

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 10 October 2022 in Bressay Hall.

This minute is unapproved until adopted at the next meeting of BCC

Present:

Alistair Christie-Henry
Shirley Gifford
Dee Henderson-Haefner
Richard Burrell
Arwed Wenger

In Attendance:

Janice Jones (Clerk)
Kevin Main

Agenda Items

1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed guests and members to the hall.

Apologies were noted from:

Amanda Sinclair
Gary Robinson
Stephen Leask
Michael Duncan
Pat Christie

2. Declaration of interest:

The Chairman asked for declarations of interest – none received.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 22 August 2022.

Proposed by Shirley and seconded by Richard

5. Matters Outstanding (actions not elsewhere on agenda or completed):

AP1: Transport Development – The Executive Manager, Transport Development was unfortunately unable to attend and has communicated his apologies by telephone to the Chairman. He is willing to attend a future meeting subject to it fitting his schedule. Following discussion it was decided that as the tenure of the present BCC is about to end it would be important to leave detail of the current status of requests already made and their progress, to pass over to the incoming Community Council. To that end the Clerk was instructed to set up a meeting between the Chair and Vice Chair and the Executive Manager. The Clerk will attend to keep a record of the event.

1. Action – Clerk

AP3. Fuel Project Feasibility Study – outstanding action.

AP4: Small allocation Quarry Cleanings: – a number of applications has now been received; one does not meet the criteria as it is to a planned site not an occupied dwelling. The remainder will be allocated

AP5: Investigation into broadband provision: - Marvin Smith of Shetland Telecom has not yet been able to schedule a visit to survey. Richard agreed to continue with this.

2. Action Richard

AP9: Woodland Garden Area – It was suggested by the Chairman that he and Richard should have a meeting with the BDL Development workers with a view to sharing knowledge, views and wishes for this site and the adjacent area. Clerk was instructed to set up a meeting to establish a joint protocol to move this forward.

3. Action Clerk

6. Member & Visitor Report

Arwed reported that the main focus of the SIC this month was to review and action Audit Scotland's findings. The other major focus has been on the protection of the Oceans via KIMO (Local Authorities International Environmental Organisation) with Andrea and Morag looking at the impact of tunnels on the marine environment. Budget meetings were starting however ordinary members did not get involved at this stage.

Chairman asked that Arwed, along with our other two members, convey that the BCC desire that this year the SIC does not increase the Ferry Fares by the rate of inflation and instead adopt a standstill budget for ferry fares. Other members reminded him that this should also apply to the bus services.

Arwed would like to do an economic assessment on the construction of ferry fares, longer routes and bigger ferries should be priced differently.

Chairman informed Arwed that in 1975 it was decided all ferry fares should be the same regardless of route or length of passage. Over the years some differences had evolved such as for a time Bressay foot passengers were free and more recently the distant isles Foula, Fair Isle, Papastour and Skerries doubled their fares. He also informed Arwed that the Bressay fare charges were among the issues that remained unaddressed by Transport Planning and his predecessor Councilors. He added that these were some of the issues that would be raised with Transport Planning at the forthcoming meeting.

7. Infrastructure Update:

The infrastructure survey has been completed and members spent time discussing and prioritising the priorities required. (See appendix 1).

Of particular safety concern was the stretch of road from Gardie to Heogan with problems of speeding trucks. It was suggested BCC should write to the Factory Manager and ask if he could make his contractors aware of the danger to children and dog walkers on this piece of road.

4. Action Clerk

8. Planning Applications:

None

9. Correspondence:

A number of emails has been circulated to members and no queries were raised. The Clerk also shared the proposed road closures and parking arrangement for the Tall Ships as this would have an impact on Ferry access.

10. Financial Report and Community Benefit Fund:

The Clerk distributed the current financial statement and future spending was discussed.

Grant Applications - SCBF Applications:

Application from Mind Your Head, for the extension of the wellness programme – £500. This was agreed unanimously.

