Draft Minute of the Whalsay Community Council (CC) meeting. Held on Tuesday 17th May at 7pm face to face at Whalsay, Heritage Centre and WebEx.

PRESENT:	
CCIIr Anne Huntley (AH)	
CCllr William Polson (WP) - Vice Chair	Ryan Thomson – North Isles Cllr (RT) via WEBEX
CCIIr Pete Gaines (PG)	Police Scotland – Dana Jamieson via Webex
CCllr Margaret Hughson (MH)	
APOLOGIES:	
CCIIr Jackie Leslie (JL) – Chair	Roselyn Fraser – Community Involvement & Development Officer (RF)
John Smith – Director Infrastructure Services, SIC (JS)	Duncan Anderson - North Isles Cllr (DA)
Andrew Inkster - Executive Manager Marine & Air Operations SIC(AI)	Michael Duncan - Community Council Liaison Officer
Greg Maitland - Harbour Master SIC(GM)	

MINUTE TAKER: Gina Irvine - WCC Clerk (GI)

WELCOME:

WP welcomed all to meeting and chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies noted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

WP asked if all were happy with minutes. MH approved, PG seconded.

FINANCE REPORT:

Clerk updated WCC

Accessible Toilet Facilities

SIC to put forward revised proposal for temporary porta cabin location with designated disable car park nearby. Plans approved as temporary measure.

No update since 26th Oct on waiting room refurbishment.

ACTION TAKEN:

RT said he would follow up as WCC still not received a date for works

Clerk asked to get completion date for disabled porta toilet and car park.

• The Old Dock

Condition of old docks was surveyed in August 2021 arranged by AI, no reports shared to date on findings of survey.

ACTION:

No update from Hazel Sutherland- Clerk to follow up again as WCC highlighted that subsidence was worse and becoming dangerous.

• V Drains

ACTION: Completed

• Dredging

The dredging has been held up by unforeseen circumstances. JS requested that they be kept appraised of any potential developments in the Marina area.

ACTION: No update since 26th Oct 2021, work still incomplete. RT would also follow up to see if new anchors can be replaced at the same time as dredging.

Roads

Cattle Grids – Saeter, Houll, Harledale Cattle grids still not cleared and damaged one not replaced.

ACTION: No update since 26th Oct 2021, work still incomplete. Clerk asked to follow up

FENCE AT DUMP

ACTION: No update since 26th Oct 2021, work still incomplete ongoing. JL referred to the top fencing which is now in serious need to fixing before becoming worse. Clerk to follow up ongoing

ROADS AND STREETLIGHTS

Streetlight on North Beach

ACTION: Clerk to follow up ongoing

CYCLE & WALKING PATHS

Action: 19.01.2022 – Active Travel Consultation by Systra - Clerk to follow up on dates for works.

FERRIES

WP mentioned that Jubilee Weekend – Single Vessel for Friday 3rd June was put forward and received requests from community to have normal service instead. RT suggested contacting Sella Ness to put forward the request for normal service. WCC mentioned that again , Zettrans was not informing the relevant groups in a timely fashion and want to see an improvement.

WCC discussed Xmas ferry schedules also asked RT to put forward the requests for extra Xmas runs now as previous year's requests have never been actioned. WCC reiterated that Xmas service for Whalsay was no longer adequate and had not been changed for a number of years.

ACTION:

Clerk asked to follow up

Ferry Forum next meeting to confirm date for WCC to attend

Symbister Linkspan

Completed Symbister and Laxo was scheduled and due to be completed.

ACTION

CDF PROJECT WHALSAY SIGN

Gail attended meeting to present the latest versions and WCC agreed that the design now needed more boats to be incorporated into it. WCC asked Gail to prepare the amendments for approval

ACTION Clerk to follow up

WHALSAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (WCDG)

AN suggested perhaps inviting one of the groups who are set up to discuss how they went about setting up the group at a public meeting.

ACTION Clerk asked to follow up with RF to organise

NEWSLETTER

Rhea Kay to be tasked. Topics to include Participatory Budget, WCDG, Sign - on hold

ACTION Ongoing

JIMMY ARTHUR ESTATE

Clerk shared the reply from Tait and Peterson, WCC felt that they have done as much as possible, as there was not any budget for legal costs.

ACTION

Clerk asked to share reply with Mitchell for advice.

BUS SHELTERS FOR SCHOOL BAIRNS

ACTION Ongoing Robina Barton has approached Elaine Park, Clerk to follow up

POLICE MATTERS

Dana Jamieson attended and was welcomed. DJ informed us the latest police reports and informed WCC that these would be produced regularly.

ACTION: Clerk to invite to next meeting.

SKIP HIRES

WCC agreed to increase the number of skip hires and to use the gravel costs towards the hires.

ACTIONS:

MATTERS ARISING:

Voar Redd Up- WCC agreed to fund Whalsay Riding School with grant of £600

AOCB:

Brough Kirk – Clerk updated WCC that a group was set up and will be looking at making the purchase of the kirk on behalf of the community.

MH – mentioned surplus stock of hand sanitisers, masks etc to be cleared out to Fernlea, both shops and Shoard

WP thanked all for their attendance and contribution.

Meeting closed at 20.18

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 28th June at 7pm, at Heritage Centre for locals and Webex for others considering joining.