



**TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2025

1.0 Present:

Andrew Archer (Chair)	Catherine Hughson
Linda Tulloch	Ian Scott
Charlie Hodge	Moraig Lyall
Neil Leask	Davie Sandison
Margaret Cooper	Mairi Thomson (SCBF)
John Clarkson	
Birgit Wagner	

2.0 Apologies: Martin Randall, Roselyn Fraser, Paul Stevens (Clerk)

3.0 Declarations of interest: Andrew Archer declared an interest in grant decisions for the SCBF, Catherine Hughson and Davie Sandison in matters relating to planning, and John Clarkson in matters relating to Viking.

4.0 SCBF

Mairi Thomson, the TWWCC nominated SCBF Director, updated the members on recent and current SCBF funding schemes, and indicated her willingness to continue as Director for the next three years. Members asked Mairi to ensure their request for information about additional funding sources to be included in applications was discussed by SCBF Directors. phases. They also made her aware that they may need her to raise the issue of the limitation of one application per applicant per year, depending on Win Furt's other grant applications.

[Mairi Thomson left at this point]

Members decided that they wished Mairi to continue as the TWWCC nominated Director.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to write to the SCBF to say that the TWWCC wishes to renominate Mairi Thomson as their Director.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Neil Leask and seconded by Margaret Cooper, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

6.0 Community Involvement, UHI (Julie Graham)

Julie Graham was unable to attend the meeting, so this item was postponed until the April meeting.

7.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Upgrades to Wornadale viewpoint: quotes for recycled plastic benches and an information board are currently being obtained. The local Guides will be involved with the site upgrade as part of an environmental project, potentially via an SCBF funding application. Attempts are ongoing to get the original information board artwork.

[John Clarkson arrived at this point]

- Wornadale crash barrier extension: the Clerk had recontacted Roads about the timescale for this but had not yet received a reply.
- Wornadale car park: a reply had been received indicating that Roads was “not in a position to carry out works to provide or enhance parking for third party dwelling houses” and that they did not perceive there to be a safety issue in this case.
- South Whiteness water supply: no reply had yet been received regarding a schedule of works.
 - ACTION: Moraig Lyall to contact Scottish Water on behalf of the TWWCC, regarding a works schedule.
- Defibrillator pads: these have now been purchased and will be placed in the Robinson & Morrison shop defibrillator.
- Engagement Advisor (Community) within Healthcare Improvement Scotland: Members felt that, as this was not a local initiative, they did not wish to meet with the advisor.
- RTS switch-off: John Clarkson provided an update. While the roll-out of 4G mobile phone systems might provide a workable solution for smart meters in future, this will not be in place in time for the switch-off. Local MPs and MSPs are pursuing the issue but there is currently no viable plan in place for people whose smart meter cannot achieve a connection.

8.0 Decisions since last meeting

None.

9.0 Police Report

There was no police report this month.

10.0 Finance

The Financial Report, updated to 12th March 2025, was circulated to members.

11.0 Correspondence

- VoiceAbility, an independent charity providing advocacy and involvement services: Members felt that they had no need to meet with them.
 - OpenDoor drama group had enquired about the possibility of a funding application: at this point in the financial year, the CC does not have any remaining funding so would not be able to help this time.
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- ACTION: The Clerk to reply to the group to say that no funds remain this financial year but they may wish to apply again in the future.
 - Julie Graham had contacted Andrew Archer with details of a short UHI learning needs questionnaire which she asked the CC help publicise.
 - ACTION: Andrew Archer to post a link to the Facebook page.
 - Visitor levy consultation: Kathryn Johnson had contacted the CC to highlight a letter which raised issues with the levy proposal, and asking that the CC consider adding itself to the list of signatories. After discussion, members felt that they did not feel it appropriate to become signatories but would instead publicise a related tourism sector workshop (1st April at the Mareel) and the [SIC visitor levy consultation](#) on the Facebook page.
 - An email regarding a public meeting on wind turbine noise and health had been circulated to members.
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12.0 Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered this month.

13.0 Win Furt

- Win Furt had met with Paths for All representatives to go over the CASE designs for the Tingwall path. A site visit resulted in slight changes to the design, which has now been finalised. A planning application is expected to be submitted within the next two weeks.
 - The Hellister plans are currently on hold pending SSEN internal decisions on the availability of the proposed community benefit money.
 - Win Furt have been awarded a small grant from the Shetland Charitable Trust to go towards core costs for the next few years.
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14.0 Viking / Statkraft

Andrew Archer (TWWCC) and Davie Sandison (as SCDC Chair) met with John Thouless and Doug Wilson (Stakraft) and Andrew Blackadder (Scalloway CC). This was a positive meeting exploring three possible structures for community ownership: as a joint venture, via shared ownership, or through revenue sharing (either as a proportion of the wind farm revenue or as a fixed-income investment). It was emphasised that any joint venture option would be set up in such a way that there would be no community money at stake, or any risk exposure for directors of the associated company. Members were happy to continue exploring the options, noting that a positive outcome for projects like this was more likely given the Scottish Government's encouragement for energy companies to participate in wind farm community ownership schemes. There was no specific proposal from Statkraft at this point. They were keen to hear what the community councils thought and will consider what (if any) proposal they wish to make.

- ACTION: Andrew Archer to contact Jan Riise and Michael Duncan to enquire about any potential conflicts of interest for any CC members who were also Trustees or Directors of a community ownership company or charity.
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15.0 Roads

There were no issues raised that required a decision.

16.0 ASCC

There was a meeting last week at which:

- Results from a survey by the charity OPEN highlighted that any events for young people (16-25) that were alcohol- and drug-free would be welcomed by attendees.
 - Liam Drosso (SIC Outdoor Access Officer) reported on their review of core paths and is seeking the CCs' views on those paths. Input from the wider community will be taken at a later stage of the process.
 - Feedback from CCs regarding the production of local place plans was that, while there was general support for these, CC resources were inadequate to produce them. The ASCC decided to ask for the views of all Shetland's community councils on the difficulties in producing a local place plan and feed this back to the planning department.
 - The CC Scheme Review will be finalised by SIC next Tuesday.
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17.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson and Ian Scott had been visiting the Mainland schools.
 - Ian Scott did not wish to report anything.
 - Moraig Lyall had been continuing work with the new bus contracts. She is also involved in the consultation on the proposed new freight ferries (potentially with peak season passenger accommodation), with a funding decision due in the first week in April.
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18.0 AOCB

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 16th April at the Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall.
