Minutes subject to approval at the next Community Council meeting

TWWCC

TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2026

1.0 Present:	Andrew Archer (Chair)	Moraig Lyall
	Steve Groom	Davie Sandison
	Charlie Hodge	Catherine Hughson
	Paul Stevens (Clerk)	
		Public attendees (3)
2.0 Apologies:	Linda Tulloch, Selina-May Miller, Margaret Cooper, Birgit Wagner, Martin Randall, Michael Duncan.	
3.0 Declarations of Interest:	Catherine Hughson and Davie Sandison for planning matters, due to their roles on the SIC Planning Committee; Moraig Lyall for the Tingwall Community Hall grant application, due to her role on the Hall 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 16th September 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Former Scottish Water building in Nesbister: the landowner had replied, including additional queries for the CC.
  - → ACTION: Andrew Archer to draft a response letter.
- HGVs in the Tingwall valley: no reply had been received.
  - → ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads again.
- Scottish Sea Farms HGVs: a reply had been received indicating that operations were now complete and that there should be little traffic over the winter period.
- Weekly update on road closures/works: this was now being received regularly.
- Water discharging onto South Whiteness road: Roads had responded by digging out the ditches along the roadside. This had improved the situation but had not fully resolved it, as the source of the excess water is further uphill, coming off a private road.
- TWWCC email address: members wished to change to an email address that uses the TWW domain, clerk@twwcommunity.scot.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to set up the new email address, forwarding emails from the old Gmail address, and update the website and SIC page.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

- Due to planning deadlines, the Chair had, after previous discussions with members, made the decision to partly object to planning application 2026/198/PPF and to object to planning application 2026/208/PPP.
- However, two local residents attended the meeting to make representations regarding application 2026/198/PPF. They objected to business activity at the site, which had been refused under a previous change of use application but which appeared to be expanding. They described their experiences of excessive noise and dust, sufficient to have led them to contact Environmental Health. There were also concerns about the volume of traffic using the existing site entrance, rather than a proposed new access road further away from houses.

  → ACTION: CC members to visit the residents to evaluate the situation.

  → ACTION: The Clerk to query Roads regarding the volume of traffic at the site entrance.

- After the representations, the CC decided to revisit the decision on 2026/198/PPF.

  → ACTION: The Clerk to contact Planning and retract CC comments for application 2026/198/PPF.

7.0 Police report

- The August/September report was circulated to members, who did not wish to raise any issues.

8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 14th October 2026, had been distributed to the members.
- Grant application from Royal Voluntary Service, Shetland, £285: This was approved.

  → ACTION: The Clerk to notify the applicant that the full amount was awarded.

- Revisiting the Tingwall Community Hall application (June 2026): The hall committee had managed to raise the needed funds in the intervening period, so the application was no longer relevant. There were still outstanding works needed, so they have been invited to submit a new application.

9.0 Correspondence

- The CC had been informed that the Lord Lieutenant of Shetland will be hosting a Carol Concert in Lerwick on Saturday 5th December, and nominations for invitations are sought for community members who are recognised as having supported others during the past year.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to post a call for nominations on Facebook.

10.0 Planning

- Responses had been received on the TWWCC Local Place Plan (LPP) from Roads, Environmental Health, and Planning. Planning asked for specific details regarding scenic protection, which will be added to the LPP. The other comments were site-specific, so can be dealt with as and when planning proposals are submitted.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer to submit the final LPP to SIC.

11.0 Energy

- Kentron Green Nordic: Moraig Lyall and Andrew Archer had met online with Kentron Green Nordic, the buyer of Statkraft's ammonia and hydrogen activities. Despite the concerns raised about the choice of site, Kentron Green Nordic indicated that it intends to proceed at Tagdale, and aims to submit a planning application next year following consultation.

- Mossy Hill: The chairs of Scalloway, Lerwick and TWW community councils had met for initial discussions on how the community benefit payments from Mossy Hill should be managed. . Community ownership was also discussed, and Lerwick CC supports this approach. TWWCC had received confirmation from SSEN that a further one-off community benefit of £530,000 would be payable by SSEN. This is because the substation's two-part structure means that the SSEN element falls under a different community benefit scheme. The Mossy Hill Community Liaison Group met the following week, and the community councils pressed Statkraft for a decision about whether they would offer the community a stake in the project. John Thouless said that he was due to meet with the relevant Statkraft finance people the following week to work out what would be possible. TWWCC suggested a change to the way that the community liaison group works: It was agreed that the community would be invited to submit questions ahead of the meeting (as was done with the Viking CLG). Questions that the CC representatives felt were relevant would then be put forward at the meeting. A post will be placed on Facebook asking for public input on any further issues of interest ahead of the next meeting.

- ASCC: The Association of Shetland Community Councils meets next month. An agenda item will ask SIC to request a retrospective Island Communities Impact Assessment of the National Planning Framework (NPF4) specifically with regard to the impact of energy developments on the isles.

12.0 Win Furt

- Win Furt is still working on the Weisdale side planning application. Progress on the Tingwall side is paused until relevant SIC funding priorities are known.

13.0 SCBF

- There were no applications this month.

14.0 Roads

- An arrow pointing into the adjoining field has appeared on the road at the top of Ladies Drive. There were suggestions that this is temporary but its purpose is unclear, and somewhat confusing. It was noted, however, that the new road surface is very good.

    → ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads to ask about the road arrow, and to thank Roads for having done such a good job with the resurfacing.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson had been busy with various issues Shetland-wide.
- Moraig Lyall had been similarly busy, including the upcoming public sector reform issues, and will be meeting with the Scottish Transport Minister next week.
- Davie Sandison highlighted the importance of engaging with the public sector reform processes, saying that these were very much in development and would benefit from input as to what members, and others, hoped to see as outcomes of the reform.

16.0 AOCB

- The Strom Park Trust had offered to talk to the members at the next meeting about its plans to redevelop the underused Strom Park building into a fitness centre. Members welcomed this offer.

    → ACTION: Andrew Archer to contact the Trust and sort out details.

17.0 Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November 2026 (venue to be determined).