

# Unst Community Council

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023  
at 6.30 pm in the Baltasound School Music Huts and by MsTeams**

**Present**

Caroline Hunter, Chaired the meeting  
David Cooper  
John Peterson  
Janice Priest

**Attending:**

Gordon Thomson, Unst Partnership Ltd  
Frances Browne, Community Involvement and Development Officer  
Josie McMillan, Clerk

**01/07/23 Apologies**

Claire Priest, Chair  
Gary Betney  
Patrick Fordyce  
Hazel Spence  
Julie Thomson  
Duncan Anderson, SIC Councillor (ex-officio)  
Robert Thomson, SIC Councillor (ex-officio)  
Ryan Thomson, SIC Councillor (ex-officio)  
Michael Duncan, Community Council Liaison Officer  
PC Dana Jamieson

**02/07/23 Declaration of Interest**

Janice declared an interest in 05/07/23 SaxaVord Space Port (SAXA) and 13/07/23 Community Ferry Hire – Unst Show.

**03/07/23 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were proposed by David and seconded by Janice.

**04/07/23 Matters Arising from last minutes****14/06/23.2 SIC Emergency Plan**

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next Community Council meeting. The deadline for this funding initiative has now passed.

**16/06/23.1 Unst D Day 80 – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

The Haroldswick Hall has been provisionally booked for this.

#### 16/06/23.4 Housing

It was agreed to write to Anita Jamieson, SIC and Bryan Leask, Hjaltland Housing Association, inviting them to a Community Council meeting. If they can't attend the next scheduled meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, UCC can arrange a separate meeting. There are very few houses for sale on Unst, so it is very difficult for people to get on to the property ladder.

#### 16/06/23.6 Turning Point at the North Booth, Westing

Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, replied to our email to say that the SIC will arrange for their contractors to provide a "SIC. Turning head. Keep Clear" sign at the North Booth, Westing.

#### **05/07/23 SaxaVord Space Port (SAXA)**

There were no representative present from SaxaVord Space Port.

#### **06/07/23 Unst Partnership (UP) Update.**

Gordon explained that the next Skip Day is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 from 11-1pm. He said that new members can still join the scheme, the rate for a whole season is £60 or £25 for one-off skip use. The "Ootnaboot Club" for the over 60's has held another two successful trips. One to Belmont House and the other to the Tall Ships event in Lerwick. The final trip of the summer will be to Yell, the date has yet to be finalised. The Roselea house has been sold, but there has been no further word about any of the other properties that belong to the National Trust for Scotland being put on the market. The condition of these houses is deteriorating. Gordon said that a contract has been issued to Shetland Memorials to carry out repair and restoration work at the Halligarth graveyard. He said that UP will be taking a table at the Unst Show to highlights what it does.

#### **07/07/23 Community Involvement Update**

Frances has been working with the Unst Boating Club and the Unst Heritage Trust. She said that there had been 45 people at the Lighthouse film in the Haroldswick Hall which she helped organise last month.

#### **08/07/23 Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF)**

David said that there was nothing new with SCBF, but there is a meeting next week. This meeting will discuss the provisional reports from the firm of consultants, who carried out the consultation on how to manage the SCBF fund in future. David said that this report information will be confidential.

#### **09/07/23 Ferries/ Fixed Links**

There have been several meetings of the Tunnel Groups. A single Facebook page has been set up for both Unst and Yell Tunnel Action Groups, so that all information is shared. Unst Partnership has setup a separate bank account to keep the money raised by the groups. The Tunnel Action Groups will be promoting the fundraising initiative again.

#### 09/07/23 Tunnel Vision meeting with Beatrice Wishart, MSP and Alistair Carmichael, MP

This meeting is on Tuesday 22nd August at the Baltasound Hall at 1800-1915

#### **10/07/23 Community Council Review Scheme**

There has been no further update on this.

#### **11/07/23 Applications for Planning**

Planning Ref:	2023/012/MAR
Proposal:	To regularise the siting of 12 x 100m-circumference cages and a 10m diameter c-cap feed barge used for salmon production in a modified location at an existing consented fish farm (retrospective).
Address:	Winna Ness, Uyeasound, Unst, Shetland
Applicant:	Ben Johnson
Date of Consultation:	13 July 2023

There were no objections to this application.

### **12/07/23 Application for Donations**

There were no applications for donations.

### **13/07/23 Community Ferry Hires**

#### 13/05/23.2 Unst Show

This ferry has been booked but it has not yet been confirmed by SIC Ferries.

### **14/07/23 Unadopted Roads**

There were no applications for donations. There was a discussion about the criteria for applying for an unadopted road grant and if a Church could qualify for funding for road repairs. They would like to tar a roadway, about 3 metres wide, from the road, across the car park to the front door for ease of access. This would make the Church more accessible to everyone. The Clerk will write to Michael Duncan, SIC, to ask for clarification about this.

### **15/07/23 Correspondence**

#### 15/07/23.1 SIC Emergency Plan

This was discussed in agenda item – 04/07/23 Matters Arising.

#### 15/07/23.2 Scottish Parliament - Participation and Communities Team – Visitor Levy Bill

There was a discussion about the Visitor Levy Bill Consultation, members said that tourism plays an important role in Shetland's economy. It is already really expensive to travel to Shetland. The Visitor Levy Bill has been advertised in the local media and anyone can express their views on this. The consultation finished on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

#### 15/07/23.3 Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board – Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation

Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board has begun the process of consulting on, and reviewing, its Statement of Licensing Policy. The purpose of a Statement of Licensing Policy is to set out the Board's policy with respect to the promotion of the licensing objectives and the exercise of their functions under the Act. The new draft statement is available on the Board's website for public consultation <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/file/7063/draft-statement-of-licensing-policyeffective-nov-2023>.

#### 15/07/23.4 UHI - Northern Isles and North Mainland Survey

A survey was received from UHI Shetland, which is open to all residents in Fetlar/Unst/Yell and North Mainland. UHI are inviting all residents to complete the Learning Survey. They would like to get some feedback on what courses or learning should be available at the learning centres and UHI Shetland campuses.

#### 15/07/23.5 Scottish Rural Action 2023 Newsletter

This was noted.

#### 15/07/23.6 Police Scotland – Information on Sextortion

This was for information and was noted.

#### 15/07/23.7 RNID New Community Service for Shetland

An email was received from Natasha Hamilton, RNID Near You Co-ordinator. She explained that she works for the charity organisation RNID, and that they are setting up a new voluntary service in Shetland funded by the Scottish Government to support those who are deaf, have hearing problems, or tinnitus, and to provide aftercare on their NHS hearing aids. Ms Hamilton states that they are looking to recruit a team of volunteers to support this service in the community. The Clerk will put up the posters about this.

15/07/23.8 SSEN Transmission Annual Engagement Plan 2023/24

This was noted.

15/07/23.9 Burrafirth Road Accident

An email was received from a member of the community about this accident. After a discussion it was decided to wait until the Police had deal with the incident.

**16/07/23 Community Council Finances**

15/06/23 Core Funding Application and Community Development Funding

These funds have now been received. There has been no expenditure since the last meeting.

**17/07/23 A.O.C.B.**

17/07/23.1 Loose chippings

There has been concerns raised about the loose chips on the roads that have been recently tarred and chipped. The road sweeper had been up but hasn't done all the roads. There are a lot of loose chips on the road at the head of the new pier in Uyeasound. And also, on the Muness Road near the Standing Stone. It was agreed to write to Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, about this.

**18/07/23 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is set for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_