



Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2025

1.0 Present:

Andrew Archer (Chair)	Catherine Hughson
Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)	Ian Scott
Birgit Wagner	Davie Sandison
Neil Leask	
Martin Randall	
Charlie Hodge	
Margaret Cooper	
John Clarkson	

2.0 Apologies:

Roselyn Fraser

3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Catherine Hughson, as a member of the SIC Planning Committee, declared a non-financial interest in matters relating to planning.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Linda Tulloch, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th June 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Upgrades to Wornadale viewpoint: a reply was awaited from the planning department regarding some signage queries. SCBF had confirmed that the CC could apply for funding directly for this project.
- South Whiteness pothole: there had been no reply as yet.
- CC energy advice sessions: members will keep an eye out for upcoming local events at which it might be suitable to hold advice sessions.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

None.

7.0 Police Report

There was no police report this month but the police had emailed to highlight the need for awareness of current scams.

- ACTION: The Clerk to identify material from the SIC trading standard website that would be suitable to share on the TWWCC Facebook page.
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8.0 Finance

The Financial Report, updated to 9th July 2025, was distributed to community council members.

9.0 Correspondence

- The Scottish Fire Service had offered to talk to CC members about future plans for the service in Shetland.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to reply and offer a 20 minute slot at a future meeting.
 - Relocation of Tingwall bus stop: further correspondence on this matter had been received from a local resident, with an update on current options and asking for CC support.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to reply to the resident that, “having established that you are willing to cover the costs of any bus stop re-location, the CC would be willing to support any plan that: 1. Meets your privacy concerns; 2. Is acceptable to those residents who would be directly affected by any such re-location; and 3. Is acceptable to Traffic Planning and the bus operator”.
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10.0 Planning

- Stromfirth caravan request: a local resident had emailed to ask whether the CC would support a proposed planning application for an existing mobile home.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to reply that, while the CC cannot offer a formal decision until they have seen the final submitted application, they think it unlikely that they would object to the application based on the information supplied.
 - 2025/165/PN Prior Notification for General Purpose Agricultural Storage Building 10 x 6, Roadside Heglabister Weisdale. Members did not wish to comment on this application.
 - 2025/178/PPF Demolish existing concrete built wing of house and replace with new extension. Replace existing metal sheet roof with concrete tiles, add two new roof windows and install PV panels to south elevation of roof. Members did not wish to comment on this application.
 - 2025/158/CONSUL Proposed removal of public payphones. Members did not wish to comment on this application.
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11.0 Viking / Statkraft

- John Thouless from Statkraft had updated Andrew Archer on the general status of the company, and said that they are still working on their community ownership proposals.
 - There will be a community engagement event on the Scottish Government’s Updated Draft Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy on 17 July, to be held at Lerwick Town Hall from 12:00 to 21:00.
 - Members noted that there had not yet been any official announcement as to whether the wind farm tracks were open to the public.
 - ACTION: Andrew Archer to write to SSEN to ask about the official status of track access.
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12.0 Win Furt

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- The planning application for the TIngwall route is still awaiting a decision.
 - For the Hellister route, Win Furt had been in touch with the planning department regarding a quality audit process (a pre-application meeting of stakeholders aimed at pre-empting any potential issues). This process will start once a planning case officer is assigned to the application. In preparation for this, the Win Furt Trustees will visit the site to further explore the proposed route.
 - Paperwork for the SSEN benefit funding has now been signed.
 - More Win Furt Trustees are wanted. Adverts will go out tomorrow.
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13.0 SCBF

There were no applications this month.

14.0 Roads

There were no issues to be considered this month.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

SIC is currently in recess, with councillors focusing on constituency business. Councillors highlighted that the initiation of business case development for potential tunnels in Shetland was a major milestone for all areas.

16.0 AOCB

- The new CC Code of Conduct and Standing Orders were adopted and signed.
 - E&H Defibrillator pads will expire on the 28th September.
 - ACTION: Andrew Archer will order replacement pads.
 - The Clerk had enquired about occasional remote participation and associated costs. Members agreed that the savings in time and expenses were worthwhile.
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Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th August at the Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall.
