

to be approved by SCC Members via Zoom meeting on 20/03/23

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023
at 7pm via Zoom on-line meeting.

1. PRESENT:

Kenny Pottinger
Mark Burgess
Andrew Blackadder
Barbara Anderson

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Davie Sandison
Michael Duncan - SIC
Roselyn Fraser - SIC
Brian Chittick – Director of Community Health and Social Care
Jaine Best – Executive Manager for Community Resources
Mark Wiggins

2. APOLOGIES:

Lindsay Laurenson

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023 were proposed by Mark and seconded by Kenny.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Mark was put forward as the temporary chair for the meeting, with the decision seconded by Andrew.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

New Member: Andrew notified the committee that Joanne Holden has agreed to be co-opted as a member of the SCC committee. Her application was proposed by Andrew and seconded by Kenny, and the necessary papers will be passed onto her at the earliest convenience.

Action: Clerk

What3Words/ Fix My Street: Moraig informed the committee that further to the last meeting, she contacted Roads with regards to the use of apps for reporting roads issues, and whether this would be something that Roads would implement in the future. In their response, Roads informed Moraig that neither of the systems were currently in use, with a link on the council website being used for reporting

issues. Roads is sympathetic to the difficulty constituents may have describing exact locations of faults, but there are hopes that in the next financial year, a web enabled version of the Roads Management system will be in place which can be accessed by the public. In the meantime, the use of What3Words is being encouraged, with the app easy to download on most smartphones.

ASCC: Mark noted that in the ASCC meeting papers, trackers for gritters, similar to the current tracking app for essiekerts have been suggested. As this is similar to the apps, Moraig is to talk to Neil Hutchison if any progress has been made with this.

6. GUEST SPEAKERS

The committee welcomed Brian Chittick and Jaine Best, who wished to discuss creating a framework for day activities for individuals and the community through the Integration Joint Board (IJB). The aim of the project would be to increase quality of care and life expectancy for individuals by offering community support for people requiring additional care, with the hope that people would be able to stay in their communities and prevent the requirement of hospitalising individuals in cases that this would not be the appropriate action. Brian went on to describe some of the long term goals of the project, which is estimated to run for a three year period; home based support and wellbeing would be considered as important as health care, ensuring that individuals were able to take their health and treatment into their own hands with support from within the community. Jaine followed up Brian's comments by noting the traditional approach of day care, which often does not cater to the specific and complex needs of patients, which results in the focus being on physical and medical requirements rather than the social and emotional care of individuals, as well as offering respite for carers. This project would offer opportunities for sessional work, encouraging independence and socialisation. Michael went on to describe the procurement process being run through Procurement Contract Scotland; the tendering paperwork is being written up, and local organisations will be encouraged to apply for the project. The hope is to have the consultation period completed between February and early March, with the application period beginning mid-March. Mark wanted clarification on what the tendering process was for; this would be for organisations interested in services for the project, whether for short sessions or extended services. Andrew asked about what services should be expected; examples given included art or music therapy, dementia treatment, 'maakin and yaakin', and organised gatherings. The aim would be to offer a large selection of options for a number of interests, as well as ensuring that care and support was offered to individuals that have additional needs. Additional concerns were raised, including the types of offers being accepted, how the personal needs of individuals would be addressed, the effect that this project may have on existing care and respite services, how payments work for staffing and participation, and whilst the items being discussed were specific for Scalloway, would other communities such as Burra and Trondra be able to benefit from the activities being offered. It was confirmed that whilst other community councils have been contacted, the approach being described at this meeting is specific to Scalloway. Once the consultation is complete, and the tendering process begins,

there will be a clearer picture as to how the above concerns will be addressed; but it was emphasised that the project is to offer additional community led care within Scalloway, and is in no way meant to replace nor diminish services such as the Walter and Joan Gray Centre or 'Stepping Out'. Further materials and enquiries are to be looked into by Michael.

7. SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Recreate Scalloway: the physical copies of the feasibility study have now been received, as well as the digital copy. The physical copies are now being distributed to relevant bodies.

Caravan Site: Davie informed the committee that extra funding has been secured for outstanding works occurring on the caravan site. The ongoing issue is the electricity meter; though a contract with Crown was secured, the connection was not made, with the next date that engineers were meant to attend Shetland being 6th March. Beatrice Wishart MSP and Alistair Carmichael MP have been working with SCDC to try and secure an electricity connection at the earliest convenience.

Winter Hardship Fund: SCDC have applied to the Winter Hardship fund, to secure £3,000 to support local people that may be struggling to heat their homes due to the energy crisis. The Living Well Hub has helped to advice on SCDC's plans for these funds, which includes a food voucher schemes. Davie and Mark are to discuss how this funding would be publicised.