Application from Shetland Island Games Association to assist participation in next game - £600. Following discussion it was agreed to offer 50% support as this would be pro-rata to the size of our community.

Distribution Fund Applications:

The clerk advised that she believed there would be an application for a Grant coming from the Hall Committee for assistance with the proposed Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens. Following discussion it was agreed in principal to support, subject to a valid application and limited to a sum of £300 or less. As it was likely the application would fall between meetings Chairman will do a phone/email round to seek final authorization. While the grant was agreed in principle and it was noted that in pre-Covid BCC had match funded a donation from the Rotary Club, the last sum being £100. Clerk was instructed to write to the Rotary Club to ask if they were or would consider reestablishing this donation. **5. Action Clerk**

11. Community Council Elections.

The timetable for the forthcoming Community Council Elections was shared and discussed and members encouraged to submit their nomination papers as soon as possible. The current Community Council diet is valid until Midnight on 23rd November 2022.

12: Any Other Business

The Clerk reminded members we had a cancelled skip at the first of the year therefore still had funding from last year for one more skip. After discussion it was decided this would be useful in late November/early December when people were having a red-up before Christmas. The criteria for requesting assistance with skips this year has been based on organisations that had funding from BCC – to this end it was decided to see if Park Run could assist. **6. Action Clerk**

Members discussed whether BCC should provide a gift to the over 70s this year and given the RPI increase whether it should be increased to £25. This was proposed by Shirley and seconded by Richard. Members agreed in principal. However, the magnitude will be decided at the next meeting once a review of future spending has taken place.

12. Location and date of next meeting:

The next meeting is to be on 21 November.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date

BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bressay Infrastructure Inspection report 22 August 2022

1	Bressay Road Network	Priority
Map Ref	Work required	1 - 4
C	Road falling away between Heogan & Cruester grids, potholes now beginning to appear.	2
S	Signage to inform of children playing or possible reclassification of speed limit between Gardie junction and Gut Factory. Suggest that there are additional signs added. Slow down children & blind summit signs.	2
R	Grid at Cruester requires fastening mechanism repair. Bolt currently falls out.	4
R	Fencing to right of grid damaged and encroaching into road.	4
Q	Foliage on Gardie road has foliage coming through. Weeding and suppressant required (if this road is an adopted public road).	4
E	Foliage in drains on Voeside road.	3
I	Large hole appearing between Voeside and marina road on right hand bend as you are travelling towards the ferry terminal. Temporary fix has been applied, but already lifting.	1
G	Road between Mail shop and Upper Glebe (near Mizpah House turnoff creates a blind corner due to overhanging and excessive bushes. Advise that this is risk assessed by the roads inspector.	3
	A number of illuminated signs across the island either have no working or intermittent/flashing lights.	3
J	Dog waste bin to be located near Glebe Park , Hamilton Park, Voeside & Ham Kiosk	4
J	Grid at sports ground/Ward Rd needs clearing.	4
J	Potholes on road and parking area at Upper Glebe (& surrounding areas) need filling and verge needs strimming.	4
K	Verge between Ham & Kirkabister in various places is too narrow and sloping, the ditch is very deep. This gives pedestrians little room to vacate road. Suggest that the sloped verges are levelled off. Advise that this is risk assessed by the roads inspector.	2
F	Road between Wirlie and Hovesta junction has very deep ditch with slopping verge, giving little to no space for pedestrians to vacate road. Advise that this is risk assessed by the roads inspector.	2
D	North of Cruetown Grid requires the creation of a designated and signed passing place. Gap between existing passing points is quite excessive.	3
B	Road from South Beosetter into Beosetter beginning to split and fall into ditch, caused by ditch widening during last cleaning operation. In places verge is now too narrow.	2
A	Grid at Beosetter needs to be cleared of foliage	4
U	Grid at Pettifirth junction is sunken and needs to be raised.	2
	Grid towards Setter needs to be cleared of foliage	4
M	Grid towards Noss needs to be cleared of foliage	4
H	Trowlands road still requires realignment. (Over 20 years since first requests)	4

