

GULBERWICK, QUARFF & CUNNINGSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2023 AT CUNNINGSBURGH SCHOOL AT 7.30PM

A. THE CIRCULAR CALLING THE MEETING HELD WAS READ.

B. PRESENT Mr G Murray Mr E MacPherson Mr C Clark
 Mrs M Davis

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IN ATTENDANCE Mrs K Geddes Sgt Alex Barry

CHAIRPERSON Mr P Coleman

APOLOGIES Mr R McGregor Mr B Peterson Mrs A Arnett
 Mr M Duncan Mr A Duncan Mrs P Christie

NOT PRESENT Dr A Armitage

C. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs K Geddes declared an interest in the SRT application which will be referred to in the Grants section – 4.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th March were approved on the motion of Mr P Coleman and seconded by Mr C Clark.

1. MATTERS ARISING

1. Settlement Audits

Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Policy and Projects Assistant has indicated that they are working through the reports and in the process of going through the recommendations coming out of them. He is hopeful of an update for us soon.

2. Workshops from Scottish Government Improvement Service

The Improvement Service are working with Sustrans Scotland to offer a series of free online workshops for community councillors on the theme of community and active travel.

There is one on Wednesday 17th May, 6-7.30pm on Cars, and is aimed at Rural and Island communities.

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| Cars (rural & islands) | Weds 17 th May | https://forms.office.com/e/RcPPxX0ikk |
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ACTION: Anyone who would like to attend can do so using the link above.

3. Da Voar Redd Up

The clerk gave brief details of Da Voar Redd Up and explained she wanted to have it minuted whether members were agreeable to awarding the usual £50 donation to community groups or individuals who completed a redd up in the Community Council area.

ACTION: Members agreed to award £50 to eligible charities or groups nominated by participants. Clerk to award money in the usual process when details come from the Amenity Trust.

2. POLICE REPORT

Sgt Barry spoke through some of the details of the police report. He said there have been 5 incidents recorded for Gulberwick, Cunningsburgh and Quarff, which can be summarised as follows:

- Concern for Person
- Fraud
- Assault
- Drugs – Attempt to Possess
- Sudden Death

The sudden death is likely to just be someone who resides in the area but who passed away in hospital. The 'drugs – attempt to possess' is an incident which was often just recorded in Lerwick as it is usually a package delivered through the mail and identified at the sorting office or Post Office in town. Now instead of recording all the packages as Lerwick incidents, the address they were being sent to is used to record it.

There will be a Coffee with a Cop event in the community soon. Following the meeting PC Anna Maxwell emailed to say that it would be on Tuesday 16th May in the Cunningsburgh Hall from 12 noon to 2pm.

When asked whether the changes to the Black Gaet junction had been positive Sgt Barry said that it had been pretty evident that it had been effective as the number of RTCs had dropped. "When it is icy we do still see people flying down the hill but I do remember it constantly being Black Gaet, Black Gaet, Black Gaet constantly and we don't get that any more thank fully."

There was some talk around the Community Council review and Sgt Barry asked if the latest document could be sent to him for sharing with his colleagues so they were aware of possible changes.

ACTION: Clerk to send latest Community Council Review document to Sgt Barry.

---Sgt Barry left 7.45pm ---

3. FINANCE

The bank statement on May 10th reads £6,451.20.

There is only one transaction outwith the usual in the account: the payment of the £500 Sound Parent Council grant of £500 decided at the February meeting.

The grants awarded in March have not been paid yet as one had temporarily withdrawn their grant and the other is getting their accounts signed off to meet the grant criteria.

We have not received our grant funding for this year yet. The clerk has indicated that we would like to draw down our full core grant funding and the CDF Online application will be able to be submitted now that the grants have all been confirmed.

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS

GQC CC Applications

There were no new grant applications for the Community Council. The Air Cadets had temporarily withdrawn their application leading to a potentially difficult situation in which we would still have had grant funding which had not been allocated. Luckily they have received confirmation from management that the application can proceed so when all the final details have been received the clerk will be able to play the grants out.

The detail of where all the grant money was going to is needed to apply for the £3,000 CDF grant from the SIC. The clerk can now apply to the second round of this funding now that all the details have been finalised.

SCBF Applications

There was only one Shetland Community Benefit Fund Applications to consider, a request for £250 towards new kit and goals for the Ness Football Club. Members agreed to ask for more detail about how many members from GQ&C make up the club, especially as the Dunrossness CC funds have been spent for the year so no funding is coming from there. Though this application is likely to be better able to demonstrate benefit to Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh than most applications, members have concerns at the number of Shetland-wide groups which are applying. They may award the money when they have more information on membership.

The Consultation on the SCBF has been extended to June 19th so everyone is encouraged to take part.

ACTION: Clerk to complete SCBF grant application paperwork and award the CC grants via online transfers. Those who have not yet taken part in the SCBF consultation to do so.

5. ROAD ISSUES/CAMPAIGN FOR REDUCED SPEED LIMITS

There are no updates.

6. GULBERWICK, QUARFF & CUNNINGSBURGH DEVELOPMENT GROUP UPDATE

There have been no recent meetings of the group that aims to try to push forward development ideas for the Community Council area. There are a few things happening in the background and as soon as there is anything to update it will be shared with all CC members.

Mr Clark shared more details of a climate action project he is doing as part of a course he is attending – looking at a Community Private Grid using batteries. There is a similar one in Perth. This is a project which the group could potentially take forward. He will keep everyone updated.

