



TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th August 2026

1.0 Present:

Andrew Archer (Chair)	Moraig Lyall
Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)	Davie Sandison
Birgit Wagner	Ian Scott
Charlie Hodge	
Steve Groom	
Martin Randall	

2.0 Apologies:

Selina-May Miller, Margaret Cooper, Catherine Hughson, and Michael Duncan.

3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Davie Sandison for planning matters, due to his role on the SIC Planning Committee.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Charlie Hodge and seconded by Steve Groom, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Road closure webpage: this has now been updated and the Community Council has been added to the circulation list.
- Derelict Scottish Water building, Nesbister: a reply had been received from Scottish Water stating that they no longer own the building.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to write to the landowner to advise that concerns have been raised by residents about the safety of children playing in the area, to ask him to confirm ownership, and, if confirmed, to ask that the building either be made safe or secured against access.
- Reporting bad drivers to police: a reply had been received confirming that the police would be willing to take action on video evidence of unsafe driving, provided it was submitted by the person who filmed it.
 - ACTION: A note to this effect to be put on the Community Council Facebook page.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

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- None.
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7.0 Police report

- There was no report this month.
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8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 12th August 2026, had been distributed to the members.
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9.0 Correspondence

- Brae Rural Energy Hub: an email had been received from Jade Wilson (Development Officer), on behalf of colleagues from Home Energy Scotland, Bressay Development and Sandwick Development Company, proposing closer collaboration between Shetland's community energy groups to share resources and avoid duplicated effort, potentially through a shared post covering multiple projects. An online meeting for interested groups is being held next Wednesday. Members agreed the Community Council was not yet at a stage to actively participate, but would keep in touch with developments.
 - A resident had again raised concerns about grass cuttings washing up on the beach at the Loch of Strom. This had been posted on Facebook and picked up by the Shetland Times. Members noted that, as previously advised, action would require observation of the fly-tipping itself for Environmental Health to pursue.
 - ACTION: Andrew Archer to advise the resident of the Facebook post coverage, and suggest that photographic evidence be obtained and passed to Environmental Health if they wish to take it further.
 - Yell and Unst community benefit workshops: an invitation had been received for a Community Council representative to attend one of a series of sessions (9th–12th September) exploring how the proposed Energy Isles and Beaw Field wind farm developments could benefit the area. Andrew Archer will attend one of the sessions, along with any other interested CC members.
 - Scottish Water have asked the CC to complete a service quality survey. This will be completed to reflect the ongoing dissatisfaction with the South Whiteness water supply.
 - Shetland Cruise Impact Study: a request had been received asking whether the group could attend a future meeting. Members agreed this was unlikely to significantly affect the Community Council area.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to reply thanking them for the offer but declining.
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10.0 Planning

- There were no planning applications to be considered this month.
 - A proposal for a play park at Wadbister, raised previously by a resident, was discussed. Members agreed to approach the Nesting Community Development Company to explore working jointly on the idea outside of the Local Place Plan process, and noted the Tingwall area as a possible alternative site.
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- Local Place Plan: a draft of the LPP was presented to members. After discussion, they agreed wording stating that the Plan has "demonstrable support of those who engaged with the process" and that, where proposals would affect a single landowner, that landowner has been consulted with views ranging from supportive to opposed, but that all such proposals remain in the Plan to reflect the community's aspirations. Members agreed to combine the Tingwall and Whiteness and Weisdale plans into a single document to reduce duplication and ease review. The 28-day statutory consultation is intended to begin around 1st September.
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11.0 Energy

- Energy Convention: members were updated on preparations for Saturday's convention at Islesburgh, at which representatives of at least nine of Shetland's community councils are expected to speak or submit written statements, followed by responses from politicians. A short opening address will be given by a Highland councillor with experience of similar conventions.
 - Mossy Hill: a meeting of the Mossy Hill Community Liaison Group is scheduled for next week. The discussions with Scalloway CC and Lerwick CC about the mechanism and division of any community benefit still need to take place. Members agreed to continue emphasising that Local Place Plan proposals may be suitable candidates for community benefit funding.
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12.0 Win Furt

- The road construction consent application for the path at Tingwall has now been submitted to SIC, and a copy has also been sent to the landowner, who remains supportive of the proposals.
 - Sample path surface materials for the path at Weisdale (a flexible grid/membrane/gravel system) have been tested and found suitable.
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13.0 SCBF

- There were no applications this month.
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14.0 Roads

- Linkster junction: there had been reports of several deep potholes forming in the side road near the junction
→ ACTION: The Clerk to write to Roads asking that these be inspected and repaired.
 - Members raised concerns about the standard of temporary reinstatement of the road surface between the Windy Grind and the staggered crossroads following pipe-laying works.
→ ACTION: The Clerk to ask Roads whether they consider the current temporary surface adequate pending permanent reinstatement, expected in spring.
 - Members agreed to reiterate a request, previously raised at the Community Safety Forum and reflected in Local Place Plan survey responses, that the speed limit on the approach from the staggered crossroads to Tingwall Hall be reduced (e.g., to 40mph) given increased housebuilding and pedestrian use, along with improved pedestrian signage.
 - Members discussed ongoing concerns about HGV traffic using the Tingwall valley route
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unnecessarily, particularly from the site at the Scalloway end of the road.

- ACTION: The Clerk to ask Roads what options exist to restrict such traffic (e.g., weight restriction, reclassification of the road, conditions on site operators), with a view to the CC then contacting the operator directly if appropriate.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

- The first SIC meeting of the new session had taken place, with discussion including a school closure appraisal. The new bus contracts had come into effect with no significant issues reported. The Kirkwall/Inverness flight route has been reinstated over winter with additional funding, while the Dundee route has been withdrawn; the Scottish Transport Minister has committed to a review of Shetland's air links, with an initial meeting reportedly already convened.

16.0 AOCB

- No further updates were available on the recent anti-social behaviour and vandalism reported in Gaet-a-Gott.
- Members noted that the Westside Dancers' programme clashes with the Community Council's booked hall dates in October and November.

- ACTION: The Clerk to check availability of Tingwall Hall as an alternative venue for those dates.

17.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall.
