



TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall on Wednesday 21st June 2023

1.0 Present: Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair) Moraig Lyall
Martin Randall Catherine Hughson
Charlie Hodge
Margaret Cooper
John Clarkson

2.0 Apologies: Birgit Wagner, Andrew Archer, Ian Scott, Neil Leask, Davie Sandison, Paul Stevens

3.0 Declarations of Interest: Linda Tulloch declared an interest in matters relating to Tulloch Developments, Catherine Hughson in matters relating to planning, John Clarkson in matters relating to Viking, and Moraig Lyall in the Shetland Canoe Club.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Martin Randall and seconded by John Clarkson, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Wornadale crash barriers: Neil Hutcheson said a meeting was forthcoming but there have been no further updates.
- Tingwall speed indicator device: Colin Gair had replied to say that a sign would be put in place but this would be temporary as the impact on drivers wears off rapidly so it is better to move signs around. Permanent fixtures are only suited to roads with significant non-local traffic.
- Fallen passing poles: No response has yet been received from Grant Anderson (Roads).

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

None.

7.0 Police Report

- The report for April/May was circulated to Members on 19th June.
- Members did not have any concerns.

8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 14th June 2023, was distributed to members.
- The SIC Core and CDF grants have both now been received.

9.0 Correspondence

- Salmon farm development proposal: Scottish Sea Farms have agreed to send a representative along to the July CC meeting, so members discussed their concerns in preparation for this. The expected increase in traffic is likely to continue to be a concern for pedestrians, and the associated wear and tear on the road will be an issue, especially near the cattle grid where the trucks turn into the salmon farm road as there is already damage there. Members felt that, if the increased traffic is to be substantial, then Scottish Seafarms should be asked to pay for repairs or even improvements to make the road safer. A traffic management plan should also be discussed to avoid busy times for local residents (e.g., when the School Bus is in the area).
- SSE Reply about burying cables: this was discussed, with Members feeling disappointed, but not surprised, by it. Members did not feel that there was any useful response at this time.
- Email from Andrew Archer re. ASCC: Members discussed Openreach's planned fibre roll-out and its probable effect on rural communities. Catherine Hughson and Moraig Lyall reported that the topic had also been discussed by the SIC Community Safety and Resilience Committee, who have invited Openreach to discuss this issue at a future meeting.

10.0 Planning

There were two new planning applications to be considered:

- 2023/139/PPF Erect polycrub, 13 Stura Gott Tingwall
- 2023/153/PPF Erect dwellinghouse with detached garage & ASHP, with shared access road & septic tank, Plot NE Of 'Ingerlea South Whiteness

→ ACTION: the Clerk to respond with 'No comment' for both of the above.

11.0 Viking

There was no update this month and Members did not have any new issues to raise.

12.0 Footpaths

- Andrew Archer had sent an update to Members: Talks with landowners have resumed now the lambing season is over, and Win Furt intend to present some options to the local community in a few months time. Missy Mullay has organised some planters to go next to the bench by Strand Loch at Gott, and the plan is to also put a much bigger planter next to the bus stop. The landowner is happy with this idea and enquiries are being made to see if planning permission is needed.
- Catherine Hughson and Moraig Lyall reported on the meeting that they, along with Andrew Archer, had with Neil Hutcheson and Robina Barton. Ideas were discussed about how, as a long-term objective, some of the roadside ditches could be filled in. Neil had no objections to the principle, other than to query potential costs. Robina will talk to colleagues considering the same issues in Orkney and the Western Isles, with a view to putting together a joint pitch for Active Travel funding.

13.0 SCBF

- There was no update this month.
- 180427 Shetland Amateur Competitive Swimming Club £1,155
→ ACTION: the Clerk to inform Eleanor Gear that the full amount was awarded.
- 180436 Shetland Canoe Club £1,346.57

→ ACTION: the Clerk to inform Eleanor Gear that 50% of the requested amount was awarded.

- Members discussed what sorts of projects they felt should be funded in the current climate.
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14.0 Roads

There were no issues raised.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson had been busy with various meetings and seminars, including discussions around school equipment grants and dealing with Kalliness residents' concerns about clean-up issues (e.g., areas needing power-washing, missed refuse collections).
 - Moraig Lyall had also been busy with meetings and seminars. The issues that she had wished to raise had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
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16.0 AOCB

- A local resident had enquired about the CC's general planning views on a proposed static home on his land. Members all felt that this would be seen as fine in principle but that the specifics always needed to be considered.
 - Charlie Hodge had not received any reply or acknowledgement to his letter to the Lerwick Community Council about dogs around the Clickimin Loch. Moraig Lyall and Catherine Hughson will ask a Lerwick CC member if it had been discussed at their meetings.
 - Having read press reports about how some other community councils never have their SIC Councillors attend, John Clarkson thanked our Councillors for their continued presence at TWWCC meetings.
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17.0 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19th July 2023, at Tingwall Community Hall (in the peerie hall).
