

Unst Community Council

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th October 2021
at 6.30 pm using WebEx Phone Conferencing**

Present:

Claire Priest, Vice Chair, Chaired meeting
David Cooper
Janice Priest
Hazel Spence
Julie Thomson
Alec Priest, North Isles Councillor (ex-officio)
Ryan Thomson, North Isles Councillor (ex-officio)

Attending:

Frances Browne, Community Involvement and Development Officer
Gordon Thomson, Unst Partnership
Josie McMillan, Clerk

01/10/21 Apologies

Patrick Fordyce, Chair
Caroline Hunter
John Peterson
Duncan Anderson, North Isles Councillor (ex-officio)
Michael Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer

02/10/21 Declaration of Interest

Janice declared an interest in agenda item 05/10/21 SaxaVord Space Port (SVSP) and 11/10/21 Correspondence – Energy Isles. Julie declared an interest in agenda item 05/10/21 SaxaVord Space Port (SVSP) and 10/10/21 Application for Donations – Baltasound SWI. Claire declared an interest in agenda item 10/10/21 Application for Donations – SCBF Unst Junior Netball Club. Ryan declared an interest in agenda item 09/10/21 Application for Planning – Pat Burns, Final Checkout.

03/10/21 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 were proposed by Janice and seconded by David.

04/10/21 Matters Arising from last minutes**12/09/21.2 Baltasound Marina Pontoon**

No further progress on this.

12/09/21.3 Belmont Trust

There has been no response to Community Council letter.

12/09/21.4 ASCC Meeting – 14th September 2021

Patrick attended this meeting. A report on the meeting was circulated. Patrick had connectivity problems; he could hear everyone but was unable to take part. Before the meeting started, he had asked Michael Duncan if the topic of Tourism/Unst Visitors could be put on the agenda. Michael undertook to give Patrick a space in a busy list of items, if at all possible. The meeting largely consisted of routine items plus two major presentations, firstly on Fuel Poverty and secondly on the physical activity initiative "Beat the Street." Both of these topics were covered in detail in the Shetland Times of 17th September. There will be more information for Community Councils to come. There was an item inserted on the agenda by Annette Jamieson, Yell Community Council, about abandoned Motor Vehicles! There is a significant problem in Yell as there is in Unst. The Tourism/Unst Visitors topic got brief mentions by Michael Duncan and Frances. Patrick was unable to take part because of the technical problems so couldn't contribute to the discussion.

14/09/21.1 Visitors to Unst Meeting

Patrick has suggested rearranging this postponed meeting to Monday 8th November. Steve Mathieson, Visit Scotland, is going to check with his colleagues to see who will be available but he thinks he will make it. He will get back to the Community Council once he knows who will attend. Members believe it is important to meet and discuss this so that measures can be put in place before the start of another tourism season.

14/09/21.3 Lund Road

There has been no further progress on this.

05/10/21 SaxaVord Space Port (SVSP)

There have been no updates from SVSP. Members had heard that the planning application should be before the SIC Planning Department in November.

06/10/21 Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF)

David had been unable to attend this meeting as he was travelling back from the mainland. He said that there had been three main things from the meeting. The first was that he was now the UCC official SCBF director; secondly there had been discussions about whether to have face to face or online meetings. David believes it might first be the spring before face-to-face meetings resume. Thirdly the SCBF committee are clarifying guidelines for groups who apply for funds to all 18 Community Councils.

07/10/21 Unst Partnership (UP) Update.

Gordon said that the UP shop continues to trade well and will be advertising a "Clear out for Christmas" through November. The next and last skip day for this year is on Saturday, 30th October, 11-1pm at the pierhead. The Recycling Centre plans can now be viewed on the Unst Partnership web page, comments and suggestions welcome. Exploration holes have been made at Hagdale for percolation and water runoff studies. UP plan to hold a participatory budget event called "UP2U" on Tuesday 30th November in Baltasound Hall. £3000 will be allocated to community groups, £500 maximum. Information will be going out this week to local shops and on the UP website and Facebook page, with applications to be returned by Saturday 20th November. Gordon had attended the Energy Isles meeting on behalf of UP. He said that they have reduced the number of turbines, the height of the turbines, the area cover by the wind farm and the peat extraction. The latter by 40%. Energy Isles plan to have the renewed application to SIC Planning by February 2022.

08/10/21 Community Involvement Update

Frances said that she had nothing new to report.

09/10/21 Applications for Planning

Planning Ref:	2021/272/PPF
Proposal:	To demolish existing croft house and erect new dwelling house with air source heat pump on the same site
Address:	Buddabrake, Burrafirth, Unst, Shetland ZE2 9EQ
Applicant	Mr Duncan Gray
Date of Consultation:	27 September 2021

There were no objections to this. Members are happy to see a new house being built.

