



Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 18th February 2026

1.0 Present:

Andrew Archer (Chair)	Ian Scott
Charlie Hodge	Moraig Lyall
Neil Leask	Catherine Hughson
Birgit Wagner	Davie Sandison

2.0 Apologies:

Linda Tulloch, Martin Randall, Margaret Cooper, Selina-May Miller, Michael Duncan.

3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Davie Sandison and Catherine Hughson declared an interest in Planning matters; Moraig Lyall declared an interest in the Tingwall Hall grant application.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Andrew Archer and seconded by Neil Leask, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Co-option for vacant seat: Steve Groom has confirmed his interest in joining the CC.
- Regarding the proposed closure of Scalloway pool, a letter was sent to Shetland Recreational Trust (SRT) asking that they delay any action until other options could be explored. Another was sent to Shetland Charitable Trust (SCT) to request that they release further funding to SRT. Both had replied to restate their position that closure was needed for financial reasons. TWWCC has continued to have numerous representations from people and groups saying how important the pool is to the community, so members felt that SCT should be contacted again to strongly request that funding is released to SRT to enable it to keep Scalloway Pool open for another year whilst other alternatives are explored.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to write again to the SCT requesting they provide SRT with emergency funding for one additional year to allow for the exploration of community alternatives.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

None.

7.0 Police report.

There was no report this month.

8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 11th February 2026, was distributed to the members.
- There is still some money available for grants in the current financial year and a message had previously been posted to the TWWCC Facebook page asking local groups to apply.
- One application had arrived from the Tingwall Community Hall committee, and there had been other requests for application forms. Members agreed to defer a decision until the March meeting to allow for any further applications following the recent Facebook post.

9.0 Correspondence

- A letter was received from a local resident detailing their objections to the proposed Tagdale ammonia plant. Members noted that, while they disagree with certain specific points, they remain in general agreement regarding the unsuitability of the site.
 - ACTION: Andrew Archer to reply to the resident.
- Another letter had been received from Scalloway Aqua Exercise Class, raising their specific concerns about the proposed Scalloway Pool closure.

10.0 Planning

There was one planning application 2026/014/VCON (Section 42 application to vary Condition 8 on 2024/006/PPF - Change of hub height from 82m to 92m, Luggies Knowe, Hill of Gremista) which is outside the TWWCC area. The Clerk has contacted planning to see why we have been consulted on this.

11.0 Energy

- Andrew Archer had written to Doug Wilson (Statkraft) to express the members' disappointment that the proposed environmental impact assessment scope did not reflect TWWCC's comments in the recent consultation. A reply had been received saying that there would be additional consultation at some future date. Members were concerned that the media images used for public consultation presentations depicted a facility that was only one-tenth the size of what was being proposed for Tagdale.
 - ACTION: Andrew Archer to reply to Doug Wilson to emphasise that images used in future consultation events should accurately represent the scale of the development.
- The proposal for the establishment of a Shetland Community Councillors' convention had been submitted to the ASCC. However, SIC officials were of the opinion that the purdah period associated with the forthcoming Holyrood elections on 7th May prevented this topic from being an item on the agenda, so it will instead be on the agenda for a post-election ASCC meeting. On a related note, there will be a [Rural Scotland Convention on Major Energy Infrastructure roundtable event](#) at the Scottish Parliament on the 24th of February, organised by The Highland Convention. Andrew Archer has been invited and, at the convention organisers' request, has contacted the other Shetland CC Chairs to invite them.
- John Thouless (Statkraft) had been contacted to ask about the current status of the Mossy Hill project. His reply indicated that there will be a delay of a few months with the project,

with a Statkraft board decision on the project (and any community ownership offer) now expected in the summer. Statkraft are now planning to go with a smaller number of turbines at the size specified in the original application. Water testing started a few months ago.

- An inquiry to Planning about whether the access to the Viking tracks was now all formally signed off had yet to receive a reply.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Planning again asking if they can confirm that all the conditions for the official opening of the wind farm public access routes have now been completed, and that those routes are now open to the public.

12.0 Win Furt

- Work on the construction estimate for the Tingwall path is now underway, funded by ZetTrans, and is expected shortly.
- Issues around land ownership and land use have meant that Win Furt has not yet been able to issue the invitation to tender for the design work for the path round Hellister Loch. The trustees discussed at their last meeting what they would do if Hellister was not possible and the most likely decision would be for a path north from Shetland Jewellery towards the Swedish Houses. The trustees hope to make a final decision next month.

13.0 SCBF

Mairi Thomson provided an update via email.

- SCBF board meetings are now every two months, with feedback about the Viking Community Fund having been discussed at the most recent meeting.
- The Strategic Fund application process has been simplified by removing the proactive and reactive elements.
- Bank interest accrued by the fund will be distributed to community halls for one-off projects. There will likely be a total of five awards, with a closing date later this month.

14.0 Roads

- Roads had replied to say that they will be using new stick-on cats' eyes in the affected areas, and the Wormadale hill pothole will be repaired.
- Roads had also declined the CC's offer of purchasing a dedicated 'smiley face' sign, but asked for suggestions as to where existing signs might best be deployed.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to request that the portable sign be for the following locations, in order of priority: Whiteness Primary School and Tingwall Primary School, the South Whiteness junction (after the 50mph limit), the unclassified Upper Wormadale Road, and at Kalliness (near Shetland Jewellery).
- Members have noted that the 20mph flashing signs near the Whiteness Primary School are degrading.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to ask Roads to see if the signs can be repaired or replaced.
- The water on the road down from The Westings does not appear to be coming from the ditch,

which Roads were going to investigate, but instead it looks like it is coming down the hill onto the track. This is an ongoing hazard, especially in the recent freezing temperatures.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to ask Roads to investigate the surface water as a priority.

- There were concerns raised about visibility of the traffic lights at the Stromfirth-Girlsta junction for people turning out onto the main road

→ ACTION: The Clerk to ask Roads if the light could be repositioned so that it is clear to people coming out of the junction and to ensure that contractors' vehicles are not parked where they obscure the lights.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson said that she had been dealing with concerns about the proposed closure of the Scalloway Pool. Also, refurbishment of the Kalliness housing stock has been deferred to the next financial year. She had requested that Roads take a look at the state of the South Whiteness road, where the large school bus and recent frost was again causing damage to the road surface.
- All of the councillors had been heavily occupied with discussions about the forthcoming SIC budget.

16.0 AOCB

- Outages in the mains water supply in South Whiteness continues to cause problems for residents.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to write to Scottish Water to ask whether, given the recently announced increase in water charges, they can now carry out the work to repair the South Whiteness area water mains?

17.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at Tingwall Primary School
