

# Delting Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 At Brae High School

## **2024/02/01 MEMBERS**

Mr A Cooper, Chairman  
Mr J Milne  
Ms J Dennison

Mr A Hall  
Mr B Moreland  
Ms R Griffiths

## **2024/02/02 IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms L Ratter, Clerk  
Ms L Hall Community Involvement & Development Officer  
Member of Police Scotland Mr D Carmichael  
Mr M Craigie Active Travel  
Mr A Hunter Active Travel  
Mr I Park Total Energies

## **2024/02/03 CIRCULAR**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **2024/02/04 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr E Smith, Mr M Duncan, and Ms E Macdonald

## **2024/02/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved by Mr B Moreland and seconded by Mr A Hall .

## **2024/02/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Clerk Ms L Ratter declared an Interest with regards to SCBF Advance Grant Scheme application from Delting Dolphins Item 2024/02/14.1.

## **2024/02/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER**

There were no new members to Co-Opt.

## **2024/02/08 MATTERS ARISING**

- 8.1 Bus Shelter – Wethersta** – There is now Bus shelter in situ at the Weathersta Junction.
- 8.2 Community Development Fund (CDF)** – There was no update on this item.
- 8.3 Place Plan for Delting** – Mr A Hunter and Mr M Craigie gave update see item 2024/02/10.2
- 8.4 Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.5 Issues on Muckle Roe Roads** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.6 Testing at Scatsta** – The Clerk contacted Ruaraidh Galbraith at Shetland Space Centre to see when the next test is. They plan two test campaigns: The first one is currently planned in the period of time 21.05.2024 – 08.06.2023 and they foresee to conduct Motors Firing Tests and Gas Generator Firing Tests. The second one is not really defined yet, but it can be in the months of

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September or October. For the second one they plan either hardware tests and also some Test Bench upgrade/update involving also some concrete structure in specific areas of our test bench. They will be in touch with any updates nearer the time.

- 8.7 Windfarm Development** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.8 Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.9 Graveyard bin** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.10 Traffic Passing Through Voe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.11 Blocked Drains in Muckle Roe** – there was no update on this item.
- 8.12 Removal of Bench, 3 Burial Grounds** – Clerk will submit three Burial Ground Bench Applications to replace the benches being removed. **Clerk to progress**
- 8.13 Bus services in the North Mainland** – The clerk emailed Mr M Craigie but there was no update on this item. Mr M Craigie, who was at meeting, said he was not aware of email but would have a look and respond. He has a meeting with Robertsons Buses on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **2024/02/09 POLICE REPORT**

A police officer Mr D Carmichael attended the meeting and gave us an updated police report

- 9.1** There have been 24 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows:
  - Road Safety and Road Crime
    - Road Traffic Collision (2)
    - Road Traffic Collision with Minor or No Injury (3)
  - Acquisitive Crime
    - Shoplifting
  - Protecting Vulnerable People
    - Concern for Person (6)
    - Domestic Incident
    - Mental Health (7)
  - Other
    - Communications Misuse
    - Drugs – Attempt to Possess (2)
    - Medical Matter

Members raised the issue of trucks and vehicles speeds coming into Brae and through Brae and Voe. There is no specific time of day it is all through the day but particularly morning and teatime when workers are going to and from SV terminal and Gas plant. It was going to be discussed at the road safety meeting. Officer Carmichael said it is an issue that is Shetland wide and is affecting all areas of Shetland. Due to Staffing Issues, they are very short staffed with limited resources. Members thought police presence in the area would help but due to lack of resources and the size of Shetland this was not an option. He asked if there was a specific place and time that was more of an issue, they could look at it. Officer Carmichael thought if precautionary measures were put in place, such as lower speed limits, most of the public would adhere to it. The Chairman said there is no point in putting lower speed limits if they cannot be policed. Officer Carmichael suggested trying to sort a road traffic initiative around the schools in the morning and lunchtime and do speed checks. The Chairman said it would be better doing infrequent patrols and Mr D Carmichael going to organise that.

