



# TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held at Whiteness Public Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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<b>1.0 Present:</b>	Andrew Archer (Chair)	Ian Scott
	Dilys Evans	Moraig Lyall
	Linda Tulloch	
	Birgit Wagner	
	Charlie Hodge	
	Neil Leask	
	Paul Stevens (Clerk)	

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<b>2.0 Apologies:</b>	Roselyn Fraser, Catherine Hughson, Martin Randall, Angela Sutherland
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<b>3.0 Declarations of Interest:</b>	Linda Tulloch declared an interest in matters relating to Tulloch Developments.
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### 4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Linda Tulloch and seconded by Dilys Evans, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

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### 5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Advice to cyclists: there had not yet been a response from the Lerwick Port Authority.
- Christmas fund. There had been some updates to the list of around forty eligible people, meaning the total cost would be around £2000. Linda Tulloch will contact local schools about the included Christmas cards.
- Letter to SIC re. peat slippage: there had still been no response to the emailed letter sent on 29<sup>th</sup> July, and followed up on 29<sup>th</sup> September.  
→ ACTION: Clerk to write directly to Maggie Sandison to request a reply.
- Water supply at South Whiteness: a reply had been received on 7<sup>th</sup> October. This supply, while acknowledged to be deteriorating, is not a priority case and they were “not able to commit to firm timescales”. Members queried the rate of deterioration as the community Facebook page seemed to indicate sequential leaks.  
→ ACTION: The Clerk to write to Scottish Water asking how many incidents per year had occurred over the last 3 years.
- Tingwall kirk: a community meeting had been set for 20<sup>th</sup> October, which Andrew Archer will attend and report back. Members reaffirmed the opinion that any community buy-out would need to be led by a dedicated community group, rather than the community council.

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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

The report covering August and September 2022 had been circulated to members on 10th October. Members expressed concerns about the higher incidence of assault and sexual offences, and drivers travelling at perceived dangerous speeds in Whiteness near the school. These issues would be raised with the police representative next time they attend.

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## 8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022, was distributed to community council members.
  - Two grant applications were considered, one from the Whiteness and Weisdale Welfare Committee (Remembrance Day wreaths, £67.40) and one from the Tingwall parents' group (community events, £500). Both were approved.  
→ ACTION: Clerk to inform applicants.
  - Birgit Wagner highlighted the SIC Winter Activities Fund as a possible alternate source of funding for community events.  
→ ACTION: the Clerk to advertise this fund on Facebook and the TWWCC website.
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## 9.0 Correspondence

- Community Council Elections: adverts had been put up in local shops, on Facebook, and on the website but there had been a low number of nomination forms submitted by this point.
  - Tulloch Developments: a reply had been received indicating that the original uncovered truck was the result of a fault (now repaired), and that standard practice was that empty trucks would normally be without a cover.
  - SIC Antisocial Behaviour coordinator: Members felt that antisocial behaviour was not a major issue in the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale area so no meeting was needed. The CC would be happy to disseminate any relevant information.  
→ ACTION: Clerk to reply to the coordinator.
  - Age-related macular degeneration in Shetland: Members would be happy to disseminate information to the community.  
→ ACTION: Clerk to reply to the Macular Society Shetland Support Group.
  - Sale of Girlsta clear water tank. Members had no issues to raise.
  - Shetland Arts had requested input about a planned Covid memorial project. Members had concerns about the appropriateness of this, feeling that public money would be better spent on projects that offered direct community support.  
→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to respond to Shetland Arts.
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## 10.0 Planning

- 2022/128/PPF Timber clad garden pod 6.7x3.3m in garden ground, Tannoch Brae, Wormadale.  
→ ACTION: Clerk to respond with a query to planning regarding the unacknowledged retrospective nature of this application and local concerns about drainage issues.
  - 2021/315/ADV Advertisement signs (retrospective), former Planticrub greenhouse site at Tingwall.  
→ ACTION: Clerk to respond with 'no comment'.
  - 2021/313/PPF Retrospective application for temporary storage of fish farming pipes (to be later
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recycled) and additional containers for storage and site office, former Planticrub greenhouse site at Tingwall.

→ ACTION: Clerk to respond 'no comment'.

- 2022/024/MAR To deploy two 90 metre cages for the purpose of freshwater storage and associated piping (retrospective), Girsta, Wadbister Voe.

→ ACTION: Clerk to respond no comment.

- Neil Leask asked about the hypothetical case of CC responsibility if members were to be made aware of building work that did not appear to have planning permission. After discussion, Members felt that the CC role was not to 'police' planning issues but rather to help resolve issues by entering a dialogue with the people involved.

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## 11.0 Viking

- A recreation plan stakeholder meeting was held on 4th October, which Linda Tulloch attended on behalf of TWWCC. The meeting was intended to be a preliminary discussion with interested parties to look at access to and facilities on the Viking site once the construction was complete. Issues raised included: accessibility for wheelchairs and mobility scooters regarding the gradient of the site; suggested activities, such as horse-riding, cross-country races, scrambling, picnic benches. Also discussed were the provision of information boards about the wind farm, potential links with the Shetland Way, and possible car parking facilities on the Sandwater Road.

- The Viking Community Liaison Group (VCLG) meeting was postponed for a month due to holidays and would instead now meet on 15th November.

- Quarterly water-quality monitoring reports are now publicly available. Whilst many of the issues reported are short-term (e.g., dust washing off newly laid tracks), run-off from two of the borrow pits on the west of the site appear to be causing a longer-term problem, in that the acidic run-off from the borrow pits is affecting the pH of some of the water courses (particularly Maa Water and the Burn of Lunklet). The water quality monitoring report recommends several possible courses of action.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to at the next VCLG meeting about the specific long- and short-term remediation measures being used.

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## 12.0 SCBF

Angela Sutherland could not attend but sent in her report:

- The SCBF have approved the tender contract for phase 1 of the consultation programme, which is running slightly behind schedule but has sufficient time to avoid any issues. The consultation launch went well.
- The SCBF are in discussions with SIC to present a united front to offshore energy companies and a draft Letter of Understanding has been sent. SIC wants to achieve cheap electricity for islanders and the SCBF wish to establish an additional benefit fund.
- A milestone has been reached: One hundred projects have now been funded to the tune of £500 each.
- Once invited, SCBF want to discuss Stat Kraft projects in Yell and Unst.

Ian Scott said that his discussions with other CCs indicated there was wider agreement with the

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TWWCC's emphasis on local versus island-wide applications.

There were no SCBF applications to be considered.

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### **13.0 Footpaths**

Andrew Archer gave an update: Win Furt had submitted an application to the Community Led Development Fund for costs to allow Systra to include Whiteness in their consultation. This has pushed back a possible launch date to after Christmas, possibly in mid-January. Discussions and awareness-raising efforts with local organisations are continuing.

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### **14.0 Councillors' Reports**

- There were no issues that Ian Scott wanted to raise.
  - Moraig Lyall had attended the recent KIMO (Kommunernes International Miljøorganisation) International conference for cleaner seas, held in the Faroe Islands. As well as finding out about plastic pollution in rivers and fish-mortality mitigation measures for sea farms, she took the opportunity to experience the highly effective Faroese inter-island tunnel system. Within the SIC, offshore wind farm interaction guidelines (including business opportunities and community benefits) were being discussed.
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### **16.0 AOCB**

- As the upcoming CC elections required members to meeting within one month of the election deadline on 24th November, it was decided to delay the next meeting until after that deadline.

→ ACTION: Clerk to determine a date that suits post-election members.

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### **17.0 Date of next meeting**

To be determined.

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