

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6pm.

### **Present**

Mr. N. O'Rourke  
Mr. B. Adamson  
Ms N. Fullerton  
Ms M. Garnier

### **Apologies**

Mr. R. Black  
Mr. G. Laurensen  
Mrs. C. Smith  
Mr. M. Fullerton  
Cllr. Hughson  
Mr. M. Duncan, SIC  
Mrs. R. Fraser, SIC

### **In Attendance**

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

### **1. Declaration of Interest - None**

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved by Brian Adamson (no one else present attended the last meeting).

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) Settlement Audits for Active Travel – Hamnavoe**

Michael Duncan had emailed an update from Robina Barton, SIC Transport Planning, regarding progress on the above and this had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. They have undertaken various settlement audits over the last couple of years. She explained that the Active Travel funding landscape has been shifting significantly in recent months so it has been hard to gain clarity on what would be possible. They wish to identify one priority project for each area. The audits highlighted numerous priorities so it's a case of narrowing them down through further engagement and they are keen to complete prioritisation work as soon as possible. Transport Scotland has designated two pots of money for which they can bid for 2024-25 and applications for both have just opened and will close around the end of Jan so they have a very short timescale to turn things around. They are looking to prioritise things that can most easily be achieved eg projects for which land acquisition is not an issue, or design work can be done swiftly in-house. The members agreed that she should be invited attend our next meeting to discuss this further.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### **(b) Improvements to access road to Playgroup**

This work is has now been completed and the members were delighted with the result. The 'Pick up/drop off only' sign and the Burra Early Years sign are still to be put in place (ordered by Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads).

(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director

Cllr. Scott had spoken again with George Martin from Trondra and he is interested in taking on this role but would only be available from April due to other commitments. The Clerk said she would contact Eleanor Gear, SCBF, to advise of the situation and then get back to George.

**ACTION: Clerk**

(d) Path on Ludi

The traffic counter results had been received from Neil Hutcheson and circulated to the members for information. It did not appear to show excessive speeding in the area. It was also suggested that 'blind summit' signs could possibly be put in place on the middle of Ludi.

(e) Burra/Trondra 'Village Gateway' Signs

Neil Hutcheson advised some time ago that these signs have arrived but have not yet been installed.

(f) Sheep worrying signs

The signs will be put up once weather permits.

**ACTION: Brian/Niall**

(g) Trondra road - signs

Neil Hutcheson, SIC Roads, advised some time ago that he had ordered various signs to be put in place in Trondra after concerns were raised by local residents regarding traffic. (The traffic counters results had been received and were circulated to the members.)

(h) Road at Meal

We previously requested white centre lines /arrow at the blind spot just north of Speed's corner, where traffic are not keeping to their own side of the road. Still waiting to hear from Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, who advised he would come out and measure the road widths at this section and get back to us.

(i) Bench at Meal car park

Niall had contacted the Bridge End Outdoor Centre Committee and they are happy to take the bench for the Centre.

(j) Proposed house sites - Ludi

Nothing further had been heard back from Tracey-Anne Anderson, SIC, with regard to our suggestion that the cost of the removal of the blind summit on Ludi be attributed to the developer of the suggested sites or shared between the Estate and the developer. A footpath in this area had also been suggested by the members if this development was to go ahead.

(k) Noticeboard

The new noticeboard will be put up once the weather improves. It will replace the old one which is on the outside of the Burra Hall.

**ACTION: Robin/Brian**

(m) Boyne Brae

It was reported to Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, that the edges of the road in the Boyne Brae are eroding away on both sides. He was not concerned about this and pointed out that cars should pay more attention and not be veering off the road.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) T2 Advance Grant Scheme Application (SCBF)

Applicant: Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary Ref: 180488

The above are looking for funding to tarmac the gravelled area around the visitor centre at Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary to improve access for people with disabilities. They are applying to multiple community councils for a portion of the funds. The sum of £100 was requested and the members agreed to this donation.

(b) T2 Advance Grant Scheme Application (SCBF)

Applicant: Shetland Swimming Association Ref: 180476

The above are looking to replace the aged electronic timing system including contact pads used by SSA and swimming clubs in Shetland. They are applying to 12 community councils. The sum of £519.68 was requested from our Community Council and this was agreed by the members.

(c) Planning Consultation Ref: 2023/281/PPF

Applicant: Mr Alwyn Christie

Proposal: Installation of a 5kw Wind Turbine

Address: Rough grazing land to West of Public Road at Ludi, Bridge End, Burra

The above planning application was discussed. There were no objections raised by the members present.

(d) Bench donations

An email had been received from Michael Duncan who had been contacted by Julie Graham from SSE asking if any community council would like to receive a donated bench. They are currently working with people undertaking community service and are looking to construct a bench for each community council area. The members would be happy to receive a bench and the Clerk will reply to Julie Graham. A suggestion was put forward that a bench could possibly be located down at the Meal beach (just inside the bottom gate at the foot of the path.) This will need to be looked into in the first instance to see if there would be a suitable flat surface.

**ACTION: Brian/Niall**

(e) Various correspondence

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

- ASCC – December meeting update
- Funding information – Corra Foundation
- Shetland Partnership – Locality Profiles now published
- Community Council webinar with Open University Scotland – Thur 18 January
- Shetland Policing Report – Oct/Nov 2023
- PSTN Switch over - update

## **5. AOCB**

(a) Reflectors on bridges

It was pointed out that there are no longer reflectors on the ends of the railings of both the Burra and Trondra bridges. The Clerk was asked to contact Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm.