

GULBERWICK, QUARFF & CUNNINGSBURGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 4th 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 •

New Appointments – our new chair is Ms Amy Garrick-Wright and Mr Colin Clark, our newest community councillor, has stepped into the vice-chair role.

Police Report – There have only been six incidents in November in our area, one missing person who was traced safe and well & a careless driver who has been reported. The Festive Drink Drive campaign has started so please drive safe.

Damage to Access Gates at Gulberwick Beach – the SIC is only responsible for the pedestrian gate so we will decide next steps after contacting the landowner.

Quarff Road Issues – Safety is still an issue but there's no Quarff representatives at present – can you help so we can fully represent the wishes of Quarff folk? We're going to ask for a 'smiley face' speed sign for use on the Quarff main road.

Gulberwick Pumping Station – a reply from Scottish Water has revealed that the works will likely cost £600,000, but they still haven't given a timescale for when it will start so members have decided to get back in touch for more answers.

Planning Applications – the service has moved back to North Ness, losing approximately 60 working days in the process. This will add problems to the delays already taking place as a result of having 6.4 vacant officer posts. HR, Promote Shetland and external recruitment consultants are on the case.

Call for Sites – landowners are developers have until March 31st 2019 to submit sites for inclusion in the new development plan. For housing proposals they will only be accepting those with three or more housing units. If the site makes it through the consultation & into the plan it should smooth the planning process.

Finance – the bank balance on August 21st was £39,122.96. £30,750 of this is the grant from the Community Choices Fund for Shetland South Decides.

Car Parking Charges at Airport

Members have had complaints from the community and several members have personal experience of the problems which have been seen during the introduction of the car parking charges at Sumburgh.

“A complete shambles” is how it was described and members feel that the concerns that they voiced on behalf of the community prior to the introduction of the charges have still not been addressed.

The clerk is to write to HIAL stating again their concerns with the plans in place for NHS patients, the fact that it is a tax on island life, concerns with road safety, the fact there was no consultation and to say that they have had complaints from the community.

The next meeting is on Tuesday
January 15th at 7.30pm in the
Cunningsburgh School. Members
of the public are always welcome.

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Community Council Vacancies

We need more Community Councillors, especially in **Quarff** where there are currently **no** representatives. Please get in touch to find out more. You will not need to go through an election process.

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

There were only two planning applications on the SIC website in the Community Council area since the last meeting and they required no comment:

2018/336/PWN: Install electronic communications dish to radio equipment, Shurton Hill Radio Station, Off A970, ZE2 9TX.

2018/292/PPF: Erect extension to existing dwelling house, Heimdal, Wester Quarff, Quarff, ZE2 9EZ.

GRANTS

Ten tonnes of road material have been awarded to a group of houses in Ocaquoy, Cunningsburgh

The Gulberwick Toddlers were awarded £100 towards their Christmas party.

Grants accepted now!