

GULBERWICK, QUARFF & CUNNINGSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MAY 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 •

Abandoned Vehicles – how vehicles can and should be disposed at the end of their lives was discussed. The situation in Shetland can be complicated but we now have the most up to date information if anyone needs help.

Police Report – officers caught a speeding motorist on their way to the meeting! There have been seven incidents in our area since the last report including a motorist charged with driving while disqualified.

Da Voar Redd Up – lots of folk were out at the weekend – the Community Council rewards your group or charity of choice with £50 as a thank you.

Verges in Cunningburgh – topsoil is soon to be laid to even out the verges & Cllr G Smith has also managed to secure the promise of pedestrian passing places between Bremmer & Longwell as a pilot scheme.

Recycling Scheme Roadshow – if you have any questions or worries about your new wheelie bins and what to put in them, drop into the Gulberwick Hall on Tuesday 15th May (6.30pm-8.00pm) or the Cunningburgh Hall on Monday 21st (7.30pm-9.00pm). More dates and venues at www.sic.gov.uk

What's On? – the NHS need your help to revamp their website. Any groups or clubs which meet regularly are asked to let them know so it can be added to a local What's On section. Email claire.morris17@nhs.net with details.

Car Parking Charges – agreement that this would be like a disproportionate tax on residents means we'll be writing to HIAL to complain, ask for proper consultation and for them to look into alternative fundraising options.

Finance – the bank balance on February 27 was £12,177.13.

Feeling lonely or isolated?

The Red Cross visited to tell us about a brilliant project to tackle loneliness and isolation, which affects far more Shetlanders than you would think.

If you know someone who may be lonely after a child leaving home, a bereavement, a new baby in the house or as they're going through a tough time then get in touch with the local branch to find out more.

Volunteers work with each person at their own pace and doing activities to suit them to help them find their way back to feeling less alone.

They are also looking for volunteers to meet with people as part of the project – which has already helped over 50 people since starting in Shetland.

You can phone 695488 or email TChristie@redcross.org.uk for more information.

RAGWORT PROBLEM

A suggestion to tackle ragwort on a larger scale at the beginning of the growing season is to be put to SIC Roads. The piecemeal approach taken at present does not seem to be working.

The next meeting is on Tuesday June 5th at 7.30pm in the Cunningburgh School. Members of the public are always welcome.

www.gqc-communitycouncil.co.uk

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Do you have any concerns about anything happening – or NOT happening in Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningburgh? 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:

2018/102/PPF – Erect agricultural storage shed and byre with part-slatted floor and slurry tank below, Sunshine Cottage, Wester Quarff, Quarff, Shetland, ZE2 9EZ

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GRANTS

We have been awarded our Community Development Fund from the Shetland Islands Council so will soon be looking for grant applications from local groups and organisations.

Have a think about any projects or events you have coming up which might need some extra pennies.