Minutes subject to approval at the next Community Council meeting

TWWCC TINGWALL, WHITENESS & WEISDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026

1.0 Present:	Andrew Archer (Chair) Steve Groom Charlie Hodge Selina-May Miller Margaret Cooper Paul Stevens (Clerk)	Moraig Lyall Public attendees (12)
2.0 Apologies:	Linda Tulloch, Birgit Wagner, Martin Randall, Catherine Hughson, Ian Scott.	
3.0 Declarations of Interest:	None.	

4.0 Planning

Members started by noting that Shetland's 2014 Local Development Plan considers not only where building should or should not take place but also the potential interactions of buildings with the surrounding environment. The CC's role is to represent public feeling, so the decisions taken in this meeting were in light of feedback from local residents as well as opinions from across the TWW area, submitted as part of the Local Place Plan (LPP) consultation.

- 2026/208/PPP Planning Permission in Principle for the erection of 2no. Dwellinghouses, at Plots Nesbister Whiteness. The TWWCC's LPP includes the general opinion that more and varied housing is needed in the area, but also that the views down Whiteness Voe and towards Nesbister böd should be protected. As the current application lies within the South-West Mainland area of the Shetland National Scenic Area, protecting these views is also in line with National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4). Members voted unanimously to object to this application.

  → ACTION: The Clerk to submit an objection to the application on the basis of the LPP and NPF4.

- 2026/198/PPF Proposed change of use of buildings/areas at Gott Farm from solely agricultural use to mixed use for agriculture, contractor storage of plant and machinery and management from portable office. Additionally proposed extension of hardstanding, and the installation of 4 containers on the Nissan hut yard, and 4 containers on the new hardstanding area, and the construction of a 2.5m high wooden fence, at Site Adjacent To Gott Farm Gott Tingwall. Members noted that they had not objected to a previous application relating to this site as they had wanted to support a local business. However, following representations from local residents,

a site visit by members had made it apparent that activity on the site had grown to such an extent that it was causing significant nuisance to residents' everyday life. Additionally, this application site is not in an area designated for industrial use in either the current SIC Local Development Plan or the new LPP. Members voted unanimously to object to this application, but acknowledged that the applicants had encountered difficulties when trying to get permission for more appropriate sites in the area and were keen to work with the applicants to find a solution.

→ ACTION: The Clerk to submit an objection to the application on the basis of nuisance to local residents and an inappropriate location for industrial growth.