



**TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 2024

1.0 Present:

Andrew Archer (Chair)	Moraig Lyall
Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)	Catherine Hughson
Charlie Hodge	Davie Sandison
John Clarkson	Mairi Thomson (SCBF)
Birgit Wagner	
Neil Leask	
Martin Randall	

2.0 Apologies:

Margaret Cooper, Paul Stevens (Clerk), Ian Scott

3.0 Declarations of interest:

Andrew Archer declared an interest in grant decisions for the SCBF, Linda Tulloch in matters relating to Tulloch Developments, and John Clarkson in matters relating to Viking, and Catherine Hughson and Davie Sandison in matters relating to planning.

4.0 SCBF

The new TWWCC-nominated SCBF Director, Mairi Thomson, was welcomed by members. She had already attended two SCBF meetings, which were primarily about the new community benefit grant schemes. There was not yet any public feedback about the new strategy documents. Members requested that Mairi attended CC meetings as and when there were any updates or specific issues to be discussed.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Birgit Wagner and seconded by John Clarkson, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

6.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Upgrades to Wormadale viewpoint: funding discussion postponed to the next meeting
- Wormadale gullies: there had been no reply from Roads as yet but the situation appeared to have improved slightly. However, the gullies were still running very high with indications of a possible blockage by the ex-council houses (3rd from bottom) on the road down towards Nesbister.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads so thank them for the work that had been done but also to highlight the potential blockage.
- Crash barrier extension: there had been no reply from Roads as yet.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads again about the barrier extension timescale.
- Christmas fund: a Facebook post had gone up and businesses had been contacted about potential donations. Local schools were happy to be involved again.
- There have been reports of standing water on the road even in dry weather, at the top Ladies Drive junction with the A970, and near the first passing place on the way down South Whiteness Road.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads to ask them to investigate potential problems with drainage or the water mains at the locations described.
- The road by the bus stop at the Califf-Breiwick turning has significant flooding in wet weather.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads to see whether the drain at that location could be extended by about 3 metres, to alleviate the flooding.

7.0 Decisions since last meeting

None.

8.0 Police Report

The police report for August/September 2024 was circulated to members on 4th October. There were no issues that members wished to raise.

9.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 9th October 2024, was circulated to members.
- Tingwall P7 parents grant application: The applicants had provided clarification of the proportion of funding which the group aimed to raise themselves, and had highlighted that a significant proportion of the costs was due to the need for licences and insurance

for the fireworks display. Members were keen to support the Halloween and Christmas parties but did not wish to fund a fireworks display.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to contact the applicants to offer a grant of £300, ring-fenced for the Halloween and Christmas parties.

10.0 Correspondence

- Details of a survey on Community Council resilience in emergencies had been received from the Scottish Government's Resilient Communities Team.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to respond to the survey with input from the members.

11.0 Planning

- 2024/247/PPF To erect 2 no. glamping pods; refurbish existing access path and create car parking; install surface water soakaway, The Westings Inn Wormadale

→ ACTION: The Clerk to respond 'No comment'.

12.0 Viking / Statkraft

- Members met with SSEN on 2nd October regarding the plan for the new transmission grid, with a new northern hub consisting of a converter station and substation that would be at least twice the footprint of the planned buildings at Kergord, though no taller. New interconnector cable would be along the west side of Shetland on a yet to be determined route. Cables (most likely overhead) for an AC connection between the northern hub and Kergord would also be needed, with another substation sited between the two sites (potentially at Voe). Current plans are to start works in 2028.
- There will be exhibitions on the [new connections between Gremista and the north of Shetland](#), which will include connecting Sullom Voe to the distribution network. These are Tuesday 22 October at The Brae Hotel, Brae (12.00 pm to 7.00 pm) and Wednesday 23 October at Lerwick Town Hall (12.00 pm to 7.00 pm).
- Andrew Blackadder had contacted Andrew Archer regarding the Mossy Hill windfarm project emphasising Scalloway CC's view that community ownership would produce a much greater return for the community than just the proposed community benefit payment. Andrew Archer had subsequently talked to Mark Brennan (Shared Ownership Manager) at [Local Energy Scotland](#) to seek advice on community ownership strategies. Funding for these kinds of projects could also be sought from [Community Energy Scotland](#). Members supported further exploration of the community ownership approach.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to liaise with Andrew Blackadder to pursue this.

13.0 Win Furt

- The deadline has now passed for the Gott foot/cyclepath design tenders, with two received. These will be discussed by the Win Furt Board in the coming weeks.
- The AGM will be on Monday 28th October.

14.0 Community Council Scheme Review

On the 2nd October, there had been a meeting of CC chairs regarding the CC scheme review. The preferred options were in alignment with the earlier feedback from the TWWCC members.

15.0 Roads

- A resident had contacted the CC to report that the latest resurfacing of Cott Road had resulted in the road being around 3 inches higher than the verges, making it hard to get off the road to avoid oncoming traffic. There was also restricted visibility due to the east-side verges being unmowed. Based on past experience, members thought that the work was likely to not yet be complete so felt that any decision should be delayed to allow for ongoing work to be completed.
- There were reports that the road surface at the Veensgarth roundabout is severely uneven.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads and ask them to review the roundabout condition.
- Members queried the timescale for the new speed limit order to be implemented on the Laxfirth Road.
 - ACTION: The Clerk to contact Neil Hutcheson regarding the timescale.

16.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson had been dealing with access issues on the new Sandwater road, housing issues at Kalliness, and concerns about cemeteries.
 - Catherine Hughson and Moraig Lyall reported that the investigations into the possibility of alternative burial sites, including green burials, had not been favourable. Issues included a less efficient use of the available space and lack of infrastructure for alternative techniques.
 - Davie Sandison reported that a new director of education had been appointed. He had also attended a COSLA conference, highlighting forthcoming budgetary challenges.
 - Moraig Lyall reported on the successful consultation on bus usage in Shetland.
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17.0 Meeting dates for 2025

Members agreed to maintain the current scheme of having meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, from January to November 2025.

18.0 AOCB

None.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 20th November, in the Tingwall Community Hall.
