



## TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, hosted via ZOOM

**1.0 Present:**

Andrew Archer – chair	Steven Coutts
Linda Tulloch	Moraig Lyall
Dilys Evans	Davie Sandison
Neil Leask	Ian Scott
Winston Brown	Theo Smith
Angela Sutherland	
Martin Randall	Police:
Charles Hodge	Acting Sergeant John Williamson
Birgit Wagner	
Karl Mills – clerk	

**2.0 Apologies:** Roselyn Fraser, Michael Duncan

### **3.0 Declarations of Interest**

Linda Tulloch and Winston Brown declared an interest in matters relating to Viking.  
Martin Randall and Moraig Lyall declared an interest in matters relating to Tingwall Hall.

### **4.0 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion proposed by Dilys Evans and seconded by Neil Leask the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

### **5.0 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Shetland Islands Council have said that they are willing to provide a double-bin for installation at Wormaldale Beach, and the community council agreed to purchase a dog-waste bin for installation at Nesbister, which would be emptied by the council.

### **6.0 Decisions since last meeting**

There were no decisions made by e-mail vote since the last meeting on 19th January 2022.

### **7.0 Police Report**

- The latest police report was circulated prior to the meeting. Andrew Archer asked Acting Sergeant John Williamson whether the numerous frauds listed in the report were internet scams. Acting Sergeant Williamson said that these were mainly scam telephone calls and malware via e-mail. Andrew Archer agreed to post a note on the community council's Facebook page advising of the best way to guard against these intrusions.
- Members raised a concern over motorists speeding in the vicinity of Whiteness School when the 20mph speed limit was in operation. Acting Sergeant Williamson said that the Police would site vehicles at the school to reinforce the limit. He also said that if people could get the registration number of offending vehicles, the police would be happy to visit the owners to talk to them.

## **8.0 Finance**

- The Financial Report, updated to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022, was distributed to community council members.
- The clerk was asked to contact BOS to sort out the community council's arrangements for making electronic payments.
- The following grant applications were approved:
  1. Tingwall Under 5s - £1,497 for play equipment
  2. Whiteness & Weisdale Boating Club - £300 for boat storage
  3. Tingwall Primary School Parent Council - £1,421.23 for sensory room equipment

## **9.0 Correspondence**

Four items of correspondence had been received:

- Debra Nicolson had e-mailed with an offer to include a monthly article on TWWCC activities in the West Ovre column in the Shetland Times. Angela Sutherland offered to write articles for publication.
- Anne Cogle issued new Co-opting forms for use by community councils. Members voted unanimously to adopt the new forms. The clerk was asked to advise Anne Cogle accordingly.
- Jochem Koers e-mailed a request for help to publicise Shetland Youth Local Action Group. It was agreed that the community council would post a note on its Facebook page.
- Maureen Manson enquired about the possibility of erecting a signpost for chapel. Neil Leask had already replied to Maureen and members felt that no further action was necessary at this time.

## **10.0 Planning**

- Following much discussion on the Local Development Plan, Andrew Archer agreed to draft a response for comment by members, for subsequent submission to the consultation. (The agreed submission is attached as an appendix to these minutes.)
- 2022/017/PPF - Erect new dwelling house with attached garage, air source heat pump and foul drainage to septic tank and infiltration system, at a plot West of Gronnack, South Whiteness. The clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.
- 2022/013/PPF - Change of Use to domestic, partial conversion and refurbishment of Veensgarth Steading to create two dwelling units, at Veensgarth Steading. The clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.
- 2022/014/LBC - Partial conversion of steading, including byre and cart shed. New roof, insulate walls, services, and refurbishment to create two dwelling units, at Veensgarth Steading. The clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.
- 2022/006/MAR - To extend an existing 4 x 100m twin-headline longline shellfish farm (planning permission 2011/013/VS) by increasing longline length to 220 in a northerly direction to be used for production of mussels. The clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.
- 2022/004/MAR - To extend an existing 4 x 200m twin-headline longline shellfish farm (planning permission 2011/014/NS) by increasing longline length to 330m in a northerly direction to be used for the production of mussels. The clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.

## **11.0 SCBF**

- Angela Sutherland gave a short update, saying that two sub-groups had been set up to consider the business plan and auditing.
- Angela Sutherland offered to continue as Director of SCBF, and members agreed to nominate her formally to SCBF. The clerk was asked to advise SCBF accordingly.

- Decisions on two grant applications (180147 from Shetland Gymnastics and 180164 from Shetland Rape Crisis) were deferred until the March meeting. Members felt that the growing number of applications from Shetland-wide groups that were being submitted to multiple community councils risked using up funds that members felt should be spent locally. Members thought that the community council should have a more formal policy on these sorts of applications and that they should consider ideas for such a policy at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to advise Eleanor Gear accordingly.

## **12.0 Viking**

Andrew Archer reported that the planning application from SSE to re-route some of the cables (which the community council had objected to) had been approved by SIC. He also updated members on the appeal about the proposed relocation of the concrete batching plants. Following Viking's appeal against the SIC Planning decision to refuse their planning application for the re-location of batching plants, a 'Reporter' has been allocated to the case and would be visiting Shetland shortly to view the sites.

## **13.0 Footpaths**

Andrew Archer and Martin Randall gave an update on the footpaths project.

- Applications to Sustrans will open in the summer. The first stage will be that the community council (or SCIO) will need to apply for funds for a feasibility study to look at routes, road crossings, costings etc. Any proposed solution would need to be compliant with the rules set out in *Cycling By Design*.
- There has been considerable discussion with the SIC roads department about how a crossing of the A970 at the Veensgarth junction could be implemented. The roads department have said that an uncontrolled crossing with an island in the middle of the road would be the most suitable. Andrew had suggested that a reduction in speed (to 50 mph) and a crossing with signals would be more appropriate as this would allow younger people to use the crossing safely, but roads were not keen on this idea. The alternatives will be considered in more detail in the feasibility study.
- Preparatory work for the Sustrans application will continue. It will be necessary to compile a stakeholder map, communication plan and to secure some political support for the project. It is possible that our local scheme could become part of a more extensive project for a long-distance footpath spanning the entire length of Shetland Mainland from North to South and Andrew said that he had spoken to Steve Mathieson, the Visit Scotland representative for Shetland, about this. Andrew agreed to write an update for the community council's facebook page.
- Martin Randall agreed to continue work on setting up a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), which is a legal structure which provides limited liability and a separate legal identity to organisations without the complex structure of company law.

## **14.0 Councillors' Reports**

The Councillors had nothing to report.

## **15.0 AOCB**

- The clerk was asked to write SIC Roads to request the installation of additional crash-barriers at the bottom of the hill on the Nesbister road below the old council houses.
- The clerk was asked to write John Smith, Director, Infrastructure Services to request that the entrance to Weisdale Cemetery be made safer by widening the entrance so that it can accommodate vehicles from both directions simultaneously.

## **16.0 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**