

# GULBERWICK, QUARFF & CUNNINGSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MARCH MEETING ROUNDUP

Full minutes available on website, by contacting the SIC or by phoning the clerk on 692728

## • PEERIE NOTES – more info on the CC website •

**Gulberwick Sewage Pumps** – Scottish Water say that the only realistic long-term option is a new local waste water treatment in Gulberwick. The current arrangement of septic tanks and regular removal of sludge by tankers will be in place for the foreseeable future and should be able to accommodate the connection of the new housing planned. Developers may have to pay towards some improvements. In relation to residents' concerns about flooding in heavy rain, SW say the current system should be able to treat current foul and storm flows in all but the most exceptional circumstances.

**Shetland Partnership Plan** – Members got a sneak preview of this brilliant piece of work, aimed to tackle the issues that leave some Shetlanders with a poorer quality of life than others. 49% of Shetlanders do not earn enough to live well. Keep an eye out for what everyone hopes to do to help these folk.

**Blocked Drains** – we're on the case for a resident whose drains are being blocked by trucks damaging a verge as they leave the Aithsvoe Pier. With support from the pier trust we are contacting the SIC to ask for help.

**Verges in Cunningsburgh** – in response to complaints about the deeper ditches & reduced verges, topsoil is to be laid in the spring to even out the verges & Cllr G Smith has managed to secure the promise of pedestrian passing places between Bremmer & Longwell as a pilot scheme.

**Surface Dressing** – Mid Voxter, North Bridge and Blett in Cunningsburgh and the lower road in the Gulberwick loop will get surface dressing this year.

**Finance** – the bank balance on February 27 was £4,499.90.

## Wheelie Bins and Recycling

In July we will all be receiving two new wheelie bins – as well as the bungee cords needed to help secure them.

You will get a blue one for paper, card etc and a grey one for plastic bottles, cans and cartons. One of these will be picked up every two weeks with a black bag pick up for non-recyclables in the weeks in between. Food waste can be put in black bags if you don't compost.

You are encouraged to 'wash and squash' your recycled bruck and then chuck it straight into the wheelie bin. Because of our cool climate the SIC do not see vermin as a problem.

Glass will have to be delivered to a glass recycling point (there will be more of these) and if you think you will have problems with this or with any of the new arrangements get in touch early so they can help in plenty of time.

You can phone 744810 or email [recycling@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@shetland.gov.uk)

The next meeting is on Tuesday  
May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the  
Cunningsburgh School. Members  
of the public are always welcome.

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## DA VOAR REDD UP

This year's spring clean is being held on the weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please get in touch with the Amenity Trust if your group wants to take part – you could get £50 of CC funding as a thank you.

## CAN WE HELP YOU?

Do you have any concerns about anything happening – or NOT happening in Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh?  
Please get in touch as we could help. The Community Council acts as an advocate for the community, and can be a more official and often faster way to make positive changes in the lives of local people. We can act as a middle man when dealing with the SIC and other organisations. Let us help!

## PLANNING

### No objections or comments:

2018/051/PPF – To erect dwelling house with balcony, create access road, parking and turning area, install air source heat pump, Plot 15, Hillside Brae, Gulberwick, Shetland.

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## GRANTS

Gulberwick & Quarff Rowing Club for yoal repairs - £600

Cunningsburgh Village Club for cupboard refit and kitchen improvements - £600

Cunningsburgh History Group for new heaters - £600

South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club for trips and squad development - £600