2	Ferry Waiting room, Toilets, Ferry Car Park & Marshalling Area	Priority
Map ref	Work required or in progress	1 - 4
	Glass bank requires to be relocated and second bank require at hall or Glebe	1
	Parking spaces redrawn – over 8 years of asking and waiting	2
	Disabled Parking – relocated to suit disabled needs in conjunction with B above	2
	Disabled pick up/drop off adjacent to linkspan required	2
	Resurfacing of first 40 metres of road (from ferry ramp).	2
	Weeding/weed spray	3
	Street Lighting required to be extended to Maryfield Hotel entrance, two more poles	1

3	Mail Pier	Priority
Map ref	Work required	1 - 4
	Mail pier parking area overgrown and derelict	3
	Mail Pier marine growth in tidal area requires cleaning and anti-fouling	2
	Head of slip road surfacing required	4
	Site of former toilet block requires grass and weed control	4

4	Woodland Site - Glebe	Priority
Map ref	Work required	1 - 4
	Shrubbery to front of area needs to be cut back, currently overgrown	3
	Parking needs to be clearly marked out; additional parking may be required	3
	Gates need to be cleared and repaired	2
	Potential for a disabled parking space.	2
	Area needs to be trimmed and tidied up.	3

5	Children's Play Park - Glebe	Priority
Map ref	Work required	1 - 4
	Insufficient parking	4
	Parking needs to be clearly marked out.	3
	Potential for a disabled parking space. (as 4 above)	2
	Install a bus shelter (outstanding request to Transport Planning)	2
	Waste bin to be relocated next to bus shelter.	2

6	Mail Graveyard	Priority
Map ref	Work required	1 - 4
	Right of access clearly established and in good condition.	
	Conditional of walls in good state of repair, all gates except for gate to the right of the kirk are in good condition. Gate stop is rusted beyond repair. Will need replacing.	3
	Grass maintained to a very good standard.	
	Area inside of grave area for Thomas Hamilton overgrown and in need of a tidy up.	4
	Water Butt in situe, secure and in good state of repair.	

7	Gunnista Graveyard	Priority
Map ref	Work required	1 - 4
	Right of access marked and well maintained.	
	Mausoleum still fenced off. Fencing in general is in good condition, but some areas could do with being tidied up. Repair stonework and return access to Mausoleum.	3
	Condition of walls and gates in a good state of repair.	
	Water Butt which is currently situated within the out of bounds Mausoleum need to be removed and placed in a more suitable location	3
	Grass maintained to a very good standard.	

8	Cullingsbrough Graveyard	Priority
Map ref	Work required	1 - 4
	Condition of access track from Setter gate in fair condition. Will become waterlogged in wetter months. Grass path could do with being maintained more regularly. Fairly overgrown and not very well marked out.	3
	Signs to Kirkyard and Bressay Stone in good condition.	
	Right of access clearly marked.	
	Condition of walls and gates in a good state of repair.	
	Grass maintained to a very good standard.	

Priority - 1 most important or needed

Priority - 4 least important

The remainder of this document does not form part of the public minute

Summary of new and outstanding action

AP1: Meeting with Transport Development and Chair and Vice Chair. Action: Clerk

AP2: Investigation into Broadband provisions. Action: Richard

AP3: Meeting with Bressay Development Workers, Chair & Richard. Action: Clerk

AP4: Write to Factory Manager regarding trucks speeding. Action: Clerk

AP5: Donation from Rotary Club. Action: Clerk

AP6: Contact Park Run re next skip. Action: Clerk

Outstanding AP. Status of the Trowlands Road with Roads/Capital. Action: Gary

Outstanding AP. Fuel project feasibility study. Action: Chairman