

**Skerries Community Council**  
**Minute of meeting held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**  
**Meeting held through Web-ex**

**Members present:**

Douglas Anderson (Chair)  
Bertha Anderson  
Marina Anderson  
Janice Hughson

**In attendance:**

Violet McQuade, Clerk (notes).  
Pat Christie, SIC Community & Development Officer

**1) Apologies**

Frances Anderson, Marina Tait, Michael Duncan.

**2) Declaration of Interest to any Agenda Item**

Chairman asked for declaration of interests - none received.

**3) Minutes of last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, were approved.  
Proposed by Bertha Anderson, seconded by Janice Hughson.

**4) Matters Arising**

*All actions for the Clerk*

- Inform SCBF of deferral – sent email on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Write to SEC – sent email – meeting arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022, at 2.00 pm
- Email CB at WHP Telecoms – Emailed – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Contact Roads Department – emailed JD – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Contact AI – Emailed – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Other matters arising to be dealt with on the agenda.

**5) Ferry**

No update on the proposed new timetable that was submitted on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**6) Update on nursing situation**

6.1 Healthcare worker starting date

No update - HR are still waiting for documents to come through before new person can start in the post.

6.2 Nurse House

Workmen have laid new floor coverings. A window still needs to be replaced.

**7) SCBF**

7.1 Update from meeting.

The following points were noted from the meeting which Pat and Violet had with a representative from Viking Energy. Points noted were:

- No deadline for spending the money
- Funding year is from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August
- £10,000 each year for 4 years – Total = £40,000
- Could be used for the fire station
- If need money from future year, you can draw down money from next year's amount
- Money cannot be used for anything that has any connection with religion. If want to use it to buy the kirk would need to specify what it will be used for – use for non-religious purposes.

**7.2 Applications for consideration**

- a) Ability Shetland – Application for £812.50  
After discussion it was agreed to give a donation of £100.00
- b) Shetland Family History Society – Application for £500.00  
After discussion it was agreed to give a donation of £100.00

**7.3 Application from SDG**

Application for funding for waiting furniture almost ready for submission to SCBF. It was agreed that Marina Tait, as Treasurer/Office Bearer, can sign the application form.

**8) Update on Salmon Cages**

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022).

It appears that the landowner is under the impression that the Community Council has been submitting complaints about the salmon cages. This is not the case; the Community Council has only ever asked for updates on what is happening with the cages. It is hoped that queries regarding the cages/salmon farm will be clarified at the meeting on Friday.

**9) Air Strip**

It was suggested that the air strip could be cleaned up. After discussion it was agreed not to proceed.

**10) Kirk**

**10.1 Rust on paintwork**

Places on the outside of the kirk porch is in need of attention, rusty spots are coming through the paint. After discussion it was agreed not to proceed until ownership of the building is established.

**10.2 Ownership**

A discussion was held on ownership of the kirk. It was suggested appointing a lawyer on behalf of SDG. Pat will seek advice from Michael Duncan.

**Action: Pat to ask about getting legal advice**

**11) Correspondence Received**

All correspondence has been circulated electronically.

**12) AOCB**

**12.1 Power Supply**

Enquiries have been made about the possibility of setting up a power supply similar to that in Fair Isle. After contacting people in Fair Isle to seek advice, it was found that the system appears to be quite complicated - with generators, masts and solar panels included in the set up. It was suggested that a feasibility study could be carried out to find out whether this would be beneficial to Skerries. Clerk to request a feasibility study to be done for Skerries.

**Action: Clerk request a feasibility study**

**12.2 Letter**

A discussion was held on whether to send a letter to the landowner after comments that he made implying that the community was split, some objecting to the hydro poles that are to be placed on the hill going up to the South Wart, while some community members were happy with the project. The landowner thought the community was split down the middle on this, which is not the case. The Community Council have seen no objections; it was suggested that the community could be told that anyone who has objections should inform the Community Council.

**12.3 Assets/Property**

Pat informed the committee that a representative from Assets and Property has agreed to come to Skerries on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, to look at the fire station, and how it might be acquired. This was agreed to. Pat to make the arrangements.

**Action: Pat to arrange Assets/Property rep to visit Skerries**

- 13) Date of the next meeting** – the next meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022. It is hoped that the format of meetings may change to either using Microsoft Teams, or to meet in person in Skerries. It was suggested to try setting up a meeting using Teams in the first instance. This would replace Webex, which has been used for meetings during the Covid pandemic. Webex has had its limitations, with sometimes the sound not being good, it is hoped that Teams would be a better option. Pat pointed out that if you join Teams by telephone the call is charged for; using Webex by telephone, the call is free.

**Actions**

- Pat to ask about getting legal advice re ownership of kirk
- Clerk request a feasibility study re electricity for Skerries
- Pat to arrange Assets/Property rep to visit Skerries

**Chair Signature**

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