

Delting Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON Thursday 28th November 2024 At Mossbank Primary School

2024/11/01 MEMBERS

Mr A Cooper (Chairman)
Mr E Smith (Vice Chairman)
Mr J Milne
Mr B Moreland

Mr A Hall
Ms J Dennison
Ms R Griffiths

2024/11/02 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms L Ratter – Clerk

2024/11/03 CIRCULAR

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

2024/11/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Ms E Macdonald and Ms L Hall

2024/11/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2024 were approved by Mr E Smith and seconded by Ms J Dennison.

2024/11/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Mr A Cooper declared in interest for 2024/11/13.2 – SCBF Application Westside Sharks Swimming Club.

2024/11/07 CO-OPTING A MEMBER

7.1 There were no new members to Co-Opt.

2024/11/08 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 **Community Development Fund (CDF)** – There was no update on this item.

8.2 **Road Verges Growing Over/Cattlegrid overfilled** – There was no update on this item.

8.3 **Testing at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.

8.4 **Traffic Lights/no stopping signs at Scatsta** – There was no update on this item.

8.5 **Graveyard bin** – There was no update on this item.

8.6 **Traffic Passing Through Voe** – There was no update on this item. **Ms E Macdonald to progress.**

8.7 **Glass on road** – There was no update on this item.

8.8 **Repair work in Moorfield Estate** – The frosted windows have now been replaced in all properties in the Moorfield Estate with the proper panes of glass.

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8.9 Bench at Main Road at Galley Shed – The bench at the galley shed has been replaced.

8.10 Walking and Settlement Audit Recommendations – Mr A Hunter responded – “He can confirm that the funding that we are applying for from the Transport Scotland Active Travel Infrastructure Fund for 2025-26 would be Tier 1 funding (funding for design, development, and delivery) used on the ‘paperwork’ side of the project. Once the surveying and designing takes place in that financial year, we can subsequently apply for Tier 2 construction funding from the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund (2026-27). To directly answer your questions, yes this specific project will not be delivered on the ground by the end of the 2025-26 financial year; and yes, extra funding would be required to carry out the works, but the avenue for this funding is further Transport Scotland funding specifically allocated to take active travel projects from their Tier 1 design stage to delivery; and therefore no, under the current funding streams set out by the Scottish Government it would not be required to compete against other projects in the Council’s capital programme.

As with all Transport Scotland Active Travel projects, these are all subject to successful bids for funding and we expect the funding to open for applications throughout December and January, and anticipate confirmation of successful bids to be provided by the end of March (although in this financial year Scottish local authorities received confirmation of Tier 1 funding in June and only received confirmation of Tier 2 funding last month). In terms of priorities, from our discussion earlier this year we noted down recommendations 2 (footway widening along the A970), 14 (improving central walking routes), 23 (providing cycling infrastructure along the A970), 24 (extending footpath south, on the map it says to the next housing cluster but in-person discussions showed support for continuing to the Sparl junction), and 25 (improved links between the leisure centre, new school, and health centre) to be prioritised first. However, as this is a programme that would be spanning multiple years, you are welcome to continue passing information and feedback to us so we can prioritise other things if you would prefer, just let me know.

I can only personally apologise for the breakdown in communication, the amount of changes in the active travel funding landscape for Local Authorities and Regional Transport Partnerships for this financial year was unexpected and we are doing our best to keep on top of them, but I appreciate I should have responded to your queries more quickly regardless of this workload and I am sorry for this. This should improve in the new year with Robina returning to the team.”

Mr A Hall was under the impression that that there was funding been secured and was needing to be spent when Mr A Hunter and Mr M Craigie came to the Delting Community Council meeting in February. Was there funding in place and if so, what has happened to this funding. Mr A Cooper has asked the clerk to email and ask about funding and when the design is going to be started and concluded so they can check and keep up to date with progress. **Clerk to progress.**

8.11 Sign at Sparl – Mr N Hutcheson has passed on e-mail to the Engineer who deals with their traffic sign maintenance for his attention.

8.12 Cattle grid croft at Scarvataing in Muckle Roe – Ms Y Scott, Burial Services Officer responded to say they will prioritise improvements week beginning 4th November. This cattle grid and road have been cleared.

8.13 Lights on top of the telecom tower at Scatsta – There is no method to contact Openreach on the Website to highlight the issue.

2024/11/09 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report

2024/11/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 2024/264/PPF– Change of use of the land from agricultural to industrial and the erection of a substation building, consisting of No. 1 Switch room, No. 2 Reactors, fencing, associated storage, parking, and access. Land At Garth Farm, Mossbank, Shetland, ZE2 9QR by Scottish Southern

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Electricity Networks All plans can be viewed on: [Simple Search](#). There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress**

10.2 Marine Planning Consultation - 2024/027/WL - To Build Two Finger Piers for a Boat Lift/Hoist and Associated Works. Sella Ness Industrial Estate Sullom Voe Shetland ZE2 9UR. All plans can be viewed on: [Simple Search](#) There were no objections to this application. **Clerk to progress**

10.3 Sellaness Planning Application - Mr A Hall asked if the planning application for the temporary extension to Sellaness Camp would get sent to Delting Community Council. Mr A Cooper said it was sent to the community council for the last extension so it should be again. Mr A Cooper asked for planning to be emailed to ask when we should receive the application as after tonight's meeting Delting Community Council is in recess till the end of January. **Clerk to progress**

2024/11/11 COMMUNITY WORK

Ms L Hall was unable to attend the meeting.

2024/11/12 FINANCE UPDATE

12.1 The clerk updated members on the current financial position for 24/25.

12.2 Remembrance Sunday - Poppy Wreath Invoice £37.00 to be repaid to Mr A Cooper. Payment Approved **Clerk to progress.**

12.3 Voe Public Hall – Invoice – Invoice from Hall hire for June Meeting and October meeting £20.00. Payment Approved **Clerk to progress.**

2024/11/13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme - CGS0014 - Voe Children's Party – Tier 1 The party encourages families to come together & have fun!! The party gives an opportunity for the community to make new friendships & enjoy each other's company. It is a social occasion for pre-school & primary families to all come together. They are looking for funding for this year's Christmas party on December 7th 2024. To buy each child a parcel & a new amplifier & microphone to help with the party games. 50 children x £10 gift = £500 Party amplifier = £150 Party food & expenses = £200 They are applying for £850.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £850. **Clerk to progress**

13.2 SCBF Advance Grant Scheme - CGS0016-03 - Westside Sharks Swimming Club – Tier 2 The Westside Sharks Swimming Club offers affordable and enjoyable opportunities for swim training and participation in local competitions, enabling and encouraging children and young people to take part in a lifelong, healthy, lifesaving activity. They currently have 46 young members (aged 7 to 15) from 31 families attending regular training sessions; 18 members live in the Sandsting and Aithsting area, 24 in Walls and Sandness, 3 in Delting, and 1 in Whiteness and Weisdale. This project is to support their club members and attract new members to ensure continuity of this successful and long-running club. The project will benefit club members and their families, who reside in Walls and Sandness, Sandsting and Aithsting and Delting. With this project, they wish to: - Support the payment of competition fees which is a considerable additional expense for parents (last year this amounted to £7,268) - Provide a Summer Gala and celebration of achievements in summer 2025 - Provide a Winter Gala, celebration of achievements and Christmas Fun Swim in winter 2025. This will be achieved by: - implementing a fair subsidising process for competition fees, prioritising those who need it most (they communicate carefully with members to ensure there is a sensitive and confidential means of requesting additional financial support). Competitions are on Shetland, Orkney, and mainland Scotland. The committee will plan and run the summer and winter galas to include fun events for all, appropriate celebrations of achievements (with prizes, medals, and food). These will all take place in Aith, where their club is based. Competition fees £2950, Summer Gala £1185, Winter Gala £815 Total cost of project £4950. They have secured £2000 in funding form Cooke

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Aquaculture and Jamiesons of Shetland They are applying for £346.00. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £346.00. **Clerk to progress.**

- 13.3 Grant Application Form – Mossbank Under 5’s** – They are a voluntary group who meet weekly in term time at Mossbank Hall to support preschool children, parents, carers, and families. They are looking to fund a baby changing station for the Mossbank Public Hall for use by the group and anyone visiting the hall. The group asked the Mossbank Hall Committee if they could help to purchase a changing station but they do not have enough funds to help. The changing station will be mounted on the wall in the disabled toilets and will be available for anyone attending any function at the Hall. They are applying for £158.99. Members agreed unanimously to award the full grant amount of £158.99. **Clerk to progress**
- 13.4 Councillor Resignation - Ex-Officio** - Councillor Tom Morton resigned from the Council as of 31 October 2024. Mr T Morton has been removed from the contact lists as an ex-officio member of Delting Community Council. Details of the new councillor will be share following the by-election on 23 January 2025. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 13.5 Association of Shetland Community Councils - November meeting update -**
Consultation for mothballing schools Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council expressed concerns at Community Councils not being consulted in the process. It was agreed that the ASCC write to the Council with a request that Community Councils should be consulted at the earliest point of school mothballing process.
Council Tax consultation The Council will be undertaking a consultation exercise regarding proposals for Council tax Policy on empty homes and second homes. The Council is keen to identify any “unintended consequences” from changes to Council tax rates and are seeking help from Community Councils on how best to consult and approach communities. After discussion a “blended” form of consultation was agreed. A survey form will be published by the Council in due course and individuals may submit their survey responses directly to the Council and/or they may share comments with their local Community Council. In the event Community Councils receive comments about the Council tax consultation from local residents then they shall collate the comments and submit a shared response to the Council as soon as possible.
Shetland Community Benefit Fund The reduced budget allocations to Community Councils. It was noted that the budget allocations for both the construction phase and operational phase of the Viking Wind Farm were agreed and set in advance of works commencing. ASCC write to Shetland Community Benefit Fund to ask when they were due to review its budget allocations, and to explore if there was any possibility of increasing the Community Council budget allocations.
Community Council Scheme Review Phase Two consultation on the Scheme Review had been concluded, analysed, and collated and will be reported to a Special Meeting of Shetland Islands Council. A proposed final draft Community Council Scheme of Establishment and supporting documents will be also presented to the Special Council meeting to seek permission to consult on the proposed final draft Scheme. The final draft Scheme will include a proposed new funding mechanism and worked example. The Special Council meeting takes place on 19 November. Once decision has been reached, it is hoped to commence with the Third and final Phase of consultation. This is scheduled to take place from 29 November to 31 January 2025, but these dates are subject to change. Following completion of Phase Three consultation the feedback received will be collated and analysed, and then a report recommending a new Community Council Scheme of Establishment will be presented to a Special Council meeting in March 2025. If approved, the new Scheme would come into effect from 1 April 2025. It is planned that following launch of the new scheme a programme of training will be rolled out. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.6 Salary scales 2024/25** – New Local Government Employees Salary Scale with effect from 1 April 2024. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.7 Cycling UK** – Mr A Campbell Shetland Development Officer for Cycling UKs Connecting Communities project. They aim to provide active travel support to individuals and groups. This involves providing cycle training to all ages and e bike loans, and other activities like organising

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bike maintenance sessions, health walks etc. Mr A Campbell would like to attend a meeting, preferably on TEAMS to see if there is anything I could be doing to help in the Delting area. Members agreed for Mr A Campbell to attend the meeting in January. **Clerk to progress.**

- 13.8 New Brae Campus** - The second public consultation event for the new Brae Campus took place at Brae Secondary School on 26th November from 3.30m to 7.30pm. Mr J Dennison and Mr A Hall attended. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.9 Community Council Scheme of Establishment Review – Report** - The report to the Special Shetland Islands Council meeting has been published. This report sets out the consultation responses from Phase two and seeks permission to undertake a third and final consultation phase on a proposed new Scheme. See web link: [Shetland Islands Council Committee Information - Meetings](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 13.10 Online Networking Event for Community Councils in Islands areas - Wednesday 4th December 2024 6pm-7:30pm** - An informal online event hosted by the Improvement Service, as part of the Community Councils Scotland project and supported by Scottish Rural Network, to hear the views of Community Councils in Islands areas and provide opportunities for Islands community councillors to get together and share best practice and ideas. The event will also feature: Ready Scotland talking about their resources and how they can help Community Councils prepare for emergencies and how Islands Community Councils can help to develop an Open University e-learning module on the Islands Act, Breakout rooms will provide opportunities to share news about your community council's work and help to transfer knowledge across Islands community councils. To register, the link is in the email. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**

2024/11/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- 14.1 UK Government Energy Consenting Consultation** - [Electricity Infrastructure Consenting in Scotland - GOV.UK](#) web link to consultation. The consultation period closes at 11.59pm on 29 November 2024. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 14.2 Shetland Charitable Trust - Small Grants Scheme** - A fund offering grants of up to £5,000 for small community groups in Shetland has opened to applications for financial year 2025/26. In line with all SCT's grant aid, the Small Grant Scheme aims to support community based voluntary and charitable organisations to provide services and associated facilities that help individuals and the community to thrive. Awards can cover up to 90 per cent of a project's costs. The scheme is open to constituted community groups with a turnover of less than £100,000 a year. They need to demonstrate in their application that they support SCT's Quality of Life Goals: community wellbeing, individual wellbeing, everyone matters and generational fairness. The scheme is open to requests for help with running costs and buying equipment or adapting buildings. Applications for revenue funding can be for a minimum of one year but the trust will consider multi-year funding to a maximum of 5 years. **The closing date is Friday 24th January 2025.** Application forms and further details about the Small Grant Scheme are available on SCT's website at [Apply For Funding | Shetland Charitable Trust](#) or by emailing grants@shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members want this email to be forwarded to Community Halls and Youth Groups. **Clerk to progress**
- 14.3 Business Support Drop Ins** – Business Gateway holding a series of drop in events in Delting and Northmavine, **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members and advertised on the DCC Facebook Page.**
- 14.4 Green Grant Fund** - Green Grant Fund aims to support businesses and social enterprises across the Highlands and Islands to transition to net zero. The funding is a non-repayable grant of up to £250,000, which will cover between 10% and 40% of the total cost of a project. The minimum grant award is £20,000. Projects with a total cost of £50,000 or less are therefore unlikely to be eligible. Projects can include anything that helps businesses and social enterprises

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to reduce carbon emissions and make progress towards achieving net zero, for example through energy efficiency measures, renewables, or waste management. They will prioritise projects based in remote and rural areas where applicants may be eligible for up to 50% funding. HIE's contribution to projects will be based on the financial need of the business or social enterprise. Applicants will be required to provide financial information on request to allow an assessment to be made. More information can be found following the link [HIE Green Grant Fund | HIE](#). **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**

- 14.5 Historic Environment Scotland/ Heritage Lottery Fund** - Historic Environment Scotland (HES) launched Round 3 of its Heritage and Place Programme (H&PP). This means that any eligible organisations who are interested in applying for funding to develop an area-based scheme are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for HES to consider prior to being invited to submit a full application if they feel that your proposal meets with the programme criteria. The EOI deadline is 17 January 2025. More information about the H&PP can be found on their website including the full Programme Guidance: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/heritage-place-programme/> **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.6 Stoura Public Exhibition** - The Stoura Project Team want to thank everyone that participated in their public exhibition. They have received some very valuable comments. For any comments requiring follow up, we will be in touch directly. All comments received during the public exhibition will now be used to shape the approach that they will use over the coming years to better understand the potential impact of Stoura on the local environment. Next year, they will describe their approach to the Environmental Impact Assessment in their Scoping Report. This document will be available on the MD-LOT website. If anyone did not have the opportunity to attend in person, all materials presented on the day will be made available on their website shortly, www.stouraoffshorewind.com. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.**
- 14.7 The National Customer and Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey** - The National Customer and Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey is an annual survey undertaken by the National Planning Improvement Team in the Improvement Service. This survey is intended to be filled out by all users of the Planning Authorities in Scotland to collect your views on the service you have received. They will use this to identify areas for improvement. The survey is live from Monday 18th November for 3 weeks. The survey should only take a few moments of your time, and all your responses will help the planning authority improve their offer to you. Please click on the link below to access the survey. [Customer and Stakeholder Survey | Improvement Service](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**
- 14.8 SSEN work on North Shetland** - SSEN wants to update us about the North Shetland Reinforcement Project They are on a mission to inform local communities and interested parties about our work on Shetland as part of [SSEN Distribution's North Shetland Reinforcement Project](#). Join them for an informative panel discussion on Thursday 5 December from 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm with speakers from: SSEN Distribution Engineering Design and Consents, SSEN Distribution Investment Planning and Shetland Island Council Roads Service. This 60-minute webinar is an opportunity to share your views and hear from the experts planning and delivering this essential network upgrade on North Shetland. [Register and book your place here](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** Mr A Cooper and Mr E Smith are going to try and attend.
- 14.9 Launch of the Shetland Disability Access Panel** - Disability Equality Scotland and Ability Shetland are proud to announce the upcoming launch event of the new Shetland Access Panel. This initiative is set to revolutionise accessibility across Shetland and foster a more inclusive community. Scheduled for November the 29th, the launch event will take place at the Islesburgh community centre and hostel in Lerwick, with the main event running from 11am to 1pm followed by the chance to drop in and informally chat with us about Access Panels and the opportunity to network with those in attendance until 3pm. The joint venture between Disability Equality Scotland and Ability Shetland underscores a shared commitment to dismantling barriers and

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creating a more inclusive society. The Access Panel aims to empower individuals of all abilities by championing universal accessibility across Shetland. The launch event at the Islesburgh Community Centre and Hostel will feature insightful discussions, informative presentations, and networking opportunities. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the mission and goals of the Access Panel, as well as learn about the practical steps being taken to enhance accessibility on Shetland. To book your ticket use the link below: <https://buytickets.at/disabilityequalityscotland/1453192> For additional information please contact Disability Equality Scotland on 0141 370 0968 or access@disabilityequality.scot. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**

14.10 Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Consultation – SSEN Transmission wants to share their draft Stakeholder Engagement Strategy, and they are now welcoming their stakeholders to provide their feedback to help shape their final strategy. Their business has grown significantly over the past few years, and they have developed a new Stakeholder Engagement Strategy to ensure their stakeholder engagement practices remain impactful and relevant. They now invite you to review their draft strategy and provide them with your feedback through their survey. **This will be open until Wednesday 18th December at 9am.** [Review our draft Stakeholder Engagement Strategy](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members**

14.11 Scottish Government consultation on National Marine Plan 2 - The Scottish Government has opened their consultation on the NMP2 Planning Position Statement, with a response deadline of **28 January 2025**. The [Planning Position Statement \(PPS\)](#) summarises the work completed to date from when the NMP2 process started in 2022 and provides an early opportunity for comments on the proposed objectives and policy ideas to be included in NMP2. You can access the consultation here: [National Marine Plan 2 Planning Position Statement - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#) The consultation questions cover proposed higher-level objectives, policy ideas, wording, and general feedback; however, this is a crucial opportunity to contribute to the NMP2 planning process and ensure that regional perspectives are considered. The Shetland Marine Planning Partnership SMPP team will be responding to the consultation and will aim to circulate our response at the beginning of January. **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members requested an extension to the consultation date as their next meeting is due to take place on 30th January after the consultation closes and they are keen to submit a response to the consultation. The members asked the Clerk to email The Shetland Marine Planning Partnership SMPP team to ask for an extension otherwise the next meeting may need rescheduled for an earlier date to allow a response to be submitted. **Clerk to progress.**

14.12 National Lottery Community Fund - New programmes - National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has launched two new funding programmes. **Community Action and Fairer Life Chances** funding programmes focus on helping communities to tackle poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination.

Community Action Grants of between £20,001 and £250,000 are available for up to five years. Community Action will support projects that help communities of all shapes and sizes to come together around activities that matter to them, or which help communities to be environmentally sustainable. NLCF wants to fund projects that bring communities together to improve wellbeing and develop positive relationships within those communities; and that encourage connection with other people and/or connection with the environment. It will support projects that are more open, inclusive and led by the people who will benefit from their activities and services.

Fairer Life Chances Grants of between £20,001 and £500,000 available for up to five years. Fairer Life Chances will fund projects that support children, young people and families, or that help people to be healthier and have better access to support. NLCF wants to fund vulnerable or excluded communities, and particularly those that find it hardest to access support.

Organisations wishing to apply should contact NLCF for a conversation either by email at advicescotland@nlcommunityfund.org.uk or by phoning on tel 0300 123 7110. For more information please refer to web link below: [Funding programmes | The National Lottery Community Fund](#) **The Clerk shared email with Delting Community Council members.** The members want this email to be forwarded to Community Halls. **Clerk to progress.**

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2024/11/15 ANY OTHER CURRENT BUSINESS

- 15.1 Loose Chips at Maidenfield Mossbank** - Mr E Smith said that following resurfacing work at Maidenfield in Mossbank the stone chips on the road are now becoming loose. He has asked that Mr J Duncan at SIC Roads department is emailed to highlight the issue. **Clerk to progress.**

2024/11/16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 16.1** The Chairman called for the next Delting Community Council meeting to be held at the Brae High School on Thursday 30th January commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman