Local Development Plan will show areas identified for development in Shetland. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman reported that there is an issue with the cost of materials escalating fast which will have an impact on the price of houses. The Scottish Government gives a certain amount for housing and Hjatland may struggle unless the Scottish Government gives more or the price of materials comes down. There are some houses proposed for Brae. **May 2021**. The Chairman said this is still active. The HNDA document is getting finalised and there will be a number of houses in Delting. **August 2021**.

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- 3 Sullom Voe Masterplan** – ongoing **Oct 2019**. The Chairman says this will have to come but has been delayed due to the coronavirus. **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that there is potentially going to be a seaweed farm in Yell Sound. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman highlighted that this needs to be resolved. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman said this is coming to committee in June. **May 2021**. The Chairman reported that this is nearly finalised. **Aug 2021**.
- 4 Reducing Speed Limits in Delting** – The Chairman said that many places all over Shetland want the speed limit reduced to either 30mph or 40mph **Oct 2019**. This will be raised with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service at the February meeting **Jan 2020**. Issues with speeding in Delting raised from a member of the public. The Chairman said that speeding in Voe is a continual issue. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair at SIC Roads Service to see if this issue can be addressed. The Police is to be contacted about the speeding in Voe. They could possibly do a campaign about speeding as a lot of people are speeding in Delting **Sep 2020**. This was discussed during the meeting. There are places in Shetland that are getting temporary speed restrictions and Delting have been trying to get speed reductions in Voe and Brae for years. The Delting Community Council want special consideration for this in Spring 2021. They also want the speed cameras with the happy/frowny faces in Voe to discourage people from speeding and collect data so that they can gather evidence that the road is dangerous. **Nov 2020**. The Clerk contacted Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service highlighting that there is no footpath going from the Tagon junction to the Lower Voe junction, the speed limit is too high and there are no footpaths or streetlights on this piece of road. She asked if this area could be considered for temporary speed restrictions. He has responded the targeted locations without footpaths or streetlights are trials to see if a reduction from 60mph to 50mph can effect a change in active travel when there are no other facilities available. The current trial areas are currently unrestricted sections of main road, unlike the section of A970 between the Tagon and Lower Voe junctions that already has a 50mph speed limit. Given that the type of speed limit reduction they are look at is already in place in Voe, by virtue of the road alignment and historical accident rate, it would not fit the scheme parameters being considered this time around. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman said that contractors have been given 40mph speed limits. Yet, we cannot get speed reductions in our villages. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and ask what criteria allows contractors to get this consideration that communities cannot get? **May 2021**. 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 **Jun 2021**. The Clerk is to contact Mr Colin Gair, SIC Roads Service and find out speed data for data logs in Delting and report back to Members. **Aug 2021**.
- 5 Local Energy Plan for Brae** - The Chairman said that the final report is out **Jun 2018**. The Chairman said there are tentative moves on with the Scatsta airfield affecting turbines that local developers want to put in. Scatsta airport is due to close on 30th June 2020 but there is still hope that it may open in the future but if windfarms in the surrounding area gets the go ahead, this will make it more difficult and is a very unfortunate disappointing situation **Apr 2020**. The Chairman said that one turbine for Brae is being proposed from the COBEN project and creating energy other than electricity. It should make a difference to the carbon footprint and be in the Wethersta area **Jun 2020**.

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- 5 **Local Energy Plan for Brae continued** - The Chairman thought there was going to be a wind turbine in Brae, but this hasn't happened yet **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that it may be hydrogen created as a fuel source. **Nov 2020**. Discussed. **Aug 2021**.
- 6 **EnQuest attending one of the Community Councils meetings** – They have been invited to attend a meeting **Apr 2018**. The Chairman said that Enquest need to sort out the site before attending a DCC meeting **Oct 2019**. The Chairman said we need them to attend a meeting **Jun 2020**. The Clerk is to invite them to a meeting **Sep 2020**. The Chairman thinks we need clarity on the Clair oilfield and then EnQuest need to attend one of our meetings. **Feb 2021**.
- 7 **Sparl Road, Voe – Deteriorating State** – Mr Kevin Serginson, SIC Outdoors Access Officer is to be contacted to ask about getting this road fixed up before Spring next year **Sep 2020**. Mr Kevin Serginson sent an e-mail stating that he has looked at costings for this in the past and it was £15,000 and it would be more now. He has no current budget to carry out the re-surfacing and drainage that would be required. The Chairman and Mrs E Macdonald will look at the path in February 2021 and look at possibly getting it drained. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman said that this project could come under the Shetland Community Benefit Fund when we get clarity on the Advance Grant Scheme. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman reported that this has been added to the Active Travel Strategy. **May 2021**.
- 8 **House Numbers in Skelladale – sign** – Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service sent an e-mail in February 2020 to say that it is likely that these works will be done early in the next financial year in April or May. **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said this has not been done. The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads Service. **May 2021**. The Clerk is to chase this up with Mr N Hutcheson, SIC Roads service again. **Aug 2021**.
- 9 **Memorial Bench in Moorfield, Brae Request** – The Chairman is dealing with this request **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said that he wants to see this being placed at the Brae Kirkyard. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman is working on this. **Aug 2021**.
- 11 **Participatory Budgetting** – This will be looked into again **Sep 2020**. The Chairman said the coronavirus has had an impact on this. The Scottish Government will not be introducing this for around one or two years. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman said that local authorities will have to spend 1% of their budget on participatory budgeting by 2022. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman said it may be 2023 before this comes in. **May 2021**. The Chairman said this will be a big issue for Delting Community Council and the community next year. **Aug 2021**.
- 12 **Brae Woodland – Path** – The Chairman will look into getting materials for the path after Covid-19 and check that Shetland Amenity Trust agrees we can proceed **Jun 2020**. The Chairman said that this may be able to be done in Spring 2021. Bags of aggregate would be required but Shetland Amenity Trust would need to approve this first. Ms G Smith said she will look into this. **Nov 2020**. The Chairman is going to speak to the Shetland Amenity Trust about this in the summer time. **Feb 2021**. The Chairman stated this is an ongoing issue. **Aug 2021**.