

Bressay Community Council

Mr Lindsay Tulloch

Chair

Bressay Community Council

27th September 2025

Dr James Wilson

Professor of Human Genetics

The University of Edinburgh

Re: Letter of Support for the Viking Genes Project

Dear Dr Wilson,

On behalf of Bressay Community Council, I am delighted to offer our full support for your Viking Genes research project.

The community council recognises the significant value of your work in deepening our understanding of genetic heritage, ancestry and health within Shetland and beyond. The Viking Genes project is of particular importance to communities such as ours, where history, identity, and wellbeing are closely interwoven. By combining cutting edge science with the lived experience of island communities, your research highlights the unique contribution that Shetland can make to international knowledge and medical advances.

We are especially encouraged by the ways in which the project engages with local people, both through participation in the research and in the communication of findings. This respectful and inclusive approach not only strengthens community connections but also ensures that the benefits of the research are widely shared.

The Bressay Community Council is proud to endorse your work, and we look forward to seeing the outcomes of the Viking Genes project continue to bring insight and benefit, improving the health and lives of Shetlanders. Please be assured of our support for this important endeavour.

Yours Sincerely

Lindsay W Tulloch