## **2024/02/10 UPDATES**

- 10.1 Total Energies – Mr I Park** – Mr I Park provided an update on Total Energies. On Safety and HSE it has been a good year with no injuries on site. There was a significant incident in

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December when there was a failure in the Heating Medium System. An investigation completed and the findings are going to be shared at a meeting on Monday to the HSE. The incident was failure of pipework on the Heating Medium System. This is a network that goes all through the site and is used to heat up various parts of the process. It is essentially a large central heating system. Water and Glycol is used in the system. There was erosion on inside of the pipe which was not detected and the pipe ruptured. The erosion was due to bad design. Their inspection which was focussed on looking for corrosion on outside of pipework did not pick up the corrosion on the inside. They were shut down for twelve days and did a full inspection of all the pipework. They found no other issues. This allowed them to restart their process. The pipework was sent away to an independent lab for analysis so they knew what had happened. There were no injuries. They contained all the water and Glycol released from the system.

Total and Shell announced the sanction of Victory, a Shell field that they are developing and at end of year Total had all the sanctions in place to approve the project and so did Shell and it will be going ahead. It's the first time there will be third party gas coming through the gas plant. Offshore works start in summer with infrastructure installation offshore pipeline to connect the well to their pipeline and first Gas will be 2025. They are progressing at the same time with the development of Edradour, one of their existing facilities. This allows them to maintain the throughput of two years ago. There is a big shutdown in May with a lot of different jobs around the plant. Vessel inspections and flare tower. Lots happening in and around gas plant with Sullom Voe and SSE.

Total emphasise driving rules to their employees on and off gas plant. All Total vehicles have trackers and if anyone is speeding then management get a report.

The Chairman asked if Total were looking for other third-party gas coming through the gas plant, Mr I Park said they are hoping for further third-party gas.

**10.2 Active travel – Mr M Craigie/Mr A Hunter –** Mr A hunter handed out a summary of recommendations for Brae. They are hoping to have it approved in near future. The table has a list some highlighted in blue which were deemed as priorities from the community. Mr M Craigie said the funding for Active Travel has changed a lot. The budget is up to 220 million this year and 320 million next year. There has been a change in how it is being distributed. Money will come through Zettrans and more money through the council. They are looking at getting together a programme for the whole of Shetland that they can use for as the basis of for bids into the funding pot. Some money will come directly in but in relatively small amounts. They are asking for around £400,000 for capital and £300,000 for behaviour change like walking and cycling. They are behind because they do not have a team in place yet to build a programme. Purpose would be to identify key priorities across Shetland and produce a programme for funding. They need to establish for Transport Scotland that they are ready to spend money. Their focus will be through March to Zettrans to present an Active Travel Programme that will capture all the settlement audit items and set out a suggested priority programme based on what is being fed back. There are over 300 projects. They want to identify some key priorities with a good geographical spread to use those for their bids for the money. They have received funds today for support from consultants to put all the information together into a programme that demonstrates they are ready to get money and invest it in Active Travel in Shetland. There is a push to get Zettrans and Council approval as without that they cannot get funding bids so that is their focus.

There is quite a big focus in Brae with Rural Energy Hub, new school, and NHS. There will be a Shetland wide transport review starting in the next month. There is a large focus in Brae and they want a joined-up approach with regards to place planning in Brae. There is a lot of work needed to coordinate it and bring it altogether. Community engagement and surrounding areas to understand their priorities and how they want Brae to look and function and connect with services.

The Chairman said one of the main areas that needed to take priority is the road from Sparl to Brae and specifically the Burravoe Bridge. The area needs to be made safe so they can feel safe for everyone to walk or cycle if they want to.

Mr M Craigie said all the different departments are now working together to make sure that no work carried out in the area is going to need redone due to other projects.

