



Minutes of meeting held at Whiteness Public Hall on Wednesday 17th August 2022

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**1.0 Present:**

Andrew Archer (Chair)	Catherine Hughson
Dilys Evans	Ian Scott
Linda Tulloch	
Neil Leask	
Charlie Hodge	
Martin Randall	

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**2.0 Apologies:**

Angela Sutherland, Michael Duncan, Paul Stevens (Clerk).

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**3.0 Declarations of Interest:**

Linda Tulloch declared an interest in matters relating to Viking; Catherine Hughson in matters relating to planning; Andrew Archer in matters relating to Win Furt.

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**4.0 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were amended to include Ian Scott as an attendee at the Scalloway-Norway Friendship agreement signing event. On a motion proposed by Martin Randall and seconded by Dilys Evans, the amended minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

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**5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- Road surface reinstatement: a reply had been received and the work had now been completed.
- Tulloch's trucks: no reply had been received. Flagged as an ongoing issue for the next meeting.
- Peat slippage: Only an acknowledgement had been received from Planning and no reply had yet been received from SSE.

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**6.0 Decisions since last meeting**

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

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**7.0 Police Report**

A report for April/May 2022 had been circulated to members on 25th June. Dilys Evans queried the unclear meaning of the term "concern for persons" used throughout the report. The apparent increase in incidents, especially road collisions and careless driving, was noted.

- ACTION: The Clerk to contact police regarding: (1) the meaning of "concern for persons"; (2) Whether numbers of incidents are increasing or if there has been a change in the way incidents are being recorded.
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## 8.0 Footpaths

Andrew Archer gave an update. Win Furt had a positive meeting on 4th August with Michael Craigie (SIC Transport Planning head) and Michael Duncan. Their view was that a cooperative effort was needed to reinforce each other's approaches. A second meeting was held on 10th August with Michael Craigie and Robina Barton, where they indicated that a successful Sustrans application would likely need to be more closely aligned with local and national Active Travel policies. The aim is now to delay the Sustrans application and talk to Systra Ltd., the SIC-commissioned transport consultants who are performing settlement audits on the routes and infrastructure mapped out during the original Shetland Active Travel Strategy development. In the meantime, the Win Furt Trustees are keen to proceed with a public launch and membership drive, and to build on the enthusiasm of the local community by getting them involved with smaller projects that enhance the environment. To do this, they have applied to the TWWCC for a small grant to cover launch costs.

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## 9.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022, was distributed to community council members.
- The electronic banking requirement for two 'signatories' has now been set up. Neil Leask and Linda Tulloch are now in the process of becoming registered as online signatories, in addition to the existing signatories: Andrew Archer and the Clerk.
- The grant application from Win Furt launch costs £1000 was considered. After the earlier discussion, members agreed that the application should be reworded slightly, given the likelihood that Systra Ltd. would now be carrying out the consultation. Subject to that change, the application for £1,000 was approved.

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## 10.0 Correspondence

- SIC energy consultation (emailed to members on 4th August): members were concerned that there was no mention of community consultation regarding the needs and desires of local people, or any mention of landscape preservation.
  - ACTION: the Clerk to respond (with input from Andrew Archer and Dilys Evans) asking about how people in community will be consulted on what they want and whether they support the proposed changes to Shetland's landscape.
- Sale of Tingwall Kirk: Andrew Archer had informally talked to some local people who had links to the Kirk. Their feeling was that there should be some community use for it but could not think of practical ways to achieve this given the nature of the building. In the absence of any external indications of support, it was felt that the Community Council could not itself initiate any community scheme.
- Stopping Up Order: The people who will be affected support the Order so no action is needed.

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## 11.0 Planning

- 2022/198/PPF Domestic property with air source heat pump, Wadbister.
  - ACTION: The Clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.

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## 12.0 Viking

Andrew Archer gave an update:

- A site visit was confirmed for 6pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, at the Sand Water Compound.
- The A971 resurfacing has been put back a week and is now due to start on 22nd August.
- Andrew had received the Viking CLG minutes. Charlie Hodge queried whether the cable route from Kergord to Lerwick had now been confirmed. Andrew replied that the Energy Consents Unit still had the route specifications listed as 'ongoing'.

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## 13.0 SCBF

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Angela Sutherland had sent in a report:

- From the summary of applications, Andrew Archer noted that the rejected applications indicated that projects needing ongoing running costs tended to not be supported by the SCBF.
- SCBF Directors had obtained quotes from alternative legal and accountancy firms to ensure the current setup provided value for money.
- The advanced grant scheme review had been discussed and circulated to Community Council members on the 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- SCBF members had met with SIC regarding offshore turbines, with a view to get a better deal for Shetland by working more closely together.
- The next business plan subgroup meeting would be on the 16th August.

One grant application was considered: 180276 Shetland Golf Club for £5000. This was approved.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to inform Eleanor Gear.

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#### **14.0 Councillors' Reports**

- Catherine Hughson queried whether the Clerk had received the Road Safety Report she sent on 7<sup>th</sup> August for distribution to members.  
→ ACTION: The Clerk to investigate.

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#### **15.0 AOCB**

- Charlie Hodge raised the issue of the lack of Shetland-related leaflets on the ferries, Orkney information being much more available. He also questioned what advice was being given to groups of cyclists regarding allowing cars to pass on single-track roads.  
→ ACTION: the Clerk to contact Steve Matteson at Visit Shetland to query these points.

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#### **16.0 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022, at Whiteness Public Hall (in the small hall).

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