

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER 2023 AT VOE PUBLIC HALL

2023/10/01 MEMBERS

Mr E Smith, Vice Chairman
Mr B Moreland

Ms J Dennison
Ms R Griffiths

2023/10/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk
Ms L Hall, Community Involvement & Development Officer

2023/10/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2023/10/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor E Macdonald, Mr J Milne, Mr A Cooper, and Mr A Hall

2023/10/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2023/10/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2023/10/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

2023/10/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 Shetland Gas Plant** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.2 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – Neil Hutcheson provided an update. A works order has been issued and they will be moving onto this when the new footpaths on the Moorfield Ring Road are nearing completion. Therefore, should be on site in 3-4 weeks.
- 8.3 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.4 Unacceptable Parking on single track roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.5 Place Plan for Delting** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.6 Kirkyard in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.7 Citizens Advice Bureau** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.8 Lack of Councillors in attendance** – there was no update on this item.

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- 8.9 **Sparl Road at Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.10 **Low Water Pressure in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **Laxabiggin Kirkyard, Mossbank** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.13 **Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.14 **Testing at Scatsta** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.15 **Windfarm Development** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.16 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.17 **Lack of disable parking spaces at North Mainland Leisure centre** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.18 **Fly Tipping in the Moorfield Estate** – Carl Symons emailed to say the mess has been cleared up and signs have been made to put up and they plan to keep an eye on the area following this.
- 8.19 **Graveyard bin** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.20 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – Mrs Karlyn Garrick passed on a reply from Neil Hutcheson about the email she sent to councillors back in August. The email said the main point she raised is the excessive speed of a number of HGV's on this length of the A970. The speed limit for HGV's on this type of road in Scotland is still 40mph. There can be confusion about this given that the corresponding limit in the rest of the UK was raised to 50mph in 2016. They have run a speed classification report on the most recent traffic counts that were done in Voe dating to June 2022. This report separates the traffic into different classifications including car, coach, 3 axle rigid and articulated vehicle. This has shown that almost 80% of HGV's travelling through Voe are exceeding their 40mph limit and approximately 17% are exceeding the posted 50mph limit. This is a concern and they will raise this issue with Police Scotland at the next meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Panel to be held on 30th October. For information, a report on the national guidance currently used for the setting of local speed limits is to be presented to the Environment & Transport Committee in November. The A970 through Voe will be included on a list of roads where members of the public or community councils are currently seeking reduced speed limits. The report will detail how the guidance has evolved over the years and consider the guidance used when setting reduced limits in other countries.
The Clerk is to contact Mr N Hutcheson after the above meeting to find out the outcome and how it will be dealt with. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.21 **Power Outages** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.22 **White lines on roads** – Neil Hutcheson responded to say the truck that comes up to do the white lines was here in July for their first visit and were currently in Shetland (13th October) for their second visit, this was to do the lining between Tagon and Collafirth, Parkgate to Olna, Moorfield to Trondavoe, Voxter and the road between Firth and Sullom Voe Terminal.
- 8.23 **Blocked Drains in Muckle Roe** – Ms J Dennison said the same drain that blocked last year has blocked again and asked if the roads men could please unblock it again. Mr E Smith added that the bend at Scatsta was flooded again too with the bad rain we have had recently. The Chairman is going to speak to Yohan.

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2023/10/09 POLICE REPORT

August/September

There were 24 incidents recorded for Delting which can be summarised as follows:

Road Safety & Road Crime

- Road Traffic Collision (2)
- Careless Driving
- Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury (2)

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder

- Assault Officer in Execution of Duty
- Assault (2)
- Resist Arrest
- Vandalism

Acquisitive Crime

- Fraud
- Shoplifting

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Concern for Person (2)
- Mental Health (4)

Other

- Drugs – Attempt to Possess
- Medical Matter (5)

2023/10/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 2023/242/ADV – Advertisement of an advance sign at Toft Ferry Terminal from Mrs Jane Macaulay. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

10.2 2023/257/PPF – To install 2 electric vehicle rapid chargers to serve 4 parking spaces in the Northaven Care Centre, Brae, car park. The rapid chargers will be supplied via the distribution board in the building. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

10.3 Disabled Parking Space – Skelladale, Brae - Any formal objections should be sent by 17th November 2023. There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/10/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall attended the meeting.

Community Council Review – Ms L Hall shared the maps with some of the suggestions being looked at for Community Councils.

They are looking at 5 options, these are just suggestions:

- 1) To make a new Community Council for Fair Isle, Fetlar, Foula, Papa Stour and Skerries but no change to the current mainland Community Councils.
- 2) Create a single new Community Council for Fair Isle, Fetlar, Foula, Papa Stour and Skerries
- 3) One community council for all the small islands and then create 5 Community Councils, so would change the boundaries. It would make Delting part of the North Mainland Community Council.
- 4) 7 Community Councils
- 5) Create new Fair Isle and Foula Community Councils with no change to existing 18 Community Councils, so making 2 new Community Councils.

The Council would like to hear the public's thoughts on this and if they are happy with how it is just now or if they would like to change it. No plans have been set in stone, these are all suggestions so the

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public are encouraged to complete the survey which can be found using the link below along with further information about the Community Council Scheme review. Delting Community Council will add this as an Agenda Item and discuss at the next meeting before then sending in their suggestions.

[Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment – Shetland Islands Council](#)

Walking Group in Mossbank – there is a walking group starting in Mossbank on 27th October. This is aimed at families.

Mossbank Hall – The hall is applying for Wellness funding through VAS to start up coffee mornings again. This would hopefully mean they could hold these throughout the year rather than just in the winter.

Coffee mornings – Ms L Hall said they are thinking to hold coffee mornings again throughout the winter. Looking at Voe Hall again but wondered if any other halls would welcome coffee mornings.

2023/10/12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Mossbank Parent Council** – They are applying for funding towards the development of their outdoor learning opportunities for the children in the ELC and primary at Mossbank. Getting outside is so beneficial for mental health and wellbeing. The school was very fortunate to have been gifted a partial polycrub. The crub will enable the children to get outside even in the adverse weather experience in Shetland. The ELC children would benefit from suitable raincoats and puddle suits to make full use of the outdoor learning space. A lot of their outdoor equipment is very dated and is no longer fit for purpose. New football/rugby goals would benefit the whole community. Quite a few of their children already play for the Delting Football Team. They have a parent that coaches rugby and keen to try set up regular sessions after a successful afterschool trial. They are applying for £4,939.56. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £4,969.56. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme – Voe Children's Christmas Party** – They are applying for funding to provide an all-inclusive Christmas party this year. As the community lives with the cost of living crisis they would like to make the party accessible to all with no cost to families. They are applying for £500. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500. **Clerk to progress**
- 12.3 Grant Application Form – Brae High School Nursery** – They are applying for funding for outdoor clothing for the Brae nursery children so that they can go outside and play in all weathers. The nursery offer the children to play outdoors every day and would like to extend this to using more areas in the local community including the natural areas surrounding the school. To do this, and make it an enjoyable experience for all the children, they need to ensure they all have appropriate clothing to keep them warm and dry through the winter months. They are aware that all families do not have the income to buy warm winter clothing and would like to be able to ensure that all children in the setting start on an equal footing to be able to access outdoor play. They are applying for £2035. Members suggested they apply for this through Brae School Parent Council members through Shetland Community Benefit Fund. **Clerk to progress.**
- 12.4 Grant Application Form – Brae Fireworks** – They are applying for funding for fireworks for a firework show in Brae behind the hall near the sea on the 5th November. They are 100% volunteers, provide the full show, however, fireworks are not cheap. They have been doing this for the past 12-13 years and it is an event people look forward to. They applied and were awarded funding through SCBF for fireworks in 2022, but as it has not been 12 months since they last applied they were unsuccessful this year. They are applying £500. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500. **Clerk to progress**

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- 12.5 Shetland Times Invoice** – The total amount of £64.24 for the Delting Educational Trust advert. Clerk to progress.
- 12.6 Voluntary Action Shetland Invoice** – The total amount of £80 for the Independent Examination Year End March 2023. Clerk to progress.

2023/10/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 13.1 Employability Pathways Roadshow** – The Employability Pathways Team are planning to organise a roadshow in Mossbank on Thursday 16th November from 1pm to 4pm. They are letting Community Councils know to see if they can help or suggest ideas for publicity and promotion and in case the community can think of any tweaks to make to their plans. They are looking at the Mossbank Hall as a venue and are hoping there may be a local cake fridge who may be able to provide cakes to try and attract more people. They are also looking at providing childcare so people can come along. More information can be found using the link below.
- <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/youth-services/employment-support>
- 13.2 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing for Adults Funding** – Voluntary Action Shetland shared a press release for the above funding. This fund is now open and VAS are now accepting applicants. Closing date for applications is Friday 10th November 2023. A maximum of £5,000 can be applied for to support activities until 31st March 2025. The overarching aim of the fund is to support community based initiatives that promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and/or mitigate and protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health within the adult population (aged 16 or over) with a particular focus on prevention and early intervention. For an application pack email vas@shetland.org or phone 01595 753912.
- 13.3 We shine bright together campaign** – There is more social media content for the We Shine Bright Together campaign. They would like Community Councils to help share this and spread the word of the support available. The accompanying social media content can be downloaded here [We Shine Brighter Together - Campaign Videos - Shetland Islands Council](#)
- 13.4 Community Council Scheme Review – Phase One Consultation** – this is now open and shall remain open for feedback until 5pm on Friday 12 January 2024. For more information and to access the survey go to [Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment – Shetland Islands Council](#)
- Michael Duncan sent an email to the Clerk saying that Community Planning & Development is in the process of making up consultation packs, including a paper copy of an online survey and Freepost return envelopes for distribution as hard copies across a number of locations in Shetland. He will send this to the Clerk to be displayed in a local public place – the Clerk will put the pack at the Brae Coop.
- 13.5 Shetland Digital Forum 2023 Save the Date** – Alastair Carmichael MP and William Coulter are pleased to confirm they are once again hosting an in-person Northern Isles Digital Forum in Shetland and invite people to attend to discuss the critical issues and current status of connectivity in the isles. This will take place on Friday 17th November 2023 at 12pm to 1.30pm in Room 16, Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick.

2023/10/14 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 14.1 Clerk Post Applicants** – There were 2 applicants for the Clerk post. Both applicants will be interviewed. The Clerk is to discuss and arrange a date for interviews with the interview panel. Clerk to progress.

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2023/10/15 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Vice Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 30th November commencing at 7.30pm.

Vice Chairman