

Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2023 AT BRAE HIGH SCHOOL

2023/11/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper, Chairman
Ms R Griffiths
Mr B Moreland
Mr E Smith

Mr A Hall
Ms J Dennison
Ms E Macdonald

2023/11/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms E Jarvie, Clerk
Ms L Ratter, New Clerk

2023/11/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2023/11/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr J Milne and Ms L Hall

2023/11/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th October were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Ms R Griffiths.

2023/11/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2023/11/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

Members are keen to encourage residents of Voe to join the committee.

2023/11/08 MATTERS ARISING

- 8.1 **Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.2 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.3 **Unacceptable Parking on single track roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.4 **Place Plan for Delting** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.5 **Citizens Advice Bureau** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.6 **Lack of Councillors in attendance** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.7 **Sparl Road at Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.8 **Low Water Pressure in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.

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- 8.9 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.10 **Laxabiggin Kirkyard, Mossbank** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 **Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.12 **Testing at Scatsta** – there was no update on this item. The Clerk will contact Scatsta in January.
- 8.13 **Windfarm Development** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.14 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** –
- 8.15 **Lack of disable parking spaces at North Mainland Leisure centre** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.16 **Graveyard bin** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.17 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – The Clerk contacted Neil Hutcheson for an update following their recent meeting with Police Scotland and he responded to say they have supplied the traffic count data to Police Scotland and they will use it to determine the best times for enforcement. The report on the Policy Review for the Setting of Local Speed Limits was presented to the Environment and Transport Committee on Monday 27th November. There were questions and discussion regarding pedestrians walking in close proximity to carriageways and whether there is a different speed limit regime for villages/settlements on “A class” roads than there is for those on more minor rural roads. An action arising from this report was the presentation of a seminar to Councillors to discuss “speed limits” and consider “what is a village” how the highway code and national guidance work”. Community Councils are to be contacted regarding the views of constituents in order to inform the seminar. A further action is that the traffic counts including existing vehicle speed data are to be updated, if required, on the A970 at Cunningburgh, Quarff, Voe, Brae and on the A971 at Bixter.
The Chairman said there are extenuating circumstances beyond the book that need to be taken into consideration. Members think that the criteria for the Tagon Shop needs to be localised. Given the speeds that is going through Voe by both heavy goods vehicles and moving traffic, lowering the speed limit might take some of the worst excesses off of the road. **Clerk to progress.**
- 8.18 **Blocked Drains in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.

2023/11/09 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report this month.

2023/11/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 **2023/267/PPF** – To erect a new dwelling house, take down extension to rear of existing dwelling house, to take down domestic garage and outbuildings at Greenville, Brae by Mr Philip Mowat. There were no objections to this planning application. Clerk to progress.
- 10.2 **2023/268/PPF** – Development of flare system to serve new stabilisation facilities at Sullom Voe Terminal by Enquest. There were no objections to this planning application. Clerk to progress.

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2023/11/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall was unable to attend the meeting.

2023/11/12 Community Council Scheme Review

The Chairman feels it would be very difficult for us to be combined with North Mavine, Nesting & Lunnasting. We have a bit in common with North Mavine and Lunnasting but not with Nesting. When you look at Delting, they have the biggest centre of population out of the 3 Community Councils. Delting has significant industrial development which is peculiar to the area. Delting also have a certain amount of poverty in the area which needs to be managed. Delting have very significant housing stock and the benefits and problems that comes along with it. If Delting were combined with another 2 areas it would be difficult to maintain a focus on our particular area. Mr E Smith added that just now we have Brae, Mossbank and Voe and we are all going to these areas for many reasons so are aware of the issues that might be going on in the local area but not going to be in Lunnasting or Nesting so may not be aware of the ongoings like we are as it is set up at present. All members agreed with the Chairmans feelings and feel things work as they are just now and would be difficult to combine Delting with other areas as a Community Council. Northmavine have the NCDC to help make things happen in their Community but it is a very wide area from Eshaness to Ollaberry to North Roe to Sullom. Combining Delting with other community councils would make it too large of an area. Delting also have income from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund due to the Windmills and disturbance in the area, if we were combined with other Community Councils this could cause aggravation when it comes to splitting the funds and if there were more turbines to go up in the Delting area, that will create more money into the Community. Delting is an area which continually needs to be within the councils vision as such it would be better remaining its own Community Council. All members agreed with this. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/11/13 CORRESPONDENCE

- 13.1 Voe Public Hall Invoice** – The total amount of £13.68 for the hire of the Voe Public Hall for the October Delting Community Council meeting. **Members had no issues with this. Clerk to progress.**
- 13.2 Remembrance Day Wreath** -
- 13.3 Shetland Times** – The Clerk received an invoice for the Clerk Post ad in the Shetland times for 2 weeks. The total amount is £171.86. **Members had no issues with this. Clerk to progress.**

