



## TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

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#### 1.0 Present:

Andrew Archer (Chair)	Ian Scott
Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)	Moraig Lyall
Charlie Hodge	
Margaret Cooper	Public attendee (1)
Neil Leask	
Birgit Wagner	

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#### 2.0 Apologies:

Martin Randall, Catherine Hughson, Davie Sandison,  
Selina-May Miller, Michael Duncan

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#### 3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Andrew Archer, as Chair of Win Furt, declared a financial  
interest in SCBF grant decisions..

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#### 4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Margaret Cooper, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

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#### 5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Road markings / cat's eyes: no reply had been received..  
→ ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads again to ask for a response.
- Smiley face signs: no reply had been received..  
→ ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads again to ask for a response.
- Co-option for vacant seat: the public attendee, known to two of the CC members, was potentially interested in being co-opted and would confirm their interest in the next couple of days.

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#### 6.0 Decisions since last meeting

- The Clerk to write to Roads re. residents' concerns about flooding issues along the Gaet-a-Gott road.
    - A positive reply had since been received indicating that a possible solution had been identified and was being pursued, and that Hjaltand Housing Association had already
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been in contact with their tenants and other affected householders to inform them of the plans.

- To allocate £400 from CC funds for the Christmas vouchers scheme.
- The Clerk to write to SSE to strongly object to the proposed pylons for the Kergord to Northern Hub Connection, emphasising that the overwhelming local response is that cables should instead be buried.
  - An associated Facebook post on the TWWCC page had over 9,000 views. A follow up post requesting that people contact SSE to give their views had over 5,000 views.

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## 7.0 Police report

The report for October/November 2025 had been circulated to members. Members did not wish to raise any issues.

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## 8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 14th January 2026, was distributed to the members.
- A post encouraging people to apply for CC funding before the end of the financial year will be put on the TWWCC Facebook page.
- Margaret Cooper is now an authorised signatory.

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## 9.0 Correspondence

- There had been several thank you messages from local residents in receipt of the Christmas cards and vouchers.
- An email had been received clarifying a Shetland Times article on 'runic stone' artworks. The artist is hoping to eventually contact all CCs at some point in the future regarding the donation of their art to each area, but is currently just 'testing the waters' by being in contact with Lerwick CC.

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## 10. Planning

There were four planning applications to be considered this month:

- 2026/002/MAR Propose to change the existing feed pipes from black plastic to white plastic, retaining the size, configuration, and location. Bill Baa, Entrance to Sandsound Voe and Weisdale Voe.
- 2025/298/PPF Two storey, 4 bed dwelling with attached garage, ASHP and associated access, 1.3M boundary fence. Site North Of 'Kalna', Nesbister.
- 2025/293/PPF To erect a 2.4m x 3.6m, wooden garden shed. 30 Stura, Gott.
- 2026/003/PPF Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of single storey dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and associated landscaping and drainage works. Kalli Brig, Weisdale.

Members did not wish to comment on any of the applications.

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## 11.0 Viking / Statkraft

Members discussed ongoing issues raised by the proposed Tagdale ammonia plant. They expressed their disappointment that widespread opposition to the proposed location expressed to last November's consultation exercise (unmentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment) did not result in any change to the proposal, or an explanation as to why it had been ignored. There was also concern about the growing industrialisation of Shetland's landscape, with members feeling that there needed to be a consideration of the wider impact of the development and not just a focus on area around the site. More clarity was wanted on possible pollution, including any impact on air quality.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to draft a letter to Statkraft expressing the CC's dissatisfaction that the feedback from the previous consultation exercise appeared to have been ignored..

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit TWWCC's comments regarding 'Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment' and 'Air Quality' for the scoping of the Environmental Impact Assessment (2026/007/SCO) for the Tagdale Ammonia Plant.

The discussion then continued, covering future developments and how to respond to them. Members had noted the recent [Community Council Convention of the Highland Council Area on the Impact of Major Energy Infrastructure](#), and the similar Scottish [Borders Wind Farm Watch](#) initiative, both of which were formed to assert more local control over the impact of future energy developments. Members felt that it would be worthwhile to explore this kind of strategy in Shetland, via the ASCC.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to submit a proposal to the ASCC for the establishment of a similar Shetland CC convention.

Regarding the Mossy Hill development, members had not heard any update on community ownership plans.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to ask Andrew Blackadder to contact John Thouless (Statkraft) to ask about current status of community ownership of Mossy Hill.

There had also been no further updates on the status of the public access routes around the Viking wind farm.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to ask Planning 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.

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## 12.0 Win Furt

Win Furt are meeting with landowners for the Hellister path design, and dealing with any issues raised regarding stock fencing and parking practicalities.

For the Tingwall path, there had been a delay in obtaining detailed cost estimates due to staff changes at CASE, but other avenues are available if this cannot be resolved.

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## 13.0 SCBF

There were two applications this month. Andrew Archer recused himself from the discussion.

CGS0064 (Tingwall Youth Club): £2,457 towards the temporary relocation of the club due to hall refurbishment. Members felt this was reasonable for an unexpected, one-off cost.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit approval to SCBF for the full amount of £2,457

CGS0065 (Whitedale Social Club). £3,480 towards the replacement of windows and fire door. Members wished to support this community facility.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit approval to SCBF for the full amount of £3,480

Members had not had any recent updates about SCBF activity so decided to ask for one from the TWWCC Director.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to contact Mairi Thomson to ask for an update.

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## 14.0 Roads

A growing pothole had been noted in the middle of the road by the viewpoint layby at top of Wormaldale hill. Further downhill from there, at the first bend after The Westings, there was also water running across the road, which had frozen and caused a hazard in recent weather.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads to ask them to fill in the pothole by the Wormaldale viewpoint layby.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads to ask them to investigate water running across the road, downhill from The Westings,

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## 15.0 Councillors' Reports

With the Christmas break only recently over, neither Moraig Lyall nor Ian Scott wished to raise any issues.

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## 16.0 AOCB

- Lesley Simpson (Headteacher, Tingwall Primary School) had contacted the CC to highlight forthcoming landscaping work around the school. They will be planting trees and wild flowers, and adding some benches.
- Members noted the recent news about Shetland Recreational Trust's decision to close Scalloway Pool, and the impact this might have. Swimming lessons relocated to other sites would mean less public swim times available, and there would be a significant increase in

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travel time for residents for whom Scalloway is the closest option. While the cost and staffing arguments for closure were understood, members expressed disappointment that the Shetland Charitable Trust had not released sufficient funding to support efforts to sustain Scalloway Pool, and agreed with Scalloway CC's wish for an extension to the proposed implementation timescale.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to write to SCT to express the CC's wish that they find additional money to allow Scalloway Pool to stay open, and to SRT to ask that the Pool remain open for several more months to allow further discussion with the SCT and more community engagement to take place.

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### **17.0 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Tingwall Primary School

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