Planning Ref:	2021/282/PPF
Proposal:	Erect storage building: 9m x 5m wide x 3m to eaves
Address:	Final Checkout, Hagdale Industrial Estate, Baltasound, Unst Shetland
Applicant:	Mrs Patricia Burns
Date of Consultation:	28 September 2021

There were no objections to this. Members said it was good to support local businesses.

10/10/21 Application for Donations

10/10/21.1 SCBF - Unst Junior Badminton Association

This SCBF application was for £450 funding to offer free junior badminton sessions over the winter. This was approved.

10/10/21.2 SCBF - Unst Junior Football Association

This SCBF application was for £500 funding to offer low cost indoor football sessions over the winter. This was approved.

10/10/21.3 SCBF - Unst Junior Netball Club

This SCBF application was for £500 funding to offer free netball sessions over the winter. This was approved.

10/10/21.4 SCBF – Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society (SCHBS)

This SCBF application was for £400 funding. This project, in partnership with, Shetland Livestock Marketing Group, is to put in place office based support for SCHBS to maintain their viability and sustainability. They had applied to all 18 Community Councils. This was approved.

10/10/21.4 Baltasound SWI

This application was to help fund the annual bairns' Christmas Party. After a discussion it was agreed to give a donation of £490.

10/10/21.5 Unst Under 5s

This application was to help fund the annual bairns' Christmas Party. After a discussion it was agreed to give a donation of £126.

11/10/21 Correspondence

11/10/21.1 Ferries Meeting

Ryan said that he had arranged for a meeting of the Transport team within the Council to meet with representatives from the Unst, Yell and Fetlar Community Councils to discuss any ferry related questions or queries they may have. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 9th November 2021, at 13:30, and is scheduled to be held remotely using the most appropriate connectivity available. Ryan asked who would be able to attend, and to let him know in advance of the meeting any subject matters UCC would like to discuss. Ryan will create an agenda prior to the meeting starting to make sure it is structured and the best use of the time. He would like to have these meeting regularly, maybe every 6 months. There was a discussion about the issues which members would like discussed at the meeting – staff resilience; sheep sales ferry cover; breakdowns; going to single small ferries at very busy times: ferries showing they

are fully booked but only a few cars turn up: linking runs with Yell Sound and the poor weekend service. Ryan was asked if Whalsay had got an improved weekend service because the community had been very proactive with their campaigns. He said that it really had nothing to do with that, the SIC had been working on these changes for several years. The Community Council put a list of concerns to Ryan after the last meeting. He will raise all those issues.

11/10/21.2 Energy Isles Meeting – 20th October 2021

This was covered in agenda item 07/10/21 Unst Partnership Update.

11/10/21.3 Uyeasound Waterfront Trust – Support letter for Project

It was agreed to write a letter of support to Uyeasound Waterfront Trust, who have applied to the Crown Estate Fund to extend the small boat berthing facility at Uyeasound pier, with the aim to provide more berthing overall and to provide better sheltered berthing during North West winds.

11/10/21.4 Local Housing Strategy survey

Claire completed this survey and encouraged everyone to complete it as individuals.

Frances left the meeting at 7.25pm, she was attending the Yell Community Council meeting.

11/10/21.5 The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2nd June 2022

After a short discussion it was decided to defer this to the next meeting.

11/10/21.6 UnstFest Questionnaire

Members were reminded to complete their questionnaires.

12/10/21 Community Council Finances

The Clerk explained that there had been an underspend in last year's accounts. The underspend amount might need to be paid back to the Council. Members were asked to let local groups and organisations know that funding is available. This has also been advertised in the shop and Post Office and also on Facebook.

13/10/21 A.O.C.B.

13/10/21.1 Fred Schlomka - Haroldswick Public Car Park

There was a discussion about this. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting. More information is needed before it can be discussed.

13/10/21.2 Community Council Face to Face meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting will be a "hybrid" meeting. Face to face at the Baltasound School, with official joining the meeting online. This will be a trial to see how it works.

13/10/21.3 Norwick Beach Turning Point

The turning point next to the Bus Shelter at Norwick Beach is getting cut up. The turning area was put in by volunteers several years ago and is very well used. The school bus turns there every day. Ryan said that he will pass these concerns on to Dave Coupe and Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads.

13/10/21.4 Christmas Light Up

There was a discussion about the Christmas Light Up and who will organise it this year if it goes ahead depending on current restrictions. It was decided to set up an online group chat between the halls, P&T Coaches and the Community Council. This will be fed back to the next meeting.

14/10/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is set for Monday 6th December 2021

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk: _____