



Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7.00pm

- 1.0 Present:** Andrew Archer – chair
Winston Brown
Linda Tulloch
Dilys Evans
Neil Leask
Karl Mills – clerk
- Catherine Hughson
Moraig Lyall
Ian Scott
Davie Sandison
Theo Smith

- 2.0 Apologies:** Roselyn Fraser
Steven Coutts

3.0 Declarations of Interest

Linda Tulloch and Winston Brown declared an interest in item 10 – Viking Energy.
Moraig Lyall and Davie Sandison declared an interest in item 9 – Planning.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Dilys Evans and seconded by Linda Tulloch the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st April 2021 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

1. Andrew Archer wrote to Colin Morrison outlining what steps would be required to proceed with the proposed Hellister Loch footpath project.
2. A reply has been received from Scottish Water in response to the letter sent by the community council on the subject of frequent disruptions to the water supply in South Whiteness, indicating that there are plans being developed to carry out a major refurbishment of the water supply system in the area. There are no current timescales for this work, however.
3. Following contact with the roads department and Art Machine, the clerk was asked to contact Hjaltland Housing Association to advise them that the community council has agreed to fund the purchase and erection of a 'Caution - Children at play' sign at Gaet a Gott, and to ask if they are aware of similar requirements at other locations, which the community council would also consider funding.
4. The clerk was asked to contact SIC Roads to advise them of the heavily-faded condition of many speed limit signs, where, in some cases, the numerals are barely legible.

6.0 Finance

1. The Financial Report dated 12th May 2021 was distributed to members.
2. Dilys Evans carried out a review of the new SIC Grant Application Form, and it was decided that the community council would adopt it, with inclusion of the TWWCC logo.

3. Forms for setting up internet banking at Bank of Scotland have been completed and will be submitted to the bank after relevant signatures have been added.

7.0 Police Report

A Police Report was submitted and distributed to members.

8.0 Correspondence

- Andy Freeman e-mailed to advise his resignation from the community council, effective from 30th April 2021, due to work commitments.
- A letter was received from John Sinclair of Kalliness regarding the need for cleaning of paved surfaces at Kalliness. Linda Tulloch had also received correspondence on this issue. Catherine Hughson said that she had spoken to SIC Housing about this but would take it up again. Some of the areas concerned were the responsibility of the roads department and Catherine offered to contact them as well.
- A second letter was received from John Sinclair of Kalliness regarding inadequate roadside path along main road from Whiteness to Weisdale. There was much discussion about the inadequacy of roadside paths, and the question was raised as to whether the community council should make plans for footpaths in the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale area, potentially using the money from the windfarm.

9.0 Planning

The clerk was asked to submit the following responses to SIC Planning:

- 2021/170/PPF - shed and utility building, Tananger, Gott.
'No comment'
- 2021/166/PPF - temporary site access, Cott Road Lower (east).
'No decision should be made until a traffic management plan is in place'
- 2021/134/PPF - agricultural shed and container, Croft 12, Gott.
'No comment'
- 2021/145/PN - agricultural building, Kergord Farm, Hoove.
'No comment'

10.0 Viking Energy

A complaint had been sent to Environmental Health concerning blasting operations that had taken place in the Kergord-Setter area without any prior notification being given to local residents. Andrew Archer spoke to SSE Renewables to ask that the very small number of local residents affected should be notified by either telephone or e-mail prior to a blasting operation taking place. SSER said that they would not do this but gave no reason. Members felt that, given that SSER has to inform the council of any blasting, the effort involved to inform local residents was minimal and that refusal to do so was unreasonable. The clerk was asked to write to Aaron Priest of SSER formally requesting that local residents should be informed of blasting operations before they take place.

There was a lengthy discussion of events following the peat slide at Vats Houll.

Members were concerned that the latest Project Monitoring Report produced by Ramboll for SIC appeared to find no issues with the actions that had led to the incident. This concern was heightened when councillors reported that, at a briefing that afternoon, SSE had confirmed to them that they had not followed the correct procedures and that this had led to the peat slide.

The clerk was asked to write to Neil Grant - SIC Planning, to ask what measures the council has in place to verify the PMO reports as this incident greatly undermines confidence in their use by the council to monitor the project.

11.0 Shetland Community Benefit Fund

Angela Sutherland was not present at the meeting, so there was no report made.

There was much debate about how best to make use of SCBF funding and how to involve effectively the local community. Members agreed that, following the discussion with Lindsay Dougan of SSE at last month's meeting, some form of consultation with the community should be held before any participatory budgeting (PB) event was planned. Members were concerned, though, that any consultation should not use a large amount of the SCBF money on consultants. It was decided, as a first step, that Andrew Archer would have a discussion with Roselyn Fraser (SIC) to find out about a similar exercise that was undertaken in Whalsay and also to Lindsay Dougan of SSE to find out about how other communities had gone about consulting their communities.

12.0 By-election for community councillors

There are currently three vacancies for community councillors, and elections are due to take place in September. It was agreed that the forthcoming elections should be publicised on Facebook and in the local shops.

13.0 Councillors' Reports

- Moraig Lyall said that survey work for the R100 project was being undertaken by Openreach in Tingwall. The purpose of the survey was to determine exactly which properties will be included in the scheme and which will need to use the voucher schemes to install a different solution.
- Davie Sandison said that improvements to bus services will be needed to reflect the growth in local population due to housing development. He intended to pursue this with Zettrans.

14.0 AOCB

- Difficulty with access and parking at Weisdale Cemetery was raised. Although measures had been taken recently to fill-in potholes in the hardcore access track, which had made some improvement, it was felt that the very narrow entrance and the muddy nature of the car parking area in wet weather were aspects which needed further improvement.
The clerk was asked to write to Carl Symons – Executive Manager, Environmental Health and Trading Standards, to enquire whether further improvements could be implemented.

- As the TWWCC Christmas Appeal Fund has not been fully spent, it was decided that at the next meeting possible alternatives for using this money during the summer will be discussed. Even allowing for a partial lock-down possibly still being in place, it was felt that the local halls could be suitable venues for some sort of gathering for the older folk in the community, such as an afternoon tea or evening meal.

15.0 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 16th June 2021