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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 23 February 2009.

**PRESENT:**

Mr D Robertson	Mrs E Mainland	Mr I Garrick	Mrs W Kay
Mr J Sinclair	Mr R Mainland	Mr R Nickerson	Cllr A Duncan

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs F Mitchell	Mrs S Malcolmson	Ms C Laignel	Cllr J Budge
PC Ian Brown	Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)		

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

**08/78 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 26 January 2009 was adopted on the motion of Mr Sinclair

**08/79 POLICE REPORT**

PC Brown was unable to attend the meeting but Mrs Mainland reported on his behalf that there had been 9 routine incidents dealt with by the police in the Dunrossness area over the past month.

**08/80 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) Sumburgh Lighthouse Road:** Mr Mainland declared an interest. The Community Council had received a second letter from the same member of the public who had previously raised his concerns regarding the suitability of the road to the Lighthouse for large coaches. The letter states that, as neither Shetland Islands Council nor Shetland Amenity Trust plan to widen the road, "his initial concerns relating to the suitability and safety of the road remain" and he therefore asks that the Community Council renew its efforts to have the safety of the road improved. Mr Nickerson proposed that the Community Council acknowledge the letter and thank the writer for his interest in the matter. Mr Sinclair proposed that the letter be copied to SIC Roads and Shetland Amenity Trust and this was supported by both Mr Robertson and Cllr Duncan. Mr Nickerson therefore withdrew his motion. Following further discussions it was agreed to copy the letter to both of the above parties. It was also unanimously agreed that the Community Council are in support of as much improvement to the road as possible without jeopardising the entire project which is expected to be a very important tourist attraction in the area.

**b) Levenwick Road Markings & Blind Summits:** Further to the Community Council's latest letter, Neil Hutcheson had replied that the additional white arrows on the road north of Brevin House, which was requested by the Community Council in September 2007, will be provided when the road marking contractor is next in Shetland. No warning of a blind summit to the south of Brevin House will be provided as it does not meet the necessary criteria.

**c) Allan's of Gillock to Robins Brae Speed Limit:** There was nothing new to report.

**d) Dunrossness Primary School to A970 Walkable Verge:** Mr Neil Robertson's reply to the Community Council's letter regarding the above reads as follows:

*current Council policy does not allow for the provision of a hard verge in conjunction with single-track roads, largely due to the fact that cars tend to assume that it is there for their benefit too, which creates a danger for the pedestrian and a maintenance problem for us. The idea of a remote path (a path separated from the road by a grassed strip) has been used successfully in Burravoe, Yell, and this type of arrangement may be the best suited to your aspirations. In some cases, such remote paths are surfaced with a dry bound material rather than bitmac and can attract funding from groups such as Sustrans'.*

**08/80 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters****d) Dunrossness Primary School to A970 Walkable Verge (continued):**

The members agreed that the 'remote path' option sounded favourable and instructed the Clerk to request SIC Roads to investigate this option and to point out that the request for the path is actually for the benefit of the general public and not only the school children. The Clerk will also request that SIC Roads keep the request for a path on Dunrossness Community Council's 'wish list'.

**2. Westvoe Car Park:** Mr Nickerson and the Clerk had met with Ronnie Jamieson of R.G. Jamieson regarding an outstanding invoice for additional works carried out by Mr Jamieson in conjunction with a complaint by SIC Roads Department regarding water running onto the main road from the car park. An agreement on the sum due by the Community Council had been reached amicably. Mr Nickerson had expressed the Community Council's appreciation of Mr Jamieson's part in the upgrading of the Car Park. With regards to the outstanding drainage works which Ness Engineering agreed to carry out for the Community Council, Mr Nickerson suggested that the Clerk write to Ness Engineering enquiring when these works are expected to be completed. This was agreed.

**3. Grutness Car Park:** There was nothing new to report.

**4. Levenwick Graveyard Access:** The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Jim Grant, SIC, stating that he has requested SIC *'Estates Management Section to reach an agreement with the landowner with regard to securing access for car parking for future generations by way of land purchase or other form of agreement'*.

