

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 6th February 2023 at 6pm.

Present

Mr. N. O'Rourke
Mr. B. Adamson
Mr. M. Fullerton
Miss N. Fullerton
Ms M. Garnier
Mrs. C. Smith

Apologies

Mr. R. Black
Cllr. M. Lyall
Cllr. C. Hughson

In Attendance

Cllr. I. Scott
Cllr. D. Sandison
Mrs. J. Adamson (Clerk)

1. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Sandison declared an interest regarding the planning application to be discussed - Item 5(b).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 9th January 2023 were approved by Mhairi Garnier and Brian Adamson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Access road to Playgroup

The Clerk had contacted Shona Thompson for an update and she had replied saying that there had been some progress. The Business Justification Case was prepared by the Roads Engineer and went through the Asset Investment Group (internal scrutiny group). A covering report will be prepared by Robert Sinclair, Executive Manager of Assets, Commissioning and Procurement, and that will be taken to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval. The next meeting is 13th February and as far as she knows, it should be on the agenda for that. Once they have approval to spend the money, the necessary plans can be put in place to get the work done. She will keep us informed. The members were glad to hear that this is moving forward.

(b) Speeding at East Voe

Niall had contacted Neil Hutcheson to request that the 'smiley face' sign be put at the East Voe on a regular basis to help reduce speeding. He also asked how much one of these would cost to purchase but due to the high cost this was not viable. It would also not have the same effect if it was in place all the time. It was felt that these had been placed too near the East Voe junction and would be better placed further along the road near the Hogalee junction. Niall will get back to Neil Hutcheson with this request. The Clerk had also been in touch with Neil asking when traffic counters were last in place at East Voe. He replied that traffic was last measured on the B9074 East Voe road in October 2020. The mean vehicle speeds were 40 mph at the

marina and 35 mph near the A970 junction. He advised that these traffic counts will need to be updated post pandemic and as part of the data gathering for any active travel infrastructure planned for East Voe. This is to be added to this year's list but advised that it may not be until the end of this year before they work through the existing counts. He asked that we let him know if we need a traffic count before then. The members did not feel there was a need at the moment and were happy for this to be done at the end of the year.

(c) Parking at Minn

Niall had spoken again with Robert Laurenson, Langsound Development Group, to see if they would re-consider taking on the purchase of the land for extra parking at Minn but they were not keen. Niall had also spoken with Michael Duncan, SIC, and he had suggested setting up a Minn Beach Development Group of say three or four people. Niall will get in touch with Roselyn Fraser who may be able to offer advice. Niall will speak with Mike Bailey to let him know that we are still interested in taking this forward but it will take some time.

(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).

(e) Path on Ludi

Niall had received quotes from Maurice Sutherland for a path which would be 2m wide as follows:

280 metres (Boyne to H. Conabeer)	Type 1 £42,000	Tar £56,000
830 metres (Ludi – whole length)	£126,000	£165,000

No quotes had been received from Neil Nicolson, WHD Plant, who had been out and measured the area some time ago. The members were concerned at the high cost and how we would be able to source funding for this amount. Niall will let Maurice Sutherland know that this has been discussed and we will get back to him.

ACTION: Niall

Also discussed was the blind dip in the road on Ludi near the access road to Hilary Conabeer's. This has been an area of concern for some time for both traffic and pedestrians/cyclists. It was suggested we ask for traffic counters to be put in place at the top of the blind spot. The Clerk will contact SIC Roads.

ACTION: Clerk

(f) Burra/Trondra Signs

Neil Hutcheson had replied regarding the 'village gateway' signs with the Norse names. He is asking Brian Smith at the Shetland Archives to confirm the Old Norse placename for Burra and it's translation. He will get a mock-up of the sign to us as soon as he hears back from Brian. He will also get a price for a Trondra sign as they would not be able to fund this.

(g) Moss on pavements

The Clerk had contacted SIC Roads some time ago to ask if they would clean the pavements around Hamnavoe, and they had passed this on to Michael Godden at Waste Services for his attention but nothing had been heard from him. The Clerk had sent an e-mail to Mr. Godden but there was no reply to date.

(h) Defibrillator at Bridge End Outdoor Centre

The Clerk had spoken with Valene Robertson to see if the above defibrillator was up to date. She advised that someone from the Bridge End Outdoor Centre Committee had now taken this on but as far as she was aware it was up to date. Niall advised that he is on the committee and will find out who is responsible for checking the defibrillator.

ACTION: Niall

(i) Bridge between East & West Burra

The Clerk had e-mailed Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, regarding the low section of dyke at the bridge at Bridge End as there was concern for the safety of children. He had replied stating that they will instruct their traffic sign contractor, Garriock Bros, to install a railing on top of the existing wall. This will need to be made to measure so will take a little longer but should be in place early next financial year.

(j) Signal at Meal Beach

Some time ago when the mast at Meal was erected by Grieg Seafood, we were advised that they could possibly assist in getting mobile signal down at the Meal beach. Unfortunately Grant Cumming, who was dealing with it at that time, has now moved to Canada. Niall will follow this up with Scottish Sea Farms.

ACTION: Niall

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme Application (SCBF):

Application Ref No 180372: Sail Training Shetland – Tall Ships Races

The above are applying to 13 community councils for a total amount of £13,600. The sum requested from our Community Council was £800 which was agreed by the members.

(b) Planning Ref: 2022/033/MAR

Proposal: To retain & make permanent an existing freshwater abstraction/storage facility used for well boat fish treatments (Mill Pond, Burra to Millburn Bay, Clift Sound) following the expiry of temporary planning permissions 2018/019/MAR and 2020/014/MAR

Address: Land/sea adjacent to Easter Hogaland, Burra

Applicant: Gordon Williamson

This was discussed by the members who had no objections to this application.

(c) ASCC meeting – Tue 14 March 6-8pm

Michael Duncan had e-mailed with papers for the next ASCC meeting and these had been circulated to the members. Niall said that he would attend.

(d) SCBF – Advance Grant Scheme – Zoom

An e-mail had been received from Eleanor Gear, SCBF, offering a zoom meeting to any new community councillors who may have questions regarding the Advance Grant Scheme. This will take place on Wednesday 15th February at 7pm and the link to the meeting was in the e-mail. Existing community councillors were also welcome to join. This had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

(e) Various correspondence

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

- National Planning Framework 4
- Free webinar for community councillors to learn more about Community Map Scotland
- Awards for community built heritage projects

6. AOCB

None.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on 6 March 2023 at 6pm.