**Community Council – CARES/Energy Plan Development**

**Update**

The two working groups have been formed:

1 **Funding/finance group – Membership Forbes Watson, Trina McNicol and Eric Armstrong.**

The group have made significant headway in identifying a model of operation that will allow funding opportunities to be pursued and managed. A useful link has been established with Ballantrae who have a well-established organisation. The sub group met on Monday (10th May 2021) to formulate their plan of action to take us to the next stage. (Report from the sub group, (verbal) will be provided at the May meeting.

2 **Technology/Energy plan group – Membership Alan Roseweir, Kathleen McNab, Ian Henderson, Colin Love, Social Enterprise Development Officer Tom Burns Energy, portfolio holder SAC.**

The group has still to formally meet however a meeting took place between Alan Roseweir and the identified council officers. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain the position and view of the council in pursuing a comprehensive energy/renewables plan. The council is keen to engage with us in the partnership and will involve a senior colleague from housing in future meetings. An import point was raised by Coin in that as the partnership was between SAC and the Community Council we would not need community status to engage with CARES. This will be clarified at the next meeting. The next stage is to have a full sub group meeting shortly. Date and time to be arranged.

**Designated area for plan**

An important point raised by Colin Love was to identify a manageable area in the first instance. This from experience would be more attractive for funding support. We surveyed a map (see attached) of the designated area for Fort, Wallacetown and Seafield. It was suggested that the initial focus should be on The Fort and Wallace Town.

**I would seek your approval at this meeting.**

**Other contact - Partners**

I have kept Gemma Murray from CARES fully appraised of the developments. CARES are fully supportive.

I have also had a conversation with Liz Marquis, Director Energy Agency (many thanks for the introduction Norman), a non-profit organisation established to support energy efficiency measures and renewable energy solutions. Liz works closely with the council in all matters regarding energy. I appraised her of our vision, she is keen to work with us in partnership to achieve our goals.

Alan Roseweir