2023/11/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 14.1 Association of Shetland Community Councils** – the next ASCC meeting will take place on Thursday 7th December from 6pm to 8pm in the Town Hall (Chamber). They have requested attendance of a Delting Community Council member. The Clerk shared the email with meeting papers attached with members. If nobody can join in person, there is the option to join remotely via Teams.
- 14.2 Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill Update** – The following was asked to be circulated to the business community including the night time economy. Following the announcement of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill in the King's Speech, the home office have provided updated information on the Bill which was subject to pre-legislative scrutiny earlier this year. Ahead of introduction to UK Parliament in this session, the Home Office have decided to conduct a further Public Consultation Exercise on the proposed amendments that have been made to the

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Standard Tier requirements. The following documents have been updated following the King's speech:

- Martyn's Law Fact Sheet ([link](#))
- King's Speech Explainer (p.72) ([link](#))
- Protect UK ([link](#))

- 14.3 PhD Research (UHI) – Scottish National Islands Plan** – Michael Duncan shared a link to the survey regarding this. <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/uhi/nip-population-survey>
They are looking for people who currently or have previously been resident on any Scottish island to participate in the research around how services impact life on the isles. Share on FB?
- 14.4 Information on Defibrillators** – The Sandness and Walls Community Council have been instrumental in obtaining several defibrillators for the area and parts such as batteries and pads have to be replaced periodically. They are asking other Community Councils if they have done the same and have accepted responsibility for the ongoing costs of maintaining them or if they have found an alternative funding source to do this? The questions they are asking are:
- Who owns/has responsibility for defibrillators in the area?
 - Do we provide assistance with the new pads/batteries?
 - Any other funding sources used?
- Delting Community Council have not provided any assistance with defibrillators in the Delting area. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.5 Scottish Sea Farms – Farming Activity** - They are seeking to update and reconfigure their farming operations in the Delting Area (map shared) and plan to submit some planning applications in the New Year. They would like to discuss this with Delting Community Council and capture any thoughts members may have on their farming activity. They are available to meet in person on the 6th and 7th December or another time on MS Teams if members would like to chat to them. Members requested someone to attend the next Delting Community Council meeting on Thursday 25th January 2024 in person or via Microsoft Teams. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.6 Highlands and Islands – Community Climate Action Fund** – this is intended for the development of community-led climate action projects in the Highlands or Northern Isles. Small grants of up to £500 per project are available. Larger grants are available for projects of particular interest. Additional funding is strictly at the discretion of the Hub's Development Team. There will be 2 funding rounds – application deadlines are 30 November 2023 (5pm) for consideration by 8th December 2023 or 31st January 2024 (5pm) for consideration by 12th February 2024. An application form is available online or can be downloaded from the [Climate Hub website by clicking here](#). Members felt this might be beneficial to Mossbank Hall and asked for this to be sent on to them. **Clerk to progress.**
- 14.7 AGS – Drawing Down Funds – 2023/24** – Eleanor Gear, Admin Officer for SCBF, sent an email saying that following an enquiry from a Community Council, she thought she would send a brief email regarding drawing down funds. The Advanced Grant Scheme is now in its final year and whilst Community Councils could previously opt to draw down funds from future years, this will not be possible during the final year. Until the MoA-2 is signed between SCBF and SSE they cannot guarantee what the future funding will look like.
- 14.8 CYCJ's Annual Stakeholder Survey** – Children and Young People's Centre for Justice works to improve things for Children and young people who get in to conflict with the law in Scotland. They have just launched their 2023 Stakeholder Survey and are really keen to hear from Community Councils on what they think in relation to children, young people and crime in their local area. The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete and they will use the results of this to inform and plan their work over the next 5 years. They would really appreciate if Community Councils could complete the survey. The link to the survey is [HERE](#) and the deadline is 21st December 2023. **Clerk to progress.**

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2023/11/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 15.1 Removal of Bench, Muckle Roe Burial Ground** – The Clerk received an email from Yvonne Scott, Burial Services Officer, which included photos of the bench within the Muckle Roe Burial Ground donated by Delting Community Council. The bench is unfortunately in a poor state of repair with loose and rotten planks and will be removed and disposed of. If Delting Community Council wish to apply to place a replacement bench, an application form can be submitted. This must be printed, completed in “wet ink” format as scanned signatures are not accepted. Members would like to replace the bench in the Spring time next year. The Clerk will submit an application form for this in the New Year. **Clerk to progress.**

2023/11/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Mossbank School with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Thursday 25th January commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman