

## NORTHMAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Minute of Ordinary Meeting of Northmaven Community Council on Monday 14th November at Urafirth School and remotely, using Teams

*This minute is UNAPPROVED until adopted at the next meeting*

**Present:**

CCllr. D Brown
CCllr E Robertson
CCllr R Doull
CCllr D Robertson
CCllr B Wilcock
CCllr K Scollay

**In attendance:**

I Davidson – Clerk
Mr J Parry - SCBF
Ms L Hall - SIC
Ms A Moncrieff – SAT
Ms S Middleton - SAT
Ms L Morris

**1. Apologies Submitted:**

Mr. M Duncan SIC

**Ex Officio Present:**

Clr E MacDonald

**The meeting started at: 19:33, CCllr D Brown in the Chair.**

Agenda Item	Narrative
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	DB if anything relating to Sullom Voe Masterplan was raised
<b>3. Approval of Previous Minute</b>	Minute of meeting held on 04/07 was approved by CCllr B Wilcock and seconded by CCllr R Doull Minute of meeting held on 05/09 was approved by CCllr D Brown and seconded by CCllr D Robertson Minute of meeting held on 03/10 was approved by CCllr E Robertson and seconded by CCllr D Brown
<b>4. Police Report</b>	Members had previously been sent the latest Community Report from Police Scotland and were pleased to note that there was only one minor incident recorded for Northmavine
<b>5. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Eshaness Development</b>                      Members discussed the fact that this item had been retained in Matters Arising for some considerable time and whether there was still a desire to continue. It was noted that the original plan had been to pursue an official Viewpoint above Zoar. It was agreed that further discussions should be held with NCDC to try to achieve this goal.  <b>Action: DB to contact NCDC Development Officer</b></p> <p><b>Swarthoull</b>                      Nothing further. To be retained until promised action is complete</p>

**NCDC**

Nothing further

**Haggrister, Sullom**

Reply received from Roads Dept. stating that a Haggrister Passing Place had been added to the Council's "Prioritised List of Capital Road Improvement Schemes". It was further stated that it was currently ranked 16<sup>th</sup> on the list and the Community Council were informed that an average of 2 of such works were carried out each year.

**Hillswick drains**

Nothing further

**Abandoned Vehicles in North Roe**

It was reported that the owner of the vehicles previously discussed had contacted the Amenity Trust to have them removed. While this was welcomed by the members, it was reported that another site in North Roe had recently had vehicles abandoned there. As some members knew the landowner at this site, it was agreed to speak with them to see if they could help shed light on the situation. It was further reported that one of the members had followed up on reports that there were abandoned vehicles at the shore front at Ollaberry and they had found it to be clear.

**Action: CCIr to speak with landowner at North Roe**

**Consideration of Road Grants**

All claims submitted had now been paid and receipts acknowledging payment were coming back slowly

**Community Food Drop-off Points**

It was reported that NCDC had been successful in receiving funding to set up this project and it was hoped to site a Polycrub 'Opyl' at Bruckland to house the fridge and freezer and to liaise with local businesses to seek support for providing produce. NCDC D.O. had recently visited similar projects in Orkney and had gained a lot of useful advice and insight

**Consideration of SCBF Application**

Actions completed and this will be removed from next minute

**Action: Remove from next minute**

**Redd-Up Funding**

Clerk reported that he had recently received an email from Amenity Trust with a different list of participants to that which was paid out on. Email could not be found at the meeting so it was agreed that it should be forwarded to members asap for consideration

**Action: Clerk to forward email**

**Verge collapse**

Issue resolved.

**Action: Remove from next minute**

**Sullom Voe Harbour Area**

Nothing further.

**Action: Remove from next minute**

	<p><b>Shetland Amenity Trust</b> See Item 6</p> <p><b>Anti-Social Behaviour Officer</b> Clerk to invite Mr Mycock to December meeting <b>Action: Issue invite</b></p> <p><b>SGP Update</b> Nothing further <b>Action: Remove from next minute</b></p> <p><b>Consideration of SCBF-AGS Applications</b> All actions completed <b>Action: Remove from next minute</b></p> <p><b>National Lottery Funding</b> Posted to Facebook page</p> <p><b>Shetland Charitable Trust – Small Grants Scheme</b> Posted to Facebook page</p> <p><b>SRT Annual Report</b> Was forwarded to all members for info</p> <p><b>Shetland Arts – Covid Memorial Consultation</b> Posted to Facebook page</p> <p><b>Tyre Clinic poster</b> Posted to Facebook page</p>
<p><b>6. Discussion of Amenity Trust Properties in Northmavine</b></p>	<p>Chair brought this item forward to allow the 2 guests from Shetland Amenity Trust to leave prior to remainder of meeting. Alison Moncrieff and Sandy Middleton of SAT explained to the meeting that the Trust was responsible for around 50 sites all around Shetland and, in the current financial climate and with reduced staffing, it was not viable to continue in the present format. They were therefore looking to transfer some of the properties to Community Groups and these included the Eshaness Lighthouse and Johnnie Notions Bod which wasa why they had attended the NCC meeting, to hear the views of CClrs and to gauge interest prior to taking any further action. They presented their ideas very competently and honestly, noting that these properties would be expensive to maintain and preserve (e.g. Eshaness Lighthoussse required exterior to be painted every 3 to 4 years, with the last one costing around £30K). While sales to private individuals were not ruled out, asset transfer to community groups was seen as a preferable option for the future preservation of these important local assets. They reported that a previous owner of the Lighthouse had been contacted and, while not in a position to repurchase, she was very keen to help where she could. Members were keen that the Amenity Trust should make their ideas public and offered to help in seeking the views of the community.</p>

