

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the Burra Public Hall on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. B. Adamson
Miss N. Fullerton

Apologies

Mr. R. Black	Mr. M. Fullerton
Miss A. Williamson	Mr. G. Laurenson
Mrs. M. Garnier	Mr. M. Duncan, SIC
Mrs. R. Fraser, SIC	PC G. Mackay

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Hughson and Cllr. Sandison declared an interest in connection with the Planning Applications to be discussed in item 4(b).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

One correction was made to the last minutes of 4th July. With regard to item 3(i) it should have stated £50,000 not 50,000 kroner. The minutes were then approved by Niall O'Rourke and Brian Adamson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Replacement of streetlights – Brough

Dave Coupe, SIC, advised some time ago that a contractor had been appointed and a programme of works had been agreed. He assured us that the scheme at Brough had not been overlooked and had asked that the scheme be placed earlier in the programme. Cllr. Sandison had seen a copy of the programme from Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, but unfortunately they were not due to be replaced until November. (It was agreed to keep this on the minutes until these two streetlights have been replaced.) The Clerk will contact Dave Coupe to see if they can give an update.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Access road to Playgroup

Nothing further had been heard from Shona Thompson since her last e-mail advising that Neil Hutcheson, one of the Road Engineers, was making a start on the business case required to put before the Council to secure funding to proceed. The Clerk was asked to contact her to see if any progress had been made.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Speeding at East Voe

Still waiting on the 'smiley face' signs for East Voe. Niall will speak with Neil Hutcheson to chase this up.

ACTION: Niall

(d) Parking at Minn

It was reported that Neil Robertson, SIC Roads, had decided not to go ahead with the idea of painting a yellow grid at the parking area as they are not convinced this would help the situation. Niall had not spoken any further with Mike Bailey, who is willing to give up an area of his land for more parking. Niall and Brian will go along him before the next meeting to have a discussion.

ACTION: Niall & Brian

(e) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Robin Black advised some time ago that he is resigning as a director on Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) but said he would continue until someone takes his place on the Board. Cllr. Lyall had contacted someone who we thought might be interested but unfortunately they had declined after giving it some thought.

(g) Path on Ludi

Niall had heard nothing further from Stephen Johnson regarding a quote. It was suggested we contact Maurice Sutherland and WHD for a quote.

ACTION: Niall

(h) War Memorial railings

The railings have now been painted and Garth Keating has been paid for the work.

(j) Burra/Trondra Signs – Norse names

Paul Moar had e-mailed previously with 'mock-up' signs for Burra & Trondra showing the old Norse names. A number of areas already have these signs in place throughout Shetland. It was agreed that we should contact the SIC in the first instance to see if they would be willing to put these signs in place.

ACTION: Clerk

4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme Applications:

(i) No 180259: Shetland Recreational Trust

They are applying to 16 community councils. Project – to engage the services of someone to work one-to-one and in groups with individuals who do not currently access their facilities or take part in sport or activities. The sum requested from our Community Council was £300 which the members approved.

(ii) No 180281: Shetland Golf Club

They have applied to 14 community councils for between £2,500 and £10,000. Project – to build an outdoor golf practice shed and simulator as an extension to the current clubhouse at Dale. The sum requested from our Community Council was £2,500. The members agreed on a donation of £1,250.

(b) Planning Applications:

(i) 2022/189/PPF Proposal – Erect 9m 6kw wind turbine with associated cable

Address: Heugland, Trondra, Shetland, ZE1 0XL Applicant: Mr. James Nicolson

(ii) 2022/219/PPF Proposal - Erect single storey dwellinghouse with integral garage, air source heat pump, access track and parking area

Address: Plot at Bridge End, Burra, Shetland, ZE2 9LD

Applicant: Mrs. Joselyn Smith

There were no objections to the above applications.

(c) AGS Funds 2022/23

An e-mail had been received from Eleanor Gear, Shetland Community Benefit Fund, advising that our Community Council will be allocated £10,000 of AGS funds from 1st September 2022. Unspent funds from the 2021/22 AGS year (up to 31st August 2022) will be added to the 2022/23 funding year. Our Community Council supported 6 applications totalling £6,296.20 with a remaining balance of £4,721.80 which will be added to the 2022/23 allocation.

(d) AGS Review - Updates

Chris Bunyan, SCBF Chairman, had e-mailed with an update on the review which the SCBF undertook of how the Advanced Grant Scheme is working after the first year. This had been circulated to the members for information and was noted.

(e) ASCC meeting – 13 Sept 2022

The next ASCC meeting is on 13th September 6-8pm and will take place in the Town Hall (participation is also available remotely). The papers had been circulated to the members. Niall advised that he will attend the meeting.

ACTION: Niall

(f) East Isle Road/Bridge link

Betty Fullerton had sent an e-mail to Neil Robertson, SIC, re the above and had sent a copy to our Community Council for information. Concern was raised regarding the edging of the newly surfaced road on the East Isle and also the structure of the bridge to the East Isle which is developing cracks etc. The Clerk will contact Mrs. Fullerton to see if she has had a response back from Neil Robertson.

ACTION: Clerk

(g) Vodafone

An e-mail had been received advising that they are removing the two Sure Signal devices which are located at the Hamnavoe Public Hall and Andrew Halcrow's Shop. These were installed several years ago to boost the 3G coverage in our area but they are no longer needed due to improvements to the coverage available from the main network. Tests carried out by them have shown that there are now good levels of both 2G and 4G coverage in this area and they will shortly be removing the dated equipment.

(h) Letter of thanks

Elinor Nicolson, Secretary of Shetland Family History Society, had e-mailed to thank the Community Council for the AGS grant of £500 towards their Monumental Inscription Photographic project.

5. AOCB

(a) Speed's corner

It was reported that the road is breaking up again at Speed's corner. This has been repaired a few times in the past but there appears to be a spring which causes the road to break up and water is running from it. This is also dangerous for traffic in freezing conditions on this sharp corner. The Clerk is to report this to Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, to see if this can be sorted.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Burra History Group

A letter had been received from the above asking for a letter of support. They are applying for funding to make much needed improvements to the roof at Easthouse, Papil, which is in a poor state of repair and they require support from individuals and groups to assist with this. The members were happy for a letter of support to be submitted.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Bridge End Outdoor Centre

A letter of support was also requested from the Committee of the Outdoor Centre who are looking to take ownership of the building. This was also agreed by the members.

(d) Bin at Minn car park

It was reported that the bin at the Minn car park is no longer in place. The Clerk will check this out and contact the SIC.

ACTION: Clerk

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd October 2022 in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall.

The meeting ended at 8pm.