

# BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## **Draft** Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 21 November 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  
Amanda Sinclair  
Arwed Wenger  
Stephen Leask  
Gary Robinson

### **In Attendance:**

Janice Jones (Clerk)  
2 Newly elected representatives

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Introduction and Apologies:**

The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed guests and members to the hall, he invited the two members elected to the next BCC to join members at the table and participate in the process.

#### **Apologies were noted from:**

Kevin Main

#### **2. Declaration of interest:**

The Chairman asked for declarations of interest – declared his own interest in an item coming up under AOB.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

The Chairman sought approval of the draft minute of the meeting 10 October 2022.  
Proposed by Dee and seconded by Richard

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

**AP1 & 2:** Will be dealt with later in the agenda.

**AP3: Meeting with Bressay Development Workers,** Chair & Richard met with the Development workers to discuss the 'woodland area' adjacent to the Play Park. BDL are in the process of creating a questionnaire for the public to assess what people would want/need. They are particularly interested in establishing an allotment area although the area we have been discussing might not be the best location for growing as it is around the woodland area. BCC has already established that the space belongs to the council and it given to the community to plant trees as a result of requests from BCC some 20+ years ago. No formal

lease or maintenance agreement had been discussed or put in place, hence it has become an eyesore.

This was a good opportunity to meet with the Community Workers and see where we could work together to enhance the feature, secure ownership and make arrangements for present and future safety and maintenance. Chair pointed out that the two job share Community Workers are in post for 3 years which is a big advantage in maintaining continuity.

Stephen pointed out that if they are looking for allotment type growing there were various development groups in Shetland also looking at this and Pat Christie would be able to liaise.

**AP4: Write to Factory Manager regarding trucks speeding.** Completed

**AP5: Donation from Rotary Club.** Completed, declined as due to Covid they had done no fundraising to enable support.

**AP6: Contact Park Run re next skip.** Completed, the next skip will be on 10 & 11 December.

**5. Meeting with Transport Planning:** The Chair and Vice Chair met with Michael Craigie the Executive Manager of Transport Planning and the report on this was circulated and will become an appendix to these minutes. This also provides a legacy for continuance to the next Community Council as many of these issues go back 5 to 15 years.

One of the important points brought up was to show we would be resistant to an automatic 10% increase on ferry fares and try to prevent this happening.

The SIC councilors present could confirm this has not yet come up at the SIC as discussions were still ongoing on ferry funding (due to complete on 15<sup>th</sup> December). Changes come up through the budget setting process - the request was made to be advised on anything the Community Council could do to help lobby on this. Arwed has been trying to get figures to enable him do an economic exercise on the collection and setting of fares and was advised who to contact for this information.

The position on fixed links will require future action by BCC. In the North Isles the "Isles Group" is very much Community Council led and it is hoped the next BCC will pick up the mantle and fight Bressay's corner. Gary could confirm the SIC policy is still Bressay first as Bressay would be a testing ground for the Scottish Government.

Chair pointed out that this ties in with the Liberal Democrats viewpoint in "Tunnel Vision", however we really do need to promote this through a Bressay pressure group.

#### **6. Member & Visitor Report:**

Both Gary and Stephen had many contacts from constituents regarding poor Broadband service. Gary had considerable discussions with BT to get this fixed and do better in the future. There was a problem at the main junction box at the shop, this was not identified until an engineer had come up to do a fix in Lerwick and took a site visit across. BT is not keen to enhance the provision further (e.g. cable) however they do have representative coming up again for future lobbying.

Stephen had also challenged the BVAR (Best Value Audit Report) report indicating islands without Doctors or Nurses where there had been no mention of Bressay.

#### **7. Infrastructure Update:**

**Broadband provision:** Much of this was covered in the discussion in the members report. Marvin Smith was due to visit and do his survey last week, however this has been postponed. The new 4g mast in Skerries is being installed however no date has yet been

given as to when this will be hooked up and going live – when it does it should improve 4g broadband in Bressay, hopefully there will be more information for the next meeting.

**Road Fuel Provision:** At a previous meeting Chair had asked Pat to help find an agency who could do a survey on our behalf; hopefully this could proceed soon. Meanwhile the Chair had visited the Newcastleton project. However, their project had a total project cost of £350k – ours would be on a much smaller scale.

Gary pointed out the most cost effective would be a credit card pump for example the one at Grantfield which cost in the region of £15k to install. One of the things a survey would need to look at would be how cost effective it would be with the move towards electric vehicles and its usage as opposed to the cost of going to Lerwick for fuel. The other thing would be to liaise with SEAPA as to where it can't be sited. An SCBF grant could cover the cost of the survey.

#### **8. Planning Applications:**

None

#### **9. Correspondence:**

Complaints had been received regarding the cleanliness of the Lerwick waiting room – these had been passed on to Sellaness who have arranged a clean-up and for future more frequent visits by a cleansing team. Members could confirm there were still numerous gatherings of youngsters in the waiting rooms. Members expressed their disappointment that the duty to keep the waiting rooms policed and cleaned was still not happening and the ferry crew have not been allocated the task of monitoring the facility as part of their job. Stephen said he would speak to Billy Mycock directly. Meanwhile it was also noted the signage regarding the carriage of dangerous goods had still not appeared. The Chair could advise a new Superintendent for the ferries has been appointed. In discussion with the Ferry Services Executive Manage it had been agreed that the new Superintendent would liaise with the Chair of the BCC and the Ferry Route Master to find and advertise a solution. Two items of correspondence was shared regarding the downtime of Broadband – passed to Richard to formulate a response.

#### **10. Financial Report and Community Benefit Fund:**

The Clerk distributed the current financial statement and a projection of future spending.

#### **Grant Applications - SCBF Applications:**

None

#### **Distribution Fund Applications:**

The application by Bressay Public Hall discussed at last month's meeting had been received and circulated. The £300.00 grant was approved

An application from Park Run for funding was reviewed and turned down. Essentially because they were asking for too much. The clerk to direct them to other sources of assistance, e.g., co-wheels car club, lottery funding, sponsorship for waterproof clothing, Ferry card for reduced ferry fares and SCBF – the Chair offered assistance in preparing a request for funding form the latter.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

Christmas gift for the over 70s. This was mentioned at the last meeting, having done a gift to islanders over 70 for the last two years which was very well received, and reviewing the

projected spend for this year it was decided to allocate £25 for up to 60 over 70s – This would be a shopping voucher with card and a total maximum spend up to £1500.

The Chairman declared an interest in the next discussion and took no part in the deliberations. We applied for a CDF Project Grant earlier this year to install a second defibrillator in the Kiosk at Ham. Unfortunately, that application was lost at the SIC and, having found it, they are only now considering it. Meanwhile we have the quotes for the defibrillator and also for a third defibrillator which could be sited next to the bench at the Gunnista/Beosetter junction and serve the North end of the Island. The provision and installation of this defibrillator would qualify for a Welfare Grant from SCBF which would not affect us applying for a future grant for another project. The quote from NJORDR included annual monthly maintenance for two defibrillators. After some discussion this quote was accepted, for two defibrillators and their maintenance and we would request that NJORDR would also quote for the maintenance of the existing defibrillator at Speldiburn. This was proposed by Amanda and seconded by Dee.

Further discussion ensued on First Aid training for people on the Island and perhaps creating a directory of First Aiders.

**11. Location and date of next meeting:**

The next meeting is to be on Monday 12 December, which will be inaugural meeting of the New Community Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15 and thanked those attending.

Chairman:

Date