



TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022, hosted via ZOOM

1.0 Present: Andrew Archer – chair
Patrick Ross-Smith
Dilys Evans
Angela Sutherland
Charles Hodge
Birgit Wagner
Karl Mills – clerk

Catherine Hughson
Moraig Lyall

2.0 Apologies: Martin Randall, Linda Tulloch, Neil Leask, Michael Duncan, Steven Coutts

3.0 Declarations of Interest

Moraig Lyall declared an interest in matters relating to Tingwall Hall.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Dilys Evans and seconded by Charles Hodge the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th February 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

- Andrew Archer reported that Winston Brown has resigned from the community council. As there are community council elections this year, there will not be a by-election to fill the vacancy.
- Following the installation by SIC of a waste-bin at Nesbister, Mary Hayes has been in touch to suggest that the bin is moved to a more suitable location. The clerk was asked to write to SIC to request that the bin be re-located near the pumping station.
- Charles Hodge said that delivery of the dog-waste bin is expected shortly.
- Andrew Archer said that he hadn't yet put a post on Facebook about Shetland Youth Local Action Group, but would endeavour to do so.
- SIC Roads has replied to the community council's request for the crash barrier Wormadale to be extended, saying that they plan to carry out improvements to the crash barrier at that location in the next financial year.
- Following on from the clerk's letter to SIC Infrastructure Services regarding the narrow entrance to Weisdale Cemetery, John Smith has been in touch to say that he has asked his team to look into this. No further information has been received yet.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

One decision had been made by e-mail vote since the last meeting on 16th February 2022:

- Decision 028 - That TWWCC sends an agreed submission to LDP consultation.

7.0 Police Report

There was no Police Report issued this month.

8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 1st March 2022, was distributed to community council members.
- An application for the SIC Core Grant for 2022-2023 has been submitted, and the application form for the CDF grant for 2022-2023 will be submitted shortly.
- Andrew Archer reported that the issue of Shetland-wide groups applying to multiple community councils had come up at the Association of Shetland Community Councils meeting the week before. Following a lengthy discussion on the process of allocating funds, Dilys Evans offered to compile a draft policy which would enable members to make decisions on fund allocation objectively with consistency and fairness, but with a focus on local impact.
- Following this discussion, decisions on the following grant applications were deferred to the meeting on 20th April:
 - Tingwall Primary School PC – football goals £2,242.80
 - Whiteness & Weisdale Guides – running costs £800
 - Tingwall Public Hall – internal refurbishment £3,250

9.0 Correspondence

A message had been received from Wendy Best, asking that the community council publicises a crafting event which she is holding. It was not considered appropriate to do so as it was a privately run event, rather than a local club.

10.0 Planning

The following planning applications were reviewed:

- 2022/030/PPF - Erect dwellinghouse with associated access, drainage arrangements and air source heat pump at a plot Near Kergord Hatchery, Weisdale. The clerk to submit a response of 'No comment'.
- 2022/046/PPF - Erect new family dwellinghouse with attached garage & air source heat pump at Nesbister, Whiteness. The clerk to submit the following comment: 'The community council does not object to this application, but would like an assurance that the design specification includes adequate measures to deal with surface water drainage from the site, and that full compliance with such measures is confirmed'.

11.0 Viking

Andrew Archer gave the following update:

- The decision by SIC Planning to approve the application made by SSEN to change their working hours on the converter station construction has been reversed by a meeting of the full Council. Working hours shall remain unchanged.
- There is nothing new to report on the appeal regarding the proposed re-siting of the batching plant.
- SSE have published the proposals for the cable routes between the converter station and Lerwick power station. Most of the community council's suggested changes have been ignored. For most of the route, one set of existing single poles will be removed but will be replaced by two sets of taller twin poles. Once SSE make the section 37 application to the Scottish government, the community council will be able to make a submission.
- SSE had been in touch to notify the community council of the shipment of some large cable drums to various points along the HVDC cable route. Some of the deliveries were scheduled to take place between 8 and 11 p.m. and this was being queried with the planning department.

12.0 SCBF

Angela Sutherland gave an update on the SCBF, saying that there was very little to report. Most activity had been concerned with internal administrative issues.

Following the discussion about applications to multiple community councils, decisions on three SCBF grant applications were deferred until the next meeting on 20th April:

- 180180 - Ability Shetland £812.50
- 180147 - Shetland Gymnastics £5,888
- 180164 - Shetland Rape Crisis £400

The clerk was asked to advise Eleanor Gear accordingly.

13.0 Footpaths

Andrew Archer reported that he had spoken to both George Morrison and Marlene Robertson to update them on progress and that Marlene had mentioned a larger sheep tunnel under the main road at Veensgarth. He and Martin had been to view this tunnel and thought that it did have potential for part of it to be turned into a pedestrian tunnel. Martin had circulated a document prior to the meeting suggesting the next steps in the formation of the SCIO that would carry out these projects. Martin had suggested that a small steering group be formed to sort out some of the detail before public meetings were held to look for members. Dilys Evans and Angela Sutherland volunteered to join the steering group. Andrew agreed to organise a meeting of the steering group in the next couple of weeks. Martin had contacted VAS to investigate whether the SCIO could use the VAS office at Market House as its contact address but Catherine Hughson confirmed that this would not be possible. Andrew also reported that the Coastal Communities fund was about to open for funding applications again and members agreed that this should be investigated.

14.0 Councillors' Reports

Catherine Hughson said that she had asked for a safety audit to be carried out on the road from Haggersta to Cova, and for a survey of traffic volumes.

15.0 AOCB

- Dilys Evans reported on the "Climate Conversation" that had been organised by HIE. Dilys said that it had been a useful session and members agreed that the council's climate change team should be invited to a future meeting.
- Andrew Archer gave an update on the previous week's ASCC meeting:
 1. Some public waste-bins are now scheduled to be emptied weekly rather than fortnightly, so there should be fewer instances of overflowing bins.
 2. An additional £50k of funding has been made available for road markings to be renewed, and this work is now in progress. The money has, however, been taken from other road budgets to do this.
 3. Trials are to be carried out on a new type of 'cats-eye' which can be fixed to the road surface by adhesives, rather than being dug into the road surface.
 4. Marvin Smith of Shetland Telecom gave an update on the R100 program. The idea that properties that were not included in the scheme would be able to pool their grant money to get other suppliers to provide a solution has not got off to a good start. No other providers have come forward so residents who are not on the R100 scheme are still advised to use the 4G mobile system.
- An article appeared in the WAST OWRE section of the 11th March edition of Shetland Times giving an overview of recent community council activities. It is intended that this becomes a regular feature in the paper.

16.0 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20th April 2022. Andrew Archer agreed to write to all the members and councillors to see whether anybody objected to the next meeting being physical rather than on Zoom.