

# BRESSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Draft Minute of Bressay Community Council meeting:

Held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, in Bressay Hall.

Minute subject to approval at the next Bressay Community Council Meeting.

### Present:

Lindsay Tulloch (Chair)  
Shirley Gifford  
Margaret MacDonald  
Kath Duffus  
Ruth MacKenzie  
Matt Mason

### In Attendance:

Joanna Fraser  
Janice Jones (Clerk)

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Introduction and Apologies:

The Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed guests and members.

#### Apologies were noted from:

Katrina Gifford  
Alistair Christie-Henry  
Stephen Leask  
Gary Robinson  
Arwed Wenger  
Andrew Inkster  
Michael Duncan

#### 2. Declarations of interest:

The Chair asked for declarations of interest – none received.

#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Chairman reviewed the draft minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November and sought their approval, proposed by Shirley and seconded by Kath.

#### 4. Matters Outstanding (actions not elsewhere on agenda or completed):

##### Continued AP1 Community Resilience plan & Generator

**Action: Chair**

Still ongoing, the Chair will have discussions with the new Hall Committee to explore alternative options to the generator. There is some work ongoing in with the Partnership around resilience planning. Specifically with the NHS - some work has taken place in the

Walls Hall and around Starlink. The Community Development team has been asked to address resilience with Community Councils and Bressay is already on board. There is a time line for the end of April and it will be published Shetland wide in September/October. Most is based on the SSEN template which we are already using. There has been an exercise involving the Coastguard as part of a national exercise at a high level – developing standardisation of a plan in the event of an emergency. Matt has been involved in supporting the plan for the small island communities (Fetlar, Skerries, Fair Isle, Foula and Pappa Stour) as part of their Development Plan. The SSEN Template seems to be the adopted framework with some adaptation for local conditions, it was suggested the Community Council could visit this at a future meeting and set aside a half hour at the end of a meeting where we have no visitors attending.

**AP1: Feedback on Ferry timetable and other issues**

**Action: Chair/Shirley/  
SIC ferry Operations/Transport**

No further information

**AP2: Follow up with Infrastructure regarding Bus Shelters**

**Action: Clerk**

On the agenda as a separate item.

**AP3: Explore alternatives to a diesel generator for resilience.**

**Action: Chair**

See above CAP1.

**AP4: Explore multi-services support to upgrade the Bruntland Road**

The Chair had a response from Gary Robinson which he had shared with Karen, from a Community Council point of view this is as far as we can go at the moment.

**Action: Complete**

**AP5: Obtain up-to-date quotes for Quarry cleanings**

The quarry cleanings have been delivered and we are waiting for the final invoice.

**Action: Complete**

**5. Member and Visitor Reports:** Joanna could confirm the Pop Inns have reconvened for the New Year. It is growing in popularity with regulars and some new faces.

**6. Marine Restoration Project:** The specialists were scheduled to attend this meeting however there has been no confirmation. Meanwhile the information has been circulated.

**7. Infrastructure:** We have been pushing to get a date for the installation of the bus shelters but have been getting no response. The Chair will send further e-mails, copying in Andrew Inkster as our infrastructure representative, and will escalate if necessary. We also need to push for another roads report to be done now in spring, and will try to get a date for this to happen.

**Action: Chair**

There has been a recent suggestion to see if we could use the electronic notice board at the ferry to add community notices for events/opening at Noss etc. The discussion widened and it was decided to investigate obtaining our own electronic board for community use. This was further discussed under the 2025-2026 project.

**Action: Clerk**

This was the first year of the revised gritting arrangements, particularly over Christmas and New Year. On the whole it was agreed that the service has been positive.

The Trowlands road gets badly blocked with snow – for instance you wouldn't get a fire engine up, delivery vans get stuck etc. Some kind of break would stop the drifts from blowing in. With no snow plough in the gritter (to prevent damage to the road surface) the roads were just getting compacted, adding to the situation. This needs to be added to the infrastructure report.

The playpark also needs some scrutiny as to the condition of some of the equipment – the maintenance is down to the SIC. It was queried if this could be incorporated into Ella's Park. Some of the children at the PopUps had said there were no swings etc.

**8. 2024-2025 Project:** We have had a quote of £400 for all the digital building which we can also use for printing leaflets. Printing costs would be about 50p per 100. Text was available however we may not have the photographs, this was printed by the Shetland Times and Ruth is investigating with them what they still have access to, they will update logos/QR codes etc. There is a map at the ferry which will need checking and Natural History Group has a small fund available for maintenance and we could add to this, most of the boards are quite good other than the one at the top of the Ward, although this has been repaired. Some are starting to degenerate round the edges but will hopefully stand for another few years. It would also be helpful to have "whatthreewords" incorporated into the text – this could be useful as points of reference for safety/resilience as well as a trail. We also need to have invoices in to be paid before the end of March.

Some thought was given to the **2025-2026 Project**. One suggestion would be adding swings to the play park, although this would be over £10,000 in cost. Perhaps this could be something for Ella's Park to apply for.

It was decided to explore the possibility of an electronic notice board, for community use. Whilst this will be more expensive than the £1000 community fund this can be added to by the SCBF. There was some confusion of the funding from SCBF and it was suggested we asked Alistair in his capacity as a SCBF member to give the Community Council members a quick overview.

We will also put out an advert on FB to see if any members of the community has an idea for a small project.

**Action: Clerk**

**9. Correspondence:** Many items have been circulated We have had a communication from a constituent with photographs regarding the state of the Ward Road. This has been discussed previously by the Community Council. Ownership is mixed, the estate and the Grazings Committee are responsible for the lower section and the upper part is the BBC. Margaret will explore responsibility as to who owns what part.

**Action: Margaret**

The history Group has been in touch regarding support in bringing the Bressay Stone by providing a letter in support.

**Action: Chair**

We have had a correspondence regarding the safety of disposing of Lithium-Ion batteries. There will be regulation from the manufacturer, the main problem will be black-market ones, however the risk at the moment is quite low and not a Community Council issue.

A card has been provided to add to the Tree of Life plaque.

Some members have had correspondence regarding the telecoms digital switch over. It is being monitored both nationally and regionally. The MSP has raised it following recent bad weather cut offs. Homelink and medical services are being affected and Social Services are working to ensure the technology in the isles will be compatible. So that side will be OK however other isolated people could become vulnerable. This will factor in our resilience planning.

**10. Planning Applications:** None

**11. Finance: Grant & applications & Financial position.** Nothing has changed since the December position and projections. We have quite a lot in the Distribution Grant funding. In the core fund we have provision for two skips so we need to book two in – we are suggesting one manned by the Boating Club and one by the Hall. The boating Club are planning a

function. They are also potentially looking at some equipment. There will be something coming from the History Group. Matt will come back with dates when the Boating Club can man the skip.

There was an application for Grant Funding from the SCBF from the Bressay Up Helly Aa committee for a pallet truck and other equipment. This was unanimously approved.

**12. Bressay Groups Update (Hall, Sports Club, Boating Club, BDL etc.)** Up Helly Aa ticket sales are in the Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> February and the Under 5s Group will be providing afternoon teas. It is hoped another group will provide afternoon teas on Up Helly Aa day when the Jarl squad visits the hall.

**13. Any other business:** None

**14. Meeting Review:** no comments

**15. Date of next meeting:** will be on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Chairman:

Date

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Summary of new and outstanding actions

## Continued AP1 Community Resilience plan & Generator

Action: Chair

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AP2: Follow up to installation of Bus Shelters

Action: Chair

AP3: Investigate electronic notice-boards

Action: Clerk

AP4: Investigate details of the ownership/responsibilities for the Ward Road.

Action: Margaret

AP5: Advise the public regarding availability of Grants and invite ideas for a future project.

Action: Clerk

AP6: Advise on dates the Boating club could be available to man a skip.

Action: Matt