



Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 20th August 2025

1.0 Present:

Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)

Moraig Lyall

Birgit Wagner

Ian Scott

Martin Randall

Charlie Hodge

John Clarkson

2.0 Apologies:

Andrew Archer, Neil Leask, Margaret Cooper, Catherine Hughson,
Davie Sandison, Michael Duncan, Roselyn Fraser

3.0 Declarations of Interest:

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by John Clarkson and seconded by Birgit Wagner, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Upgrades to Wormadale viewpoint: enquiries are being made about matching a new sign to the original Shetland Amenity Trust one. Provisional quotes are being sought from contractors.
- South Whiteness pothole: there has still been no reply.
→ ACTION: Moraig Lyall will follow up on this when she meets with Neil Robertson.
- Wind farm tracks: a reply had been received from SSEN saying that there will still be restrictions on some sections until work has been finalised.
- South Whiteness water main replacement: a reply had been received from MSP Wishart saying that she had contacted Scottish Water but that replacements would not be scheduled until after next round of funding allocation in spring 2027.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

None.

7.0 Police Report

There was no police report this month.

8.0 Finance

The Financial Report, updated to 13th August 2025, was distributed to members.

9.0 Correspondence

- A resident had contacted the CC with concerns about the quality of the verge reinstatement on the Cott Road, saying that there were now more weeds (including ragwort) than grass and large, protruding stones made it hard to mow.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to write to Roads and raise the resident's concerns about the reinstatement quality.
 - Neighbourhood Watch Scotland had provided information about the telephone network switchover from analogue (copper wire cable) to digital (fibre optic cables) and asked that the CC help disseminate this to the community.
 - ACTION: The provided information will be posted to the Facebook page and website.
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10.0 Planning

There were two applications to be considered this month:

- 2025/207/PPF New domestic garage, Burnside South Whiteness.
- 2025/208/PPF To site a static caravan with services, development of existing access and parking area, Moustoft Brig Weisdale.

Members had no concerns about either of the applications.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit "No comment" for application 2025/208/PPF

11.0 Viking / Statkraft

Nothing to report.

12.0 Win Furt

Andrew Archer had sent in an update ahead of the meeting.

For the Tingwall path:

- An otter survey has been carried out at the request of the SIC Natural Heritage Officer, and nothing was found that would impact the project.
- CASE submitted revised plans following comments from Roads, which have now satisfied the latter's requirements.
- No objections have been raised to the planning applications and a planning decision is awaited.

For the Hellister path:

- Win Furt has produced a proposed route and a quality audit meeting will be held with the SIC Planning Officer and relevant departments next month.
 - New Trustees are still being sought — anyone interested can [contact Win Furt via their website](#).
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The Win Furt AGM is provisionally planned for 3rd November 2025, at the Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall.

13.0 SCBF

There were no applications this month.

14.0 Roads

There were concerns about the quality of road reinstatement after cable laying, north and south of the Sandwater junction on the A970. Roads have replied to say the current reinstatements are temporary due to a maintenance shutdown of the tar production quarry, and full reinstatement of the road section will be carried out once cabling works are complete.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

SIC is still in recess, with councillors focusing on constituency business.

16.0 AOCB

- CC Elections will be on 21st November and a meeting needs to be held within one month of that date. Members therefore decided to move the November meeting from the 19th to the 26th November.
 - The parking space issue at Kalliness is being progressed, with potential for additional parking still being considered.
 - Members have noted a significant proliferation of Ragwort this year. Members appreciated the difficulty in controlling it, noting that horse owners tended to simply pull it up when noticed, and mentioning the possibility of biological controls
 - ACTION: The Clerk to Contact Roads to ask about their policy (if any) on control of Ragwort along road verges.
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Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th September at the Tingwall Community Hall.
