

# **Sandness & Walls Community Council**

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Draft minutes for hybrid meeting of the Sandness and Walls Community Council on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7 pm held at the Walls Hall

Present: I Walterson (Chair)  
F Macbeath (Vice Chair),  
M Forrest  
E Johnston  
S Johnston  
J Puckey  
J Laing  
J Haswell  
Cllr L Peterson

In attendance: D Forrest (Clerk)

## **1. Chair's Welcome**

I Walterson (Chair) chaired the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year as he welcomed all those present.

## **2. Apologies:**

C Venus, M Duncan, R Fraser, M Macgregor

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

**Re: 11 Shetland Community Benefit Fund grant application CGS0010** - E Johnston declared an interest.

## **4. Police Report**

Receipt of the Briefing Paper Community Councils Oct Nov was acknowledged

## **5. Minutes from 3/12/24**

The adoption of the minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 was proposed by M Forrest and seconded by F Macbeath.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### ***Re: Emails to Ms E Park and Mr N Hutcheson***

The Clerk stated that despite having resent emails relating to the review of public transport and roads related matters to Ms E Park and Mr N Hutcheson respectively, neither of them had responded.

**Action: Cllr L Peterson stated she would take these matters up with the Chief Executive.**

## **7. Community Council Scheme Review- Phase 3 Consultation**

The Chair presented draft responses to each of the questions contained in the Phase 3 Consultation and asked the Members to comment on them. Brief discussions took place in relation to these draft responses and the inclusion of some additional content was suggested. The Chair offered to type up the amended set of answers which will be distributed to all Members before being submitted to the SIC. Acceptance of the draft responses was proposed by F Macbeath and seconded by J Haswell.

**Action:1. The Chair to type up the approved responses from the Sandness and Walls Community Council to the Community Council Scheme Review – Phase 3 Consultation**  
**2. The Clerk to circulate the responses to all S&WCC Members.**

## **8. Housing**

M Forrest stated that she had not received any feedback from the SIC Waste Management Department regarding the storage of waste at the Stove Cottages. It was suggested she contact Paula Nicolson.

**Action: M Forrest to phone Paula Nicolson to discuss this matter.**

## **9. Roads**

### **Construction of a Two Lane Carriageway on the A971 from the Murrister Quarry to Da Punds in Walls**

In response to a question from F Macbeath regarding the timescale for the presentation of the business case for the construction of a two-lane carriageway on the A 971 from the Murrister Quarry to Da Punds, Cllr L Peterson expressed her view that this may not take place until after the budget for the next financial year has been set. She felt that, under those circumstances, the business case may not be presented until March. Cllr L Peterson stated she had furnished Mr Hutcheson of the SIC Roads Department with a great deal of relevant information in support of the business case.

## **10. Inter-Island Transport Connectivity**

Two Members indicated that they had completed the above survey.

## **11. (a) Shetland Community Benefit Fund Grant Application CGS 0010 from Gruting and District Community Association for £4370 for building repairs**

(E Johnston declared an interest and left the room.)

The Chair read an email from the Shetland Community Benefit Fund administrator which described how the Gruting and District Community Association were contributing £320 from their own funds towards the building repairs and that they anticipate having to have some major plumbing work carried out in the near future. For this reason, they are holding back funds to enable them to have this work done. Having received this information, M Forrest proposed the grant be approved. This was seconded by F Macbeath

**Action: The Clerk to inform the administrator of the Shetland Community Benefit Fund of this decision.**

(E Johnston returned to the meeting.)

## **12. Local Place Plan**

No update on this is currently available.

## **13. Facebook Page for S&WCC**

A brief discussion took place regarding the Facebook Page. Members acknowledged that it was proving to be a very satisfactory means of passing on information, not just relating to the Community Council, but of events within the ward.

#### **14. Financial Update**

Members acknowledged receipt of the most recent Community Council's financial spreadsheet. The Clerk stated that he would provide Members with a preview of anticipated spending prior to the end of the financial year at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk to provide a preview of anticipated expenses prior to the end of the financial year at the next meeting.**

#### **15. Correspondence (Including Emails)**

The Clerk stated that no additional correspondence had been received other than the emails which have been circulated.

#### **16. AOCB**

##### **16.1 SCBF Grant Applications- CGS0023-02 & CGS0024-02**

It was acknowledged that these applications had arrived after the agenda had been circulated. Their consideration was deferred until the February Meeting

##### **16.2 Presence of a Free-Range Cockerel at the Stove Cottages at Walls**

Members were informed that an aggressive cockerel was wandering freely around the Stove area in Walls and making a mess on people's doorways. After some discussion, it was felt that this was probably not within the Community Council's remit.

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and will be a hybrid meeting which is scheduled to commence at 7.00pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.