**5. Fair Isle Fire Station:** Cllr Duncan stated that there was nothing new to report but that he is due to attend a Fire Board meeting in Inverness soon and will raise the issue again.

**6. Water Issues:**

**a) Scousburgh/Bigton:** There was nothing new to report.

**b) South Voe Sewage System:** There was nothing new to report.

**7. Scousburgh Sand Public Toilets:** There was nothing new to report.

**08/80 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**8. Fair Isle Ferry Service:** Michael Craigie, SIC Head of Transport, had confirmed by letter that he intends to carry out a study under the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) that will look into the long term transport links to Fair Isle, Foula, Papa Stour and perhaps Skerries. The study will look at the problems the islands currently face, the opportunities that exist and then the various ways in which these can be addressed. Mr Craigie states that *'the overall aim is to ensure that we have sustainable transport links that meet the needs of the islands for the long term'*.

**9. Community Council Website:** Euan Robertson had carried out some research with regards to costs of website space. Due to changes in the SIC IT Department Mr Euan Robertson believes it may be necessary to change the Community Council's domain name. Mr Nickerson requested that a decision on this matter be deferred until the Community Council's next meeting in order for him to consult the SIC IT Department. This was agreed.

**10. Community First Responder Schemes:** The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Peter Smith, Scottish Ambulance Service, informing her that the Community Council's letter expressing an interest in a Community First Responder Scheme in the Sumburgh area has been passed to Alan Knox, Community Resuscitation Development Officer for the area.

**11. Mossy & Scousburgh Hill 'Tidy Up':** Mr Mick Clifton, Shetland Amenity Trust, had confirmed by e-mail that, due to a successful application for funding from SEPA for the clearing of fly-tips, the area at Mossy Hill would be cleared 'very soon'.

With regard to the dilapidated buildings at Mossy and Scousburgh Hills, the Clerk reported that SIC Building Control planned to make a site visit last week and would report their findings in due course.

Mr Nickerson left the meeting at 8 pm

**08/81 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club – To assist with the costs of travelling to the Mainland to compete in competitions:** It was agreed, on the motion of Mr Garrick, seconded by Mr Sinclair, to award the sum of £800.

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**2. South Mainland Trampoline Club – To assist with the costs of sending a volunteer to Mainland Scotland to participate in ‘Level One Assistant Coach’ Training:** Mr Garrick proposed that a grant of £200 be awarded as opposed to the requested sum of £300. Cllr Duncan suggested that the Community Council should consult Sandwick Community Council regarding this application as it had been put forward at their recent meeting and the Clerk had been instructed to obtain further information before a decision was taken. Mrs Mainland suggested that a more detailed breakdown of the costs should be obtained. This was seconded by Mr Robertson. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk contact Sandwick C.C. for further information and, upon receipt of this, the Clerk has delegated authority to award a grant of up to £200.

**3. Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care – To provide a ‘Comforts’ Fund’ which meets the cost of non-statutory expenses such as Christmas gifts, short tours, entertainment, travel costs etc. for clients of Day-Care, held one day per week in the Virkie Hall for elderly local residents in need of care and company:** It was agreed, on the motion of Mr Garrick, seconded by Mr Sinclair, to award the requested sum of £500.

**4. South Mainland Community History Group – To assist with the costs of producing and distributing a new, up to date, Quendale Water Mill brochure, providing interpretive signage for the Mill and purchasing a new scanner/copier/printer:** Mr Robertson declared an interest. It was agreed, on the motion of Mr Sinclair, seconded by Mr Garrick, to award the requested sum of £1125.

**08/82 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. To demolish redundant outbuildings and extensions to the pavilions and smith buildings and oil and septic tanks. Erect new education room extension and visitor information kiosk. Internal and external alterations to all buildings to reinstate removed or damaged internal features. Realign access road and improve car parking facilities, Sumburgh Head Lighthouse, Virkie by Shetland Amenity Trust, Garthspool, Lerwick –** There were no objections.