	With no other comments forthcoming, the Chair thanked them for attending and they then left the meeting
<b>7. Consideration of SCBF-AGS Applications</b>	There was one application to consider from Hillswick Public Hall. £4,500 was requested to put towards an overall project cost of £43,381. The proposed project was to upgrade the wind-turbine and associated heating system at the hall to improve its efficiency. Members had a brief discussion about the project but all agreed that it should be approved. <b>Action: Clerk to complete and return feedback forms</b>
<b>8. Update on Local Grants</b>	Clerk reported that he had put ads in Shetland Times and online to notify community that this year's Local Grants could now be applied for and had received around half a dozen requests for application forms to date. Closing date for applications had been set at 2 <sup>nd</sup> December <b>Action: Clerk to collate all applications and put the consideration of these as an agenda item for next meeting and to prepare an estimate of amount available</b>
<b>9. Elections Update</b>	It was noted that all 6 of sitting CCllrs who had put their names forward to stand again were confirmed plus one new candidate. This left NCC with 2 vacant seats but members were informed that 2 people had expressed a willingness to be co-opted. However, advice from SIC was to take no action until the results of an SIC review of recruitment were made public. It was uncertain if these results would be available prior to next meeting. LH (the new Community Development Officer for the North Mainland) agreed to check with MD <b>Action: LH to contact MD</b>
<b>10. Correspondence</b>	<b>National Lottery Funding</b> To assist communities with Cost of Living crisis <b>Action: Post to Facebook page</b>  <b>Shetland Charitable Trust – Small Grants Scheme</b> Funding for Community groups with less than £50K turnover to help promote social inclusion and reduce inequalities in Shetland <b>Action: Post to Facebook Page</b>  <b>Contact details for landowner requested</b> Request received from Shetland Amenity Trust to be put in touch with landowners of 2 specific woodland areas in Northmavine. Members established who these were and agreed that they should approach them for permission to pass on contact details <b>Action: Clerk to contact landowners and to respond to email</b>  <b>Shetland Arts – Covid Memorial Consultation</b> A local artist (Shetland) has been commissioned by Shetland Arts to create a Covid memorial and is currently seeking to hear the views of as many people as possible to find out what the community would like this to be. She has requested that we help to share information about the project. Members agreed to publicise it on NCC Facebook page <b>Action: Clerk to post details to Facebook page</b>

	<p><b>Tyre Clinic Poster</b> SIC Road Safety Officer has requested that Community Councils share a poster on this subject to our Facebook Pages <b>Action: Clerk to post to Facebook page Out of Date</b></p> <p><b>Winter Activities Fund</b> Funding has been made available to Community Organisations to host Winter Activities which will provide a warm and welcoming place for local residents. The NCDC Development Officer has already contacted Northmavine's Hall Committees to gauge interest but was still awaiting feedback. NCC members were very keen to encourage this project and ID was asked to contact NCDC for an update <b>Action: Clerk to contact NCDC and feed back to members</b></p> <p><b>Planning Consultation</b> Members were asked to discuss a planning application for 2 dwelling houses at the Heylor junction with A970. No objections were forthcoming <b>Action: Clerk to respond to Planning Dept.</b></p> <p><b>Letter from local business</b> A letter was received some time ago from a local business, seeking funding to help replace ageing equipment. Members were unsure if this would qualify under local grant scheme so LH offered to check on their behalf <b>Action: LH to check and feed back to Clerk who would then notify enquirer</b></p>
<p><b>11. AOCB</b></p>	<p><b>SIC Community Development Officer</b> Chair apologised that he had not allowed time for introductions with Lynsey Hall, the SIC's new Community Development Officer for the North Mainland, taking over part of Ana Arnett's role. Introductions were then made and LH thanked the members for inviting her as it was an important part of her job to liaise with community organisations and to learn what was happening in their areas. LH then provided an update on the "Nort Natters" consultation. She reported that nearly 500 responses had been received so far with a few days left. There were no great surprises in the initial findings with transport housing and jobs being among the main issues concerning people in the North Mainland. There is to be a drop-in session at Brae Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> November between 14:30 and 18:30 to provide some feedback to the communities.</p> <p><b>Road at Braeside, Ollaberry</b> It was reported that the Braeside road had been very badly damaged by the recent heavy rain and required urgent attention <b>Action: Clerk to contact Roads Dept.</b></p> <p><b>Outgoing members</b> Members wished to record their thanks and appreciation to the 3 members who were standing down as Community Councillors later this month. Kenny Williamson, Toby Smedley and, in particular, John Alex Cromarty who has served as a CCllr in Northmavine for some 25 years. Thanks and good wishes were conveyed to all.</p>

<b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 Venue to be confirmed
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**The meeting ended at: 21:06**