Action: Mark and Davie

8. ASCC UPDATE

The next meeting of the ASCC will be held 14th March; as this is a new term, a new chair and vice chair are to be elected. The main topic of discussion will be an update to the community council scheme review. There will also be discussions surrounding BT landlines and community safety and resilience.

9. ROADS

Port Arthur: It was noted that a street light has now been restored.

Ladysmith Road: Ian noted that the lamppost at the end of Ladysmith Road was damaged as a result of a car running into it.

Hillside: a constituent has come forward regarding the pumps at the Westshore Pumping Station. A loud noise is emitted between 3am and 6am, and sounds like a drill, or a 'helicopter hovering'. Scottish Water is to be contacted with regard to this issue.

Action: Clerk

Kirk Business Centre: a rubber bumper at the roundabout by the Kirk Business Centre has become loose; this is to be reported to roads.

Action: Clerk

Waterfront: The slabs close to the Meat Company and SYCC are loose, possibly due to cars parking and driving over the pavement, and is now a slipping hazard. The SIC is in charge of this area, so Roads is to be contacted.

Action: Clerk

10. POLICE

The police briefing papers for December 2022/January 2023 were passed to the members, and the Scalloway section read as follows:

“There have been 22 incidents recorded for Scalloway, which can be summarised as follows; Assault Officer in Execution of Duty; Concern for Person (4); Medical Matter (2); Resist Arrest; Sudden Death; Vandalism; Driving whilst Unfit (2); Driving whilst Over the Prescribed Limit; Driving with No MOT; Minor Road Traffic Collision (6); Road Traffic Collision; Fail To Stop”

11. FINANCE

Christmas Voucher Scheme: The equivalent of £200 worth of vouchers have been submitted by the Checkout to be paid back.

Action: Clerk

Community Development Fund: The Scalloway Youth and Community Centre applied for £262.73 for the purchase of new bunting for outside of the centre. Mark declared his conflict of interest with this application. This was approved by the members in attendance, who noted the benefits that this would have to the street appeal of Scalloway.

Action: clerk

Community Benefit Fund: The Shetland Recreational Trust applied for £300 for the recruitment of a person able to work one to one with groups or individuals that may require additional support whilst engaging in physical activities. It was acknowledged that the application was not specific to Scalloway and the funding package lacked detail as to where additional funding was coming from; it was also queried as to how the tendering process was conducted, as a private contractor was named throughout the document. CBF is to be contacted to clarify the tendering process, the funding package, and how this specifically benefits Scalloway before a decision is reached.

Action: Clerk

Special Project Grants: The wording for the Gallow’s Hill memorial stone was discussed, and the deadline for the completion of this project has been slightly extended.

Jamieson Trust: work is to be carried out at the same time as other remedial work in the hall.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Burwick Community Group: a letter was received from a representative of the Burwick Community Group, regarding the condition of their unadopted road, and the possibility of an unadopted road grant to aid with the maintenance. The damage to the road is to the extent that essiekerts and post vans are no longer willing to drive along this road. The group has been in touch with SCC regarding this in the past. The annual road grants that may have been used by the group in the past no longer runs, and a number of the alternative grants options suggested were deemed inappropriate in this instance. Andrew noted that as the area is more populated than previous years, the road being adopted may be more viable than it was in the past. There were enquiries into whether parts of this road could be classified as a core paths, which could gain support from the Core Paths Network. Mark also noted that Paths for All could be an option for the community group to look into. The clerk is to get back in touch with the Burwick Community Group to inform them of the committee's discussion, and contact Liam Drosso, Access Officer for Shetland, regarding the road's status as a core path.

Action: Clerk

13. PLANNING

No planning to be discussed at this meeting.

14. AOCB

Tall Ships 2023: the clerk noted that the meeting on 18th January for Scalloway as a guest harbour was a relative success, with a good turnout of community groups. The initial plan was a two day event in the period of time between 26th and 29th, but this is to be revised. Highlights will include a procession by the fire festival, crafts and activities carried out inside the SYCC, and other community events. The next meeting is to be held on 22nd February.

Free School Breakfasts: it was noted that the funding for free school breakfasts for secondary schools has been extended, and breakfast bags are being offered for students that may arrive later. The community council are pleased to hear of these changes made.

Active Travel: Robina Barton has been in touch with Andrew, to rearrange a meeting to discuss the plans for Active Travel. Once a time is arranged, Andrew will alert the community council.

Action: Andrew

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 20th March 2023 via Zoom on-line.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm.