



## TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.00pm

**1.0 Present:**

Andrew Archer – chair	Theo Smith
Winston Brown	Catherine Hughson
Linda Tulloch	Moraig Lyall
Dilys Evans	Ian Scott
Neil Leask	Steven Coutts
Karl Mills – clerk	Davie Sandison

**2.0 Apologies:** Angela Sutherland Roselyn Fraser

### **3.0 Declarations of Interest**

Linda Tulloch and Winston Brown declared interests in item 11 - Viking Energy.  
Moraig Lyall and Davie Sandison declared an interest in item 10 - Planning.

### **4.0 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Dilys Evans the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

### **5.0 Matters arising from the Minutes**

1. The clerk has now received from ArtMachine two 'CAUTION – CHILDREN AT PLAY' signs, together with their invoice for £30+VAT for each sign (£72 total invoice value).  
The clerk has advised Ian Bray of Hjaltland Housing Association that the signs are now available, and will in due course liaise with SIC Roads to agree suitable locations for their installation.
2. Andrew Archer spoke to Robina Barton – Active Travel Strategy, to find out whether a settlement audit is planned for the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale area, and if not, to request one. Robina Barton said that the settlement audits were not yet fully defined, so no such audit would be carried out in the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale area in the near future. Robina went on to say that grant funding was available for paths from Sustrans, whereby they would pay 100% of the cost of any design work and 70% of the costs of construction. This grant scheme opens in Spring 2022.
3. Regarding the possibility of constructing a path between Kalliness and Whiteness Primary School, Winston Brown agreed to talk to the land-owner, George Morrison, to find out whether he would agree to part of the path being made on his land. Andrew Archer said he would ask Robina Barton if she knew anyone who could carry out a survey and provide a quotation for constructing the path, and he would talk to Michael Duncan regarding Crown Estate Funding for such a scheme.

### **6.0 Decisions made since last meeting**

No decisions have been made by e-mail vote since the last meeting.

### **7.0 Finance**

1. The Financial Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 was distributed to members.
2. There were no TWWCC grant applications to consider.

## **8.0 Police Report**

The Shetland Policing Report for June and July 2021, dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021, was circulated to community councillors prior to the meeting. There were no issues requiring discussion.

## **9.0 Correspondence**

A full response has now been received to the community council's letter requesting information on 'sterilised zones' resulting from the subterranean HVDC cable. SIC have confirmed that there are not likely to be any restrictions to future developments outside the 30m corridor where the cable is buried.

Andrew archer will post a note to this effect on the community council's Facebook page.

## **10.0 Planning**

Two planning applications were reviewed, and the clerk was asked to submit the following comments to SIC Planning:

- 2021/240/PPF – Erection of two-storey garage at Hillcrest, Gott.  
Response: 'No comment'.
- 2021/211/ADV - To install two illuminated signs and three non-illuminated signs at Shetland MOT & Repair Garage, Gott.  
Response: 'The community council does not object to this application, but requests that a timer be installed to reduce light pollution overnight'.

## **11.0 Viking Energy**

- A number of road-users have commented upon the amount of dust being blown off lorries coming from the Staney Hill Quarry and this has been raised with SSE. Lorry drivers have been briefed previously on the need for their loads to be properly sheeted to contain the dust, and SSE have said that this message will be reinforced by 'toolbox' talks.  
SSE also said that they have regular meetings with the Police on matters of driving standards and road safety.
- The community council made a request to SSE for Rory Tallach to give a talk on conservation matters, particularly peat restoration. SSE were not keen to submit to this request at present as Rory was new in the role and suggested that such a talk should be delayed until Spring 2022. Community councillors felt that the matter should not be delayed that long and the chair was requested to ask SSE for an earlier date.
- SSE had offered to organise beach-cleaning activities, and have requested feedback on which areas we would like to see cleaned. The community council's preference was for the top of Weisdale Voe to be cleared of rubbish.

## **12.0 SCBF**

- Angela Sutherland was unable to attend the meeting, so no update was given.
- In order to carry out the survey of residents' views on the use of SCBF funding, it was agreed that 1,000 letters and pre-paid envelopes would be printed. These would be hand-delivered by community council members and other volunteers to the approximately 800 households in the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale area, with surplus letters placed in the local shops and halls. The clerk was asked to apply for a license from Royal Mail to set up the pre-paid return address required. A notice will be posted on the community council's Facebook page to ask for volunteers to help with the hand-delivery of the letters. Neil Leask agreed to coordinate the delivery of the letters.
- Following on from a previous application (180034) for a SCBF grant made by Whiteness Primary School Parent Council, a supplementary application was made to cover the cost of VAT, which had been inadvertently omitted from their original application. This is for a sum

of £408.40p, which community councillors unanimously agreed to pay. The clerk was asked to inform Eleanor Gear – Administrator SCBF accordingly.

### **13.0 Councillors' Reports**

There were no reports from councillors, but Andrew Archer asked a question about SIC finances, based on an article that had been published in the press.

The view of most (but not all) of the councillors present was that the current practice of preserving the long-term value of the reserves and only spending what was considered to be a sustainable amount on current services was the correct one and that this was unlikely to change.

### **14.0 AOCB**

- Regarding the forthcoming community council bi-elections, Andrew Archer will ask Michael Duncan if there are any publicity aids available such as posters which can be displayed at appropriate locations.
- The issue of temporary speed limit signs being left in place after road re-surfacing works have been completed and excess grit removed was raised. The clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of SIC Roads.

### **15.0 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021