

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6pm.

### **Present**

Mr. N. O'Rourke (Chairman)  
Mr. B. Adamson  
Miss N. Fullerton  
Ms M. Garnier

### **Apologies**

Mr. G. Laurenson  
Mr. M. Fullerton  
Mr. R. Black  
Mrs. C. Smith  
Cllr. C. Hughson

### **In Attendance**

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

**1. Declaration of Interest – None.**

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

The minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were approved by Mhairi Garnier and Brian Adamson.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) Active Travel Audit**

The last update on this was received from Alistair Hunter, SIC Transport Planning, at our December meeting when he advised that Robina Barton should be back in post in the new year. This will be kept on the Minutes meantime.

#### **(b) Burra Early Years – pick up/drop off sign**

This sign is still not in place and it was noted that, as the Playgroup is no longer providing the minibus, these parking spaces would need to be kept clear for parents picking up/dropping off children. Neil Hutcheson advised previously that signage would be sorted once they had finished working on crash barriers.

#### **(c) Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Director**

The Clerk had spoken again to the person she had contacted who had shown an interest but unfortunately they had declined. Cllr. Scott offered to contact another person suggested by the members.

**ACTION: Cllr. Scott**

#### **(d) Road at Meal – white centre lines/arrows**

Still waiting for this to be done. Barrie Scobie, SIC Roads, has been contacted a few times and he advised they are behind schedule.

(e) Coastal erosion – Minn Beach

Niall had previously been in touch with Scott from Tulloch's to see what they could come up with. (This would be for the narrowest section and a bit further along.) Nothing further had been heard from them but Niall will contact them again.

**ACTION: Niall**

The Clerk had also had a reply from Liam Drosso, Outdoor Access Officer. He has been monitoring the Minn beach issue for some time now and his last visit was just before the Christmas break. He hopes to check it about once every 4 to 6 weeks. At his last visit he saw no issue in accessing the core path section on the causeway but says this may change over time. He will let us know if there comes a time when the path becomes unusable/unsafe.

(f) BT Phone Box, Hamnavoe

BT have been contact twice regarding the phone box but only an automated acknowledgement received to date. Photographs were sent with the first email showing the poor state of the phone box and also how it is blocking the path to the ladies public toilet. It was also pointed out that the community is looking to improve disabled access to the toilets and the phone box would really need to be removed. The Councillors also pointed out that the phone boxes in Scalloway and throughout Shetland are in the same poor state. Cllr. Scott offered to speak with a Mr. Irvine who works for BT in Lerwick to see if he can look into this.

**ACTION: Cllr. Scott**

(g) CPR & Defibrillator Training

Mr. James Tulloch, Lerwick Fire Station, is still to get back to us with dates for the training once he had spoken with the ambulance service.

(h) Multicourt lights at Hamnavoe School

Cllr. Sandison reported that there was nothing definitive on this yet as different departments within the SIC own the multicourts. Cllr. Sandison and Cllr. Hughson are soon to have a meeting with Shona Thompson, Neil Watt and others to discuss this further. He also pointed out that he believes they have a strong argument to use as the two things young people need most are transport connections and good outdoor spaces.

**ACTION: Cllrs Hughson & Sandison**

(i) Light outside school

It was noted that this light has still not been reinstated. Cllr. Scott advised that Barrie Scobie had told him that the funding had been allocated for this to be done. He will speak with him again.

**ACTION: Cllr. Scott**

(j) Bus Shelter – Burra Hall

At the last meeting it had been suggested that a bus shelter be located next to the Burra Hall as there are a number of children who wait here for the school bus. The only shelter in Hamnavoe is located at The Glen. The Clerk had taken photographs of the proposed area at the west side of the Hall and this had been sent on to Neil Hutcheson with the request. It was also pointed out to him that the bus shelter at the Meal junction is hardly ever used and if funding was a problem, this one could be taken away and relocated at the hall.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Road Gritting – Sanik

An email had been received from James Pottinger who lives in the road to the right up past the Church of Scotland at Bridge End. He is concerned about the short section of road from the main road to the grid leading into their houses as this is a slope and causes problems in icy conditions. Mr. Pottinger pointed out that there are 13 houses in this road with planning permission for another 4 and the road is unadopted. Cllr. Lyall said she would speak with Neil Hutcheson regarding this and also ask the question regarding adoption of this road. The Clerk passed on Mr. Pottinger's email to Cllr. Lyall.

**ACTION: Cllr. Lyall**

(b) Police Report – Nov/Dec 2024

Three incidents recorded:

- Antisocial Behaviour, Violence & Disorder – Public Nuisance (2)
- Threatening or Abusive Behaviour (1)

(c) Community Council – archiving documents

An email had been received from Michael Duncan regarding retention and destruction of Community Council records. Community Council documents which require to be retained must be passed to the Shetland Archive Service which will ensure the documents are properly stored, catalogued, conserved and made accessible for future generations. Community Council minutes and annual accounts must be retained permanently and lodged with the Archive Service based in the Shetland Museum facility. Instructions were given in the email regarding the process. This needs to be done no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

(d) Various correspondence

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

- Stoura Offshore Wind Farm – update
- Funding opportunity – CLLD Funding re-opened for Applications
- Invitation to participate in Next Phase of Marine Restoration & Enhancement Action Plan
- Shetland Policing Report – Oct/Nov 2024

**5. AOCB**

Tree planting

Dr. Reeves, who lives at Bridge End, had contacted the chairman as she is keen to plant some trees in Burra and wondered about the park below the Hulsidale playpark along the fence, just beyond the stile. The Clerk will get in touch with the owner of the land in the first instance.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**