

to be approved by SCC Members at the next SCC meeting on 17/02/25

SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Scalloway Community Council Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2025 at 7pm at the Scalloway Youth and Community Centre.

1. PRESENT:

Andrew Blackadder
Barbara Anderson
Lawson Bisset
Kenny Pottinger

In attendance:

Joy Ramsay – Clerk
Cllr Davie Sandison
Cllr Ian Scott
Cllr Moraig Lyall
Cllr Catherine Hughson
Tanya Riley – UHI Shetland

2. APOLOGIES:

Mark Burgess
Lindsay Laurenson
Marie Williamson
Roselyn Fraser
Michael Duncan

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Andrew was proposed at the chair for this meeting by Lawson, and seconded by Kenny.

Lawson proposed that a permanent chair should be elected during the February 2025 meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2024 approved by Andrew and seconded by Lawson, with the following amendments:

Section 7: When the 'pier' was mentioned, it should have been specified that it was the Shetland Islands Council's West Pier Redevelopment that should have been considered.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2024 were unable to be approved; the minutes are to be recirculated and approved at the February 2025 meeting.

Action: Clerk

5. GUEST SPEAKER: TANYA RILEY, UHI SHETLAND

Tanya Riley from UHI Shetland attended the SCC meeting to discuss the Marine Restoration and Enhancement Project, which is currently at the selection and feedback stage. Due to the issues with meeting with Tanya due to the adverse weather conditions, the first phase of the project has been completed, with 160 responses being received and members of the marine industry showing an interest in the project. Three main themes were highlighted in the survey findings; an interest in baseline/ monitoring data, concerns with marine litter and the encouragement of education. Tanya pointed out that whilst the project focuses on marine restoration, 'on land' activities would also be considered, particularly shorelines. It was noted that a national plan is being developed by the Scottish Government, which Tanya thinks would work in harmony with the project, and Orkney have a counterpart project in development.. For Scalloway, it was felt that the Waterfront project could be an example of a local project being able to work alongside and benefit from the Marine Restoration and Enhancement project.

The funding period for the project will be ending at the end of March 2025, which will be before the project ends. UHI Scalloway will be in charge of maintaining and producing the findings once the project ends, with the hope being that the findings will be applicable to numerous areas, and general enough to prevent the plan from being 'dated'. Funding for the plan at the end of the funding period will come from compulsory funding, research grants and from philanthropic donations made by a number of interested parties.

The second survey is to be completed by 14th February, but Tanya agreed that this deadline could be extended so that this could be completed by the SCC during the February meeting. A copy of the survey has been shared with the members so that the options can be discussed during the next meeting.

At this Point, Tanya was thanked and left the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tree of Life: The Scalloway Youth and Community Centre have agreed to display the *Tree of Life, Interrupted* Sculpture. Arrangements are to be made for this to be dropped off.

Action: Clerk

Bank of Scotland: Alternative banking had been looked into, and it was found that Barclays was offering two years without additional fees. It was noted that other community councils were having similar issues. It was agreed that Voluntary Action Shetland should be contacted, and that this matter should be submitted as an agenda item for the next ASCC meeting.

Action: Clerk

7. RECREATE SCALLOWAY/ SCALLOWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Waterfront: an application for a screening request has been submitted for the planning assessment for the Waterfront Project

Heritage Project: Lawson attended the Heritage Project on behalf of the SCC. An initial funding application is being developed, with hopes that funding can be secured from the Shetland Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) programme.

8. ASSOCIATION OF SHETLAND COMMUNITY COUNCILS UPDATE

The next ASCC meeting is to be held in March 2025. The exact date and relevant papers are to be shared with the members when they are received. Potential agenda items were raised in a previous section of the minutes.

9. ROADS

Bus Shelter: A second email was sent to Neil Hutcheson regarding the potential installation of a bus shelter. It was noted that Shetland Youth Voice had discussed this matter in one of their meetings. Another chaser is to be sent shortly if no response is received.

Action: Clerk

Houl Road: Ian had checked along Houl Road, and hadn't found any issues with the lighting.

20 MPH Speed Limit:

10. POLICE REPORT

The Police Briefing papers for October/November 2024 were read out, with the Scalloway Section reading as follows:

"There have been 14 incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows: Fail To Stop and Report Collision; Parking Offence; Assault; Neighbour Dispute (3); Vandalism (2); Concern for Person; Mental Health; Drugs – Attempt to Possess; Drugs – Possession; Medical Matter."

11. FINANCE

Community Development Fund: No further applications to be discussed. It was estimated that there is roughly £300 left in the CDF budget; the summary of the 2024-25 CDF grants is to be shared.

Action: Clerk

Community Benefit Fund: no further applications to be discussed.

Special Projects Grant: contractors are to be contacted to carry out the works on the Fisherman's Garden.

Action: Mark, Clerk

Jamieson Trust: No further updates. Lawson has offered to help Mark with enquiries.

Annual Accounts: the annual accounts were shared with the community council, but need to be verified before they are signed off. A meeting has been scheduled with Roselyn to make the necessary arrangements.

Action: Clerk

12. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant email correspondence circulated to all members.

Cycling UK: Cycling UK will be holding an event on 31st January at Islesburgh, to discuss the groups plans for Shetland, as well as to advise on what activities and projects they have in development. The members of the SCC are encouraged to attend.

Networking Event: Lawson attended the online event for Community Councils in Islands areas. The general impression was that many of these groups felt that there was a lack of support in their areas. Another event is to be held in a few weeks, and the details will be passed onto the members. The event was meant to have been recorded, and this is to be shared with the members.

Action: Lawson, Clerk

Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment: Phase three of the review is to be submitted by 31st January, with the information being circulated to the members. Whilst the members were agreeable to the majority of the proposals in place, there were concerns raised regarding the minimum ages for members, which was 16 for those standing for election and younger for associated members. It was agreed that that the community council's comments would be passed onto Michael.

Action: Clerk

13. PLANNING

2024/303/PPF: Construction and operation of 132 kV substation and ancillary infrastructure and associated works to connect Mossy Hill Wind Farm to the Transmission Network. It was noted that the Lerwick Community Council have raised objections to this matter, and the SCC have already submitted comments relating to the Mossy Hill Wind Turbine development directly with Statkraft, though it was felt that SCC's comments had not been fully addressed. Statkraft have offered to meet with the SCC to discuss matters relating to the Mossy Hill development. The scale of the buildings, particularly between the SSEN and Statkraft building was commented on, and there were concerns whether the cable would be over ground or underground. It was agreed that Planning should be contacted to ask if there is a deadline for comments, and to request an extension if applicable. It was also agreed that the members should bring relevant comments to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

14. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Lawson has spoken with Michael, who confirmed that the SCC was to hold off from any further development of the CRP, as the general template is being reworked. More information will come out in the near future.

15. STORAGE BOXES

Two of the four boxes were taken in, but the group ran out of time to discuss what was to be kept and what was to be weeded.

16. AOCB

Over 80s Voucher Scheme: due to issues with obtaining funding from the local community, the continuation of the voucher scheme will have to be reconsidered going forward.

Flag: Ian noted that the Shetland flag is beginning to look worn out and may need to be replaced. SCC may be able to fund the purchase of a new flag.

17. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Scalloway Community Council will be held on Monday 17th February 2025 at the Scalloway Public Hall.

Meeting ended at 20:52.