**2. To demolish existing building and erect new Bird Observatory and associated hostel accommodation and garage, Fair Isle Bird Observatory, Fair Isle by Fair Isle Bird Observatory Trust, c/o John Kerr, Edinburgh –** There were no objections.

**08/83 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council Meeting:** Mrs Mainland had attended the above meeting on 2 February 2009. She reported that the Parent Council had held a Valentines Dance in the School and were planning a disco before the summer holidays as well as Sunday Teas. The crèche facilities which they are running on parents' evenings are proving successful and they are very impressed with the interest the children are taking in the garden and poly tunnel. Mr Mainland reported that the Breakfast Club is proving very successful and attracting even more children than in previous years. As a result, there is expected to be sufficient funds for this year and into next. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 May 2009.

**08/84 CORRESPONDENCE****1. ZetTrans letter ref. Shetland's Regional Transport Strategy:**

Enclosed was a copy of a Summary document of Shetland's Regional Transport Strategy. This strategy is a statutory document, approved by the Scottish Government in 2008.

**2. E-mail ref. Membership of Geopark Shetland Working Group:**

Shetland is currently trying to become a European Geopark. A Geopark is an area of outstanding Geological Heritage that is working to protect, conserve and promote this heritage to benefit the local community. The Geopark Shetland Working Group currently has representative from SIC, HIE, SNH, SAT and local tourism providers among others and is looking for a representative from the Association of Community Councils. Kate Massie, ASCC Admin Assistant, has offered to attend meetings on behalf of the ASCC if no Community Council members are interested.

**3. SIC letter ref. Provision of Recycling Banks:** Shetland Islands Council are currently reviewing its recycling site provision for glass and can collections throughout Shetland. The Community Council is requested to advise them if any further sites are required in the area and where would be suitable. Prior to leaving the meeting, Mr Nickerson had suggested that there is a requirement for recycling facilities in Bigton and that at the shop would be a suitable site. It was also agreed that Levenwick may benefit from recycling facilities and that, providing there is enough room, by the shop would be the most suitable site.

**4. E-mail ref. Scottish Ferries Review, Consultation Seminar:** A

Consultation Seminar in connection with the Scottish Ferries Review is being held in Room 16 of Islesburgh Centre, Lerwick on Thursday 26 February 2009 to which 2 Community Council representatives are invited. Mr Garrick thought that he may be able to attend and enquired if there were any issues which the members wished him to raise. It was agreed that the issue of a lack of cabins/seats/couchettes was an ongoing problem.

**08/84 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

**5. The following are available from the Clerk on request:**

- Shetland Amenity Trust Annual Report 2007/08
- Hjaltland Housing Association Annual Report and Accounts 2007/08

**08/85 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Road between Church of Scotland and Baptist Kirk:** Mrs Mainland reported that the edge of the road between the two Kirks is breaking up in places. The Clerk will notify SIC Roads.

**2. Quendale Farm Brig:** Mr Robertson reported that the sides of the road on the Quendale Farm Brig require clearing of grass etc. again to enable water to drain from the road properly. The Clerk will notify SIC Roads.

**3. Newsletter:** Mrs Mainland raised the issue of the next Community Council Newsletter. Mr Robertson suggested that a notice be placed in the local shops requesting articles for the next addition. Mrs Mainland suggested that the Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council may be interested in providing an article and Mr Mainland suggested Shetland Amenity Trust may provide an article on the Sumburgh Lighthouse project.

**4. Shetland Livestock Marketing Group:** Mrs Mitchell had sent an e-mail, copied to Cllrs Budge, Duncan and Nickerson, expressing various comments from the Fair Isle crofters regarding the Councils recent decision not to support the SLMG grant application. Mr Garrick stated that it is the Community Councils duty to support the community as a whole and that as these comments had already been forwarded to the elected Councillors he considered that the Community Council did not have to offer support or otherwise in this matter. Mr Robertson enquired how many of the members had an interest in agriculture and, as this involved the majority, it was agreed that the Community Council were not in a position to support either those for or against SLMG receiving a grant from SIC. The e-mail was therefore noted.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON  
MONDAY 30 MARCH 2009.**