



**TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2026

1.0 Present:

Linda Tulloch (Vice Chair)	Moraig Lyall
Selina-May Miller	Ian Scott
Margaret Cooper	Catherine Hughson
Birgit Wagner	
Steve Groom	Gordon Bell (SSEN)
Martin Randall	

2.0 Apologies:

Andrew Archer, Charlie Hodge, Davie Sandison, and Michael Duncan.

3.0 Declarations of Interest:

Catherine Hughson for planning matters, due to her role on the SIC Planning Committee.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion proposed by Martin Randall and seconded by Steve Groom, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th August 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

5.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Derelict Scottish Water building, Nesbister: no reply had yet been received from the landowner.
→ ACTION: The Clerk to contact the landowner again.
 - Potholes and temporary road surfaces: a reply had been received from Neil Robertson, Roads. The maintenance team had been advised of the potholes at Linkster and Bensgarth and of the manhole at Strand. On the temporary reinstatements near the Windy Grind, inspections are carried out regularly and discussions are ongoing with the contractor about remedial measures required before winter, including part of the Windy Grind to Bensgarth section. These works are expected to begin once Scord Quarry reopens for tar.
 - HGVs in the Tingwall valley: the query about available legislation or restrictions had been passed on, but no reply had yet been received.
 - Wormadale vehicle restraint barrier near Newhouse: this is now in place.
 - Scottish Sea Farms HGV movements on the South Whiteness road: no reply had been received.
→ ACTION: The Clerk to follow up with Scottish Sea Farms.
 - Third Shetland Partnership Plan meeting: Linda Tulloch had attended the session on population
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and the economy, at which three future scenarios were presented and discussed. Comments from the discussions will be fed back into the Partnership Plan.

- Gaet-a-Gott: no reply had been received from the police to the request for official advice, despite a further reminder from the Clerk. Members noted that there had been further incidents of anti-social behaviour, and that children had been playing in the newly installed flood measures on the road. Parents are aware and have spoken to the children. Members agreed to take no further action at present, but to record these matters in the minutes.
- Meeting venue for October and November: Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall is unavailable due to the dance programme. The October meeting will be held at the Tingwall Youth Club, with Tingwall Hall hoped to be available for November.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to book the Youth Club for October, and to confirm the availability of Tingwall Hall for November.

6.0 Decisions since last meeting

- Members reviewed and agreed to the publication of the Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Local Place Plan.

7.0 Police report

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

8.0 Finance

- The Financial Report, updated to 9th September 2026, had been distributed to the members.
- A grant request for £81.90 had been received from the Whiteness and Weisdale Welfare Committee, to cover the cost of the Remembrance Day poppy wreaths. This was approved.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to advise the applicant that the grant was approved.

- The annual Community Council report is due by 30th September.

→ ACTION: Andrew Archer and the Clerk to complete the report.

9.0 Correspondence

- Crofting Commission research: members agreed to share the survey on Facebook.
→ ACTION: The Clerk to post the survey link on Facebook.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue survey: Members agreed that they would respond individually.
- Community Council resilience training (17th September, 6.30–8.00pm, on Teams): Moraig Lyall will attend and report back at the next meeting. Members agreed to defer discussion of a resilience plan until the Local Place Plan is complete.

10.0 Planning

There were three planning applications to be considered this month:

- 2026/181/PPF Construct timber access ramp with timber handrails and concrete end platform to North and East Elevation, Fjord Upper Strand, Gott.
- 2026/011/MVCON Section 42 application to vary condition no. 3 of Planning Permission 2025/019/MAR to extend the time period for the temporary storage of 4 x 160m-circumference pens and 1 x 120m circumference pen (not to be used for production) for an additional 12 months.
- 2026/012/MVCON Section 42 application to vary condition no. 2 of Planning Permission 2025/020/MAR to extend the time period for the temporary storage of 5 x 160m-circumference pens (not to be used for production) for an additional 12 months.

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

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit 'No comment' for statutory consultations 2026/011/MVCON and 2026/012/MVCON.

- Update on LPP: This has now gone out for consultation, with a revised deadline of 8th October 2026.
- Members discussed the upcoming meeting about the Nesting Local Place Plan, with several members hoping to attend.

11.0 Energy

- Statkraft Community Liaison Group had met to provide a general update and advance warning of trial blasting on site. The trial is to assess the effect of blasting on a nearby water pipe. Signage is in place.
- Community benefit fund: the Scottish Government may increase the recommended rate to £6,000–£7,000 per MW. Statkraft have confirmed that they would follow any revised official figure, and that index linking has already been applied to the existing rate.

12.0 Win Furt

- Andrew Archer had sent in an update to say the planned Win Furt meeting had been postponed, but that work continues on the planning application for the path north from Shetland Jewellery on the Tingwall side. A decision is awaited from SIC and SusTrans as to which projects will get funding.

13.0 SCBF

- There were no applications this month.

14.0 Roads

- The weekly road closure update has not been received for several weeks, and the webpage is no longer being updated. It was noted that TWWCC does not appear on the Roads circulation list, and that a Scotland-wide road closure website appears more current than the local one.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to ask Roads why the weekly updates are not being received, and to ensure that TWWCC is added to the circulation list.

- Members reported water running off land onto the South Whiteness road (on the left from the first junction). flowing down from the croft road to the ditch at the end of the road. The drainage there does not appear to be capturing it, and it will present an ice hazard in winter.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to contact Roads to ask them to investigate the water discharging onto the South Whiteness road.

15.0 Councillors' Reports

- Catherine Hughson had been busy with new session statutory meetings, along with some local work in Kalliness.
 - Moraig Lyall had been busy with Transport meetings, most of which have been reported in the news.
 - Ian Scott did not wish to report anything.
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16.0 AOCB

- None
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17.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at the Tingwall Youth Club (venue to be confirmed).
