



TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2025

1.0 Present:

Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)

Ian Scott

Charlie Hodge

Moraig Lyall

Martin Randall

Catherine Hughson

Margaret Cooper

2.0 Apologies:

Andrew Archer, Birgit Wagner, Davie Sandison, Michael Duncan,
Roselyn Fraser

3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Catherine Hughson declared an interest for planning applications.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Margaret Cooper and seconded by Charlie Hodge, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th September 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- South Whiteness pothole: a reply had been received from Roads indicating that work on the unfinished part of the pothole should be completed by the end of October.
 - Additional parking at Kalliness: a reply had been received from Roads indicating that no decision had been made as yet. The CC will raise the issue with Roads again, and Catherine Hughson will highlight the matter at an SIC meeting.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads to emphasise that action needs to be taken about additional parking at Kalliness as residents are increasingly unhappy about the current situation.
 - Road safety on upper Wormadale road: Members were pleased to received a reply from Roads indicating that several new warning signs would be installed.
 - Veensgarth to Windy Grind verge reinstatement: a reply had been received from Roads indicating that verge reinstatement was now complete, although a works order has been issued regarding washout of the verge on the northbound traffic lane. No further action at this time,
 - Surface water on Kergord road: the road has been resurfaced since the issue was raised so no further action is needed at this time.
 - Christmas card scheme: Linda Tulloch is progressing this. Members will look over the list of
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local business and residents aged 80+ to see if they have any additions.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

Members agreed to pay £76.60 to the Whiteness and Weisdale Welfare Committee for this year's poppy wreaths.

7.0 Police Report

The report for June/July 2025 was circulated to members. There were no comments or questions about the report.

8.0 Finance

The Financial Report, updated to 10th September 2025, was distributed to members.

9.0 Correspondence

None.

10. Planning

- 2025/253/PPF Change of use from agricultural use to dog park; install surrounding fence. North Of Keolka Wadbister Girlsta

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit "No comment" for application 2025/253/PPF.

11.0 Viking / Statkraft

- TWWCC and Scalloway Community Development Company representatives met with John Thouless and Tracey Leslie of Statkraft on 29th September to get an update on Statkraft's Mossy Hill project. John Thouless said that Statkraft have not yet made a final decision on whether Mossy Hill will go ahead, but are likely to make a decision in spring 2026 once they know how the power will be sold. They are applying for the next round of the government's Contract for Difference scheme, but are also looking at a possible deal to sell all of the output to one customer. Statkraft still need to submit the planning application to SIC to reduce the number of turbines, and the planning application won't happen until there has been a further round of public exhibitions. Statkraft expect the planning process to take at least six months so, if an application is submitted in December, they may not get a planning decision until June.
 - Statkraft got a new CEO last year and one of the changes that they have made affects how projects such as Mossy Hill are funded. Everything used to be funded from Statkraft Norway's balance sheet but projects are now expected to do more of their own financing. John Thouless said that this is complicating their ability to make a community ownership offer, but they still hope to do so. It may be that any offer is for a shared revenue scheme rather than a joint venture.
 - Statkraft expect construction of the substation to take three years and the windfarm two years, so the construction of the substation is likely to start first (Q2 2026), as soon as the board makes a decision, with windfarm construction starting later next year. They will need to remove a considerable amount of rock to build the substation so the plan would be to use that to start building the wind farm tracks. Water testing has started and has been going on for about ten months so far. Discussions with potential contractors for the substation base are
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happening now; Statkraft would provide the physical platform on which SSENT would then build the substation.

- Although it has consent, it is by no means certain that the Mossy Hill windfarm will go ahead and, if it does, it is possible that there would be no community ownership. Any proposal on community ownership will be part of what the Statkraft board decides, probably in spring 2026.

12.0 Win Furt

An update was circulated to members, who were pleased with the progress:

- The Win Furt team were delighted to finally get planning permission for the path at Tingwall. There are a couple of conditions attached to the approval: (1) to produce a biodiversity plan; (2) to conduct a bird survey (the outcome of which might affect when construction can happen).
- CASE have been instructed to do some site investigation, which is required for the Road Construction Consent application.
- Win Furt met with Michael Craigie at the SIC to look at whether the council can include the project in the funding application for 2026/27. The meeting was very positive, but there is a long way to go yet.
- On the Hellister project, a couple of dates for the first Quality Audit meeting have been proposed to SIC and a response is awaited.
- The Win Furt AGM is postponed until the accounts are complete.

13.0 SCBF

There were no applications this month.

14.0 Roads

No issues were raised..

15.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson has been very busy, including with the Kalliness parking issue.
- Ian Scott has been dealing with a variety of issues.
- Moraig Lyall has been working on transport issues, primarily the Northlink consultation and contact with Logan Air and HIAL about the recent closure of Sumburgh Airport due to connectivity issues. Moraig wanted to highlight the Energy Strategy consultation event on 17th November at Islesburgh, which may be the last chance for people to comment on all projects. Many of the TWWCC members will be able to attend, and details will be advertised on the Facebook page.

16.0 AOCB

- Linda Tulloch gave an update on last week's ASCC meeting last week, which included the Local Place Plan, Stoura windfarm, and hybrid meetings on the agenda:
 - Peter Mogridge (SIC Planning) gave a talk on why a local place plan was beneficial, and outlined progress in the different areas of Shetland. Members noted that producing an LPP would require a lot of work, but further discussion was postponed to the November CC when any new TWWCC members would be in place..

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- It was noted that, in their presentation, Stoura windfarm representatives said that all power cables in Ireland had been buried but that this wasn't likely to happen in Shetland because of concerns about peatland disturbance. The only part of the Stoura windfarm that is within the TWWCC area will be potential disruption at Callif due to the main operational hub being planned for Dales Voe.
 - A question was asked about whether Northlink Ferries' charged more for booking of cabins that are released after sailing, compared to those booked prior to travel.
 - ACTION: Moraig Lyall will check the comparative price of pre- and post-embarkation cabin booking with Northlink.
 - The CC Elections were discussed, with members noting that 8 of the 9 positions having received nominations by the time of the meeting.
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Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th November at the Tingwall Community Hall. Note that this is the 4th Wednesday of the month, due to the CC election process.