Ms L Hall said there is a community engagement strategy is underway and how they are going to speak to the community and how the community councils will be involved how it will encompass the whole area.

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### 2024/02/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 11.1 **2024/017/PPF – Creation of temporary peat storage area. Sullom Voe Terminal, Mossbank, Shetland, ZE2 9TY** All plans can be viewed at [Simple Search \(shetland.gov.uk\)](https://www.shetland.gov.uk/simple-search) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**
- 11.2 **JJ/SMG/R/E3/29 - SIC (Ladies Mire, Brae) (Parking Place for Disabled Person's Vehicle) Order 2024** There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress.**

### 2024/02/12 COMMUNITY WORK

- 12.1 Ms L Hall attended the meeting she said everything was covered for the community work in the Active Travel Update.

### 2024/02/13 FINANCE UPDATE

- 13.1 Clerk updated the members with an update of the financial position of Delting Community Council. All the bank accounts for Community Council have been transferred into Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk names and we are in the process of getting access to online banking. There are limited funds in the Current Account and due to the type of account we have we can only access money from the other account from June 2024 therefore commitments from 23/24 will need to be carried over into 24/25. Chairman wants Clerks payments for December to February to take priority. It was suggested to enquire about an overdraft but Chairman said we would be charged for this. We will think about this again as an option if deemed necessary.

### 2024/02/14 CORRESPONDENCE

- 14.1 **SCBF Advance Grant Scheme - Delting Dolphins** – They are requesting funding for helping support their swimmers to attend the Scottish National Age Group Championships being held in Aberdeen from 10-14th April 2024. This competition is seen as one of the most important during the year for selected swimmers as well as the most expensive being held over 5 days. They are applying for £500. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £500 **Clerk to progress**
- 14.2 **Grant Application Form – Brae High School Paris Trip** They are running a school trip to Paris for S3 to S6 pupils. They will be going to the main monuments and art museums from 17<sup>th</sup> of June to 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2023. Travel, food and accommodation costs have increased substantially since pre Covid and prior to Brexit. Also, they need to add to this trip the cost of travelling from and back to Shetland which makes the trip more expensive than for pupils who live on mainland Scotland and we don't want our pupils to be disadvantaged and have the possibility to access the same educational opportunities. They would like to provide some support for all pupils would like funding for 5 staff costs £1160 per staff member (£5800) could be covered which would effectively cut the amount paid by each student. They are applying for £5800. Members agreed unanimously to decline this application and direct them to SCBF AGS. – **Clerk to progress**
- 14.3 **Correspondence from CPPP Committee - PE1862** - Please find attached correspondence from the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee in respect of the petition [PE1862: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities.](#)  
The Committee would be grateful to receive a response, in Word format, by **Monday 26 February**. This has been extended to 5<sup>th</sup> March for Delting Community Council to discuss. There are two elements the Delting Community Council would like to feedback: 1. Legislation needs to recognise Shetland is an island and every piece of legislation that comes from Scottish government should consider the Islands Dimension and the Islands Impact assessment. There should be an Islands Impact assessment with all legislation. 2. There are times when we get

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adversely impacted by our location. There needs to be an awareness of cost of living in the communities when allocating funds and recognise the on cost of Island life. Everything has an on-cost due to its location in Shetland. Particular attention should be focussed to the on-cost of living in an island community and the difference in buying power between Scotland mainland and Shetland and the difference in buying power within Shetland between Mainland Shetland and the island communities within Shetland. **Clerk to progress**

**14.4 Voar Redd Up - Da Voar Redd Up 2023 Participation Information 2023** – Two groups submitted request for funding. Mossbank School and Voe Bairns Party. Each will be awarded £100 from Delting Community Council. **Clerk to progress**

**14.5 Association of Shetland Community Councils** – Next meeting of ASCC is 12 March 2024. Alastair will attend this meeting. **Clerk to progress**

**14.6 Information Commission** – Details have been updated and payment of £40 sent for 2023/24 as agreed by Chairman. **Clerk to progress**

**14.7 St Magnus Bay Query - Marine Planning** Simon Pallant emailed to confirm that no particular or detailed consideration has been given to undertaking a master planning exercise within the St Magnus Bay area by my team or the Council in general. He wishes to make the following points: He is aware that when the Sullom Voe Masterplan was approved at Full Council in March 2022 “It was suggested that there was a need for the next Council to look at how the industry (aquaculture industry) could be accommodated, perhaps in other areas of Shetland and rationalising activity by having bigger and more productive sites” This is something which has been led by industry in the period since, as fish farming companies in particular have begun to consolidate areas where they are located and also relinquish sites which they are no longer looking to use/retain. For example, they have recently received mussel farm applications on sites where fish farm companies have recently relinquished their crown estate leases.

The Sullom Voe Harbour Masterplan is the one example of how marine masterplanning has been done for an, albeit undeveloped marine area/area of Shetland, whilst noting that this involved significant time and resource to prepare and adopt. They therefore need to give full consideration of how and whether this could be achievable in other developed areas of Shetland, and whether it would be practicable and deliverable as this is a complex area, which is also dictated by a number of complex matters including Crown Estate Leasing and industry long term planning and aspirations.

He is also aware that the work on the next National Marine Plan (NMP2) is ongoing, and it has been mentioned that it may be moving towards directing more spatial planning approaches to marine planning, and potentially master planning approaches. They shall be inputting to the NMP2 process as it moves forward. In the meantime, he is working with the Scottish Government to get the Shetland Regional Marine Plan to the point of adoption. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

**14.8 Funding information: Climate Action Fund - Energy & Climate Programme** It will support communities in the UK to take local action on climate change. Through the Energy and Climate programme, they are looking for projects that show how communities can address climate change while tackling the energy challenges through community-led climate action.

The programme will fund projects that:

- encourage communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way
- bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency
- enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

They are looking for projects that will bring a range of benefits to communities, including:

- improving health and well-being
- creating local 'green' jobs, such as jobs providing low-carbon heat for homes, community energy champions and energy advisors
- reducing carbon emissions
- supporting communities to be more resilient.

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They are seeking to fund projects that aim for long-term change. A budget of £8.5m is available for 8 to 12 projects that show how communities can address climate change while tackling the energy challenges through community-led climate action.

Minimum grant size is £500,000 and projects can apply for up to £1.5m over 2 to 5 years, with most projects likely to be awarded £1m. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

- 14.9 SSE Bench donations** – Benches are being made in February and Julie will be in touch when it is ready for delivery. SSE need updated with delivery address of the Chairperson. **Clerk to Progress**
- 14.10 Scottish Seafarms - Proposal of Application Notice, Fish Holm Fish Farm, Shetland** - A PoAN has been sent to SIC – This is a notification of their intention to submit a future planning application. Information also includes details of the proposal and what consultation we intend to carry out with stakeholders, including the holding of two public events. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 14.11 Community Development Company of Nesting (CDCN) and Community Enterprise - Shetland funerals research** – They are researching alternatives for funerals in Shetland. The increasing maintenance costs of Shetland's many historic burial grounds led to a Council consultation last year on their future. Some sites are nearing capacity. There is no facility for cremation on the islands, and interest in alternatives is increasing given the environmental impacts of cremation and traditional burial. Meanwhile, CDCN has begun exploring the potential for funeral ceremonies drawing on Norse heritage. This study covers three main services, therefore: natural burial, 'water cremation' (a process using an alkaline solution also known under the trademark Resomation), and Viking-themed funeral ceremonies. More information about the project can be found in recent [Shetland News coverage](#), and in their [online survey](#). **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 14.12 Online Shetland Community Directory** - Shetland Islands Council previously maintained an online directory which was shut down a few years back and since then, there has been a new site built to replace it. Once well populated, this will be an important resource for the Shetland community, providing the public with reliable contact information for services, groups and organisations across Shetland. The new directory was launched last summer and you can view it here: [The Shetland Community Directory | Discover Listings](#)  
The Council is seeking to have all Community Councils listed on the new directory, so in the coming weeks all that have not already been listed will be added by a member of the Council's Community Planning and Development team. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 14.13 BSc Honours Project- Scottish Rainforest** – Douglas Gunn is investigating whether the Scottish population's understanding and perception of the Scottish rainforest impacts the conservation of this special habitat. He is reaching out to every region of Scotland to gain insight from a diverse demographic. He has designed a questionnaire exploring the topics of ecological conservation and the Scottish rainforest and was hoping Delting community council could help with the distribution of this questionnaire to the community. He would like the link to questionnaire to our Facebook page. [https://sruc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/public\\_survey](https://sruc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/public_survey) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 14.14 New Support Group - Life After Loss** – The new service 'Life After Loss' which offers informal group support. It launches on Friday 1st March at the Living Well Hub at the Brae Youth Centre 3-4pm. The group is open to anyone (over 18) who has been bereaved, for them to come together in a kind supportive and welcoming group where it is safe to talk about their grief. Sessions are fortnightly, free, and delivered in a 'drop in' format, so no need to book in advance. Come along, have a cuppa, socialise meet others and make new friendships. The group is facilitated by qualified and experienced bereavement support workers. They are hoping to attend the DCC meeting in March. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**

