

Sandness Community Development (SCD) – Draft Minute

AGM

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Sandness Community Hall 7pm



Present: Brian Ashley (Chair), Garry Jamieson (co Vice-Chair), Alan Robertson, Karen Williamson, Penny Armstrong (Development Worker), Alan Rolfe, Mike Walmer, Karen Ashley, Gundel Grolimund, Heike Kern, Jamie MacBeath, Haydn Robertson, Monika Rudin-Burgess, Raymond Garrick.

Present by Proxy: Sorley Johnston (Secretary), Amanda Mercer (Treasurer),

1. Welcome

Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies: Faye Goodlad, Michael Peterson (coVice-Chair).

3. Minute of last meeting (AGM 17th September 2024- previously circulated)

One name attending needed to be corrected: Faye Goodlad not Garrick

As amended, proposed by: Karen Williamson. Seconded by Garry Jamieson

4. Matters Arising - none

5. Annual Report 2024-25

Brian presented the Trustees Annual Report and invited questions.

Gundel Grolimund suggested that the old Sandness Recipe Book might be brought back into print. Penny said that she understood Nicola MacBeath was looking at this after a suggestion made during Wool Week.

Brian expressed his thanks and appreciation to:

- Betty and Gifford Williamson for all they do to keep the Melby pier toilets clean and supplied with materials.
- To Penny Armstrong for the quality and amount of work she does for SCD
- To Board members and others who help and support the work of SCD

Those present thanked Brian for what he does as Chair of SCD

6. Financial Report 2024-25

In the Treasurer's absence, Brian presented the accounts to 31st March 2025 (set out in the Trustees Annual Report) and invited questions. None were raised. These were formally accepted by the board on 10th June 2025.

7. Update on developments since April 2025

Penny provided a brief verbal update on SCD activity that will be included in next year's annual report:

- Melby Pier: funding awarded for acquisition (to be spent by March 2026); negotiations for purchase under way; funding for future development being sought
- Inter-community bus project: continued swimming service using Early Adopter Communities (EAC) fund; Aith Christmas party; events can be suggested by anyone anytime
- RSPB: two further Species on the Edge workshops; community legacy project under consideration
- After school activities on alternate Friday afternoons running successfully using EAC funding
- Film Club: winter programme for 2025-26 due to start on 18th October

8. Appointment of Accountants

NGR of Lerwick, our current accountants, were reappointed.

Proposed: Brian Ashley; Seconded: Gundel Grolimund

9. Appointment of Directors

Four Member Directors are standing down in accordance with our constitution: Brian Ashley, Michael Peterson, Alan Robertson and Alan Rolfe. All are willing to stand again.

No further nominations were received so the above four Member Directors were duly reappointed.

There remains one vacancy for a Member Director. Brian invited anyone interested to speak to him.

Office Bearers will be appointed at the next SCD Board meeting in October.

10. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.40pm and Brian thanked everyone for attending.

After the meeting closed:

- a demonstration was given of the new Sandness website
- there was an opportunity for those attending to contribute ideas for the Local Place Plan