

BURRA AND TRONDRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of the above Community Council was held in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall on Monday 5th December at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. B. Adamson
Ms M. Garnier

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Mr. M. Fullerton
Miss N. Fullerton
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. I. Scott

In Attendance

Cllr. D. Sandison
Cllr. C. Hughson
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Appointment of Chair & Vice-Chair

The Clerk opened the meeting with this being the first meeting after the 2022 Community Council elections. The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair and Mhairi Garnier proposed Niall O'Rourke and this was seconded by Brian Adamson. Niall accepted the position and took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting. It was agreed to wait until more members were present to nominate a Vice-Chair. It was also noted that there are two vacant seats to be filled. One person has already shown interest and will be invited to the next meeting as we were advised by Michael Duncan that co-option should not take place at the first meeting of the new Community Council.

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 7th November 2022 were approved by Brian Adamson and Niall O'Rourke.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Access road to Playgroup

Nothing further had been heard from Shona Thompson since she e-mailed on 26th September confirming that the business case had been written but the engineer was waiting to hear back from Assets re the land ownership and whether or not any land is likely to be required. Once he had this information then the business case would be presented to the Council for approval. She was to keep us informed but nothing further had been heard from her as yet.

(b) Speeding at East Voe

It was noted that the 'smiley face' sign had now been removed from East Voe. Niall had spoken with Neil Hutcheson at SIC Roads about it and he advised that after 2-3 weeks the effectiveness of this is reduced. Niall was asked to request that this be put in place every 2-3 months to help reduce the speed of traffic in this area. He will also ask about the cost of these signs as it may be worthwhile purchasing one for this area. **ACTION: Niall O'Rourke**

(c) Parking at Minn

Niall had spoken with Robert Laurenson, Langsound Development Group, to see if they would be interested in taking on the purchase of the land for extra parking at Minn, as they also have ownership of the Hamnavoe toilets but he said he would need to speak with the other members. He was not sure if it would be possible as it may complicate things with regard to OSCR etc. Another suggestion was for the History Group to take this on (with Easthouse being nearby). Niall said he would speak with Adalene Fullerton who is involved with the History Group.

ACTION: Niall O'Rourke

(d) 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. This has been discussed at previous meetings but as yet no one has been interested in taking this on. Niall has spoken with Eleanor Gear, SCBF, about the vacancy which we are unable to fill at present and she said that it does not need to be filled immediately. This will be kept on the minutes meantime.

(e) Path on Ludi

Niall had met with Neil Nicolson, WHD Plant and they will come with a quote – one for tarring the path and another for Type 1. Maurice Sutherland is also coming out on Saturday to have a look and will also price for the job.

(f) Burra/Trondra Signs

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. The Clerk has contacted SIC Roads to see if they would be willing to put these signs in place.

(g) Moss on pavements

The Clerk had contacted SIC Roads to ask if they would clean the pavements around Hamnavoe, but had not received a response.

(h) Remembering Together – Co-Creating Covid Community Memorials

A local Artist, Christina Inkster, had e-mailed previously advising that she had been commissioned by Shetland Arts to hear from as many people as possible in Shetland so that they can creatively work out what we, as a local authority, may want from a Covid memorial. She advised that there is public money becoming available next year to design and make the memorial and they want to make sure that they make what the public want. This was discussed at the last meeting where the members were not in favour of a memorial as such but felt that the money would be better spent having proper records kept of experiences through Covid which could be archived for future reference. A reply had been received from Christina who advised she had received a lot of suggestions and some were similar to ours. She thanked the members for taking the time to consider the project and for their suggestion.

(i) Shetland Community Benefit Fund – Viking Consultation

An e-mail had been received today from Eddy Graham regarding the above consultation advising that there is still time for community councillors to take part in these workshops. There is a face-to-face session in Cullivoe Hall tomorrow evening (6th) and an additional session which they have scheduled by Zoom on the evening of Wednesday 14th December. They welcomed community councillors' inputs to this exploratory 'ideas generation' stage and will be consulting extensively as they move things forward in the new year. This e-mail will be circulated to the members for information.

(j) Defibrillator at Burra Public Hall

The Clerk had passed on the cheque for £550, to pay for the new Defibrillator case at the Burra Public Hall, to Janine McDowall who looks after the defibrillator at the Burra Public Hall. Janine had also advised that Charlie Arthur had kindly offered to install the case and get it wired up once it arrives.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Application for Grant Assistance – Shetland Church of Scotland (Burra Community Garden Development Project)

An application for funding had been received from the above who are looking to develop the walled garden adjoining the Bridge End Kirk at Freefield for continued community use. The goal of the garden development is to benefit health, connection, and wellbeing of the community throughout the year. The Winter Wonderland is a Burra community led volunteer effort to decorate the garden for December and has been a real hit. Funding is required for electrical cables, protective piping and mats, weatherproof sockets, and four replacement outdoor light sets. After discussion the members agreed to give them the amount requested of £886.00 as the garden is an asset to the community. The Clerk will send on a cheque for this amount.

ACTION: Clerk

(b) Meeting Dates 2023

Michael Duncan had e-mailed asking for our meeting dates for 2023. It was agreed that we would continue having our meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6pm. The Clerk will pass this on to Michael.

ACTION: Clerk

(c) Various correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting:

- Corra Foundation – The Household Hardship Fund
- Shetland Public Protection Committee - Free Online Basic Adult & Child Protection Training
- Participation in Infrastructure Stakeholder Engagement Survey 2022

6. AOCB

Bridge between East & West Burra

Colin Goodlad had mentioned that there is a very low section in the dyke at the bridge at Bridge End and was concerned for the safety of children. The members were unsure where this was and the Clerk will speak with Colin before the next meeting to clarify.

ACTION: Clerk

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 6pm in the foyer of the Burra Public Hall.

The meeting ended at 7pm