He said that everyone is speaking about a lot of projects and they are pricing lots of them up, but not much is happening. An event to do some community consultation is needed and though the South Mainland Community Fun Day was discussed as an option, it was decided that an event actually in Gulberwick, Quarff or Cunningsburgh would be better. It was also decided that getting some timelines in place to get things moving forward is a sensible next step.

Mrs Christie was going to get the support of Mrs Arnett to find some simple online constitutions for the group so will be asked to do that for the next meeting she attends.

When discussing the use of the SCBF as a way to pay for some of the projects, the question was asked if the fund was index linked as if it wasn't, it could mean a huge loss in money eventually. Mr G Murray was able to check with Mr M Duncan at training following the meeting who confirmed that it was index linked.

ACTION: Mrs Christie to find some simple template constitutions for the group to look at. Members to think about an event that could be used to promote the group and do some community consultation. Timelines are to be set at the June meeting.

7. PATHS IN GULBERWICK

An email from a Gulberwick resident asking if paths in the area which have degraded could be fixed was read and noted. The first path indicated is the wooden walkway behind the house near the hall, and the wooden planks have already been replaced.

The other two paths are ones built by the SIC after the contractor for the housing development went bust near the end of the build, Because of this the ownership and responsibility of the paths is in question and it has been a barrier to getting any work done in the past.

ACTION: Clerk to pass thanks on to the SIC for fixing the wooden walkway and pass details of the other paths on to the SIC and especially those responsible for Active Travel. Clerk to keep in touch with the resident.

8. QUARFF WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The Community Council has been invited to the dedication ceremony for the Quarff War Memorial. It is on Saturday 20th May at 11am in the Quarff Church Yard with refreshments in the hall afterwards.

ACTION: Clerk to reply with the number of members likely to attend.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ROLL OUT OF FIBRE BROADBAND

Emergency planning templates and examples have been released and shared amongst members. It was agreed that there were some amazing examples out there.

Shetland Telecom Project Manager Marvin Smith has indicated he can attend the June meeting remotely.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were three planning applications and none of which required comment from members:

[2023/067/PPF](#) Proposed extension to existing dwelling house, Makira, Gulberwick. Shetland, ZE2 9TX

[2023/094/PPF](#) Proposed fence enclosure, 3 Dandiegarth, Cunningsburgh, Shetland, ZE2 9JP

[2023/078/PPF](#) Extension to existing house to accommodate garage, Braknastol, Ellangowan, Gulberwick, ZE2 9JX

A video from the latest training on Planning has been shared with all members.

11. AOCB

1. Macular Degeneration Group

The Macular Degeneration Group had indicated that they would be able to attend the next meeting to give a short information talk but they have since indicated they will have to attend the August meeting instead.

ACTION: Clerk to send agenda and invitation to the group for the August meeting.

2. Who Stands for Council Event

DRAFT MINUTES – Subject to approval at the June 2023 meeting

An email from Peter Peterson, SIC Executive Manager – Executive Services was passed on by Michael Duncan.

It details an event the SIC is putting on as part of the work they have been doing to encourage more, and a more diverse set of candidates for election.

He said: "As part of that, we're delighted to have two high calibre speakers coming to Shetland on **Monday 19th June** and were thinking it would be a great opportunity to run a session in the evening with partners, community council representatives, some business reps and MSYPs."

- **Kezia Dugdale** was leader of Scottish Labour and is now a Director with the John Smith Centre, which is part of Glasgow University's School of Social & Political Sciences. [Our Staff - John Smith Centre](#)
- **Andy Maciver** is a Director at Message Matters and political commentator. [Our Team - Message Matters](#)

A representative for the community council is invited to the event, which is in **Lerwick Town Hall** between **7pm and 8.30pm on Monday 19th June**.

ACTION: Clerk to reply to email to say who will be attending.

3. Voluntary and Independent Sector Partnership Newsletters

A newsletter from VAS detailing funding opportunities was discussed. [VISP Newsletters | Voluntary Action Shetland](#)

ACTION: Members who would like to access it are encouraged to go on the VAS website and sign up.

4. Constitution Document

One of the newer members asked if a copy of the Constitution could be shared.

ACTION: Clerk to share the Constitution with all members.

5. ASCC Meeting

Mr MacPherson indicated that he can attend the next meeting of the ASCC in June. It was also agreed to ask that the plans for the Shetland Way walking and hiking route be suggested as an agenda item. Members had concerns about the negative effect on wildlife; the spread of disease such as avian flu and hand, foot and mouth; littering; and the need to protect biodiversity. There has been negative publicity about the West Highland Way recently and members are concerned that the same issues with tourists could happen here.

[The Shetland Way - News | VisitScotland.org](#)

ACTION: Clerk to contact Michael Duncan to say Mr MacPherson can attend the next meeting. Also to fill out sheet to suggest the Shetland Way Plans be added to the agenda.

6. New Member

Our new member is not on the electoral register so is unable to join us as a full member for now. She can come on as an associate member without voting rights in the interim.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with new member to speak through next possible steps.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 14th 2023.

Meeting Ends – 8.35 pm.

CHAIR

11. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

September 2021 – Heathery Park Path Clearing – a third meet-up to clear the last weeds off the path was unable to be organised. Members to look again in spring 2022.

December 2022 – Roles of chair and vice chair to be reviewed at the June 2023 meeting.