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- 14.15 Consultation on engagement methods for Shetland's Next Local Development Plan** – They have opened consultation on engagement methods for Shetland's next Local Development Plan. The consultation survey is available here <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/4J1YUT/> Though the consultation period will close on Friday 1st March, we will take any suggestions after that date via email. These will be taken into consideration when we co-ordinate engagement events. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.16 Arven Offshore Wind Farm - Early Consultation Event** - The Arven Offshore Wind Farm team would like to invite you to our first public consultation event which takes place in Lerwick at Shetland Museum 21<sup>st</sup> February 2-8pm. In tandem with the consultation event, we'll also be opening a virtual consultation portal on our website, [www.arvenoffshorewind.com](http://www.arvenoffshorewind.com). Please do visit the virtual consultation if you are unable to come along on the day or if you would like to reflect further on the information that we share. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.17 Scottish Community Councils Newsletter - February 2024** - There is some useful information and funding sources included in the newsletter. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.18 Webinar for Community Councils: Scottish Empty Homes Partnership.** They are hosting a webinar at 4pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March for community councillors which will focus primarily on the issues faced by neighbours of empty homes. Empty homes in communities can cause a host of issues, including damp and mould, overgrown gardens, and vermin. They can also attract antisocial behaviour, all of which can lead to a reduction in property values. To sign up for this free webinar, use this link: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/bCJKdSLKex> **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

### 2024/02/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 15.1 Glass on road at bottom ring road at Moorfield Recycling** - Mr J Milne raised the issue of broken glass around the recycling point. It is not a safe place. Council has contract with Northwards. Contact Infrastructure Services to raise issue possibly Bryden Gray and say there is issues in Delting area, and particularly Brae. **Clerk to progress.**
- 15.2 Co-opting Members** – Clerk suggested initiative to encourage pupils from Brae School to come and be co-opted members of the community council as this had been done in other community councils. It would get younger members onto the community council and enable them to feedback to the school or bring ideas from the school for discussion and would be good for the pupils CV. Was this something the Community Council would support. The Chairman thought it was a good idea and to contact Logan Nicolson Brae High School Head teacher. **Clerk to Progress.**
- 15.2 Mossbank Pier** – The pier is in a mess. The sea has drawn some hardcore out. Would the Roads department come and put in a truck of hardcore before the summer. The worry is due to the number of visitors then there may be an accident. Email John Duncan Roads Department. **Clerk to Progress**

### 2024/02/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Voe Hall with the option for Members to join remotely through Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman