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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 26 January 2009.

PRESENT:

Mr D Robertson	Mrs E Mainland	Mr I Garrick	Mr J Sinclair
Mrs F Mitchell	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr R Mainland	Mr R Nickerson

APOLOGIES

Ms C Laignel	Mrs W Kay	Cllr A Duncan	Cllr J Budge
PC Ian Brown	Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

08/70 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 16 December 2008 was adopted on the motion of Mr Nickerson

08/71 POLICE REPORT

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

08/72 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) Sumburgh Lighthouse Road: There was nothing new to report.

08/72/1b

08/72 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters (continued):

b) North Haven Causeway, Fair Isle: Mrs Mitchell believed that the planned works are now complete.

c) Levenwick Road Markings & Blind Summits: Mr Garrick raised the issue of the Community Council's previous requests for additional road markings/signs warning drivers of the blind summits on the section of road above Levenwick. As any upgrading of this section of road is likely to take some time, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to SIC Roads reminding them of the Community Council's original requests. See also item 08/72/1f below.

d) Allan's of Gillock to Robins Brae Speed Limit: See item 08/72/1f below.

e) Access Road to House Sites, Wiltrow: Further to the Community Council's letter to the SIC Roads Department regarding the emitting of surface water and debris onto the public road through South Voe from the above access road, the owners of the property and the contractor have been made aware of the problem and the Roads Department are currently pursuing them to rectify this as soon as possible.

f) Various Dunrossness Roads Issues: Mr Nickerson reported that he and Cllr Budge had met with Neil Robertson, SIC Roads, to discuss the Dunrossness roads issues which had been considered by the Member Officer Working Group – Roads in November 2008. A report has been prepared for the next Working Group meeting on 10 February 2009. Mr Nickerson informed the members that the Roads Department hope to address some of the issues raised through general maintenance and he reported individually on the following:

- **Levenwick:** A land survey is to be carried out to progress the future upgrading of the section of the A970 between the two Levenwick junctions.
- **Robins Brae to Allan's of Gillock Speed Limit:** A reduced speed limit of 50mph will be imposed on this section of road once the necessary legal formalities have been finalised.
- **Dunrossness Primary School to A970:** It had been recognised that there is a desire by some for a 'walkable verge' between the school and the A970. It was agreed that the Community Council still consider this necessary and it was therefore agreed that the Clerk should write to SIC Roads stressing this.

08/72 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters

f) Various Dunrossness Roads Issues (continued):

Mr Nickerson concluded his report by informing the members that SIC Roads will send six monthly progress reports on the above points to the Clerk.

2. Westvoe Car Park: There was nothing new to report.

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

4. Levenwick Graveyard Access: There was nothing new to report.

5. Museum – Tom Henderson Plaque: The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail informing the Community Council that the Tom Henderson plaque has now been erected in the museum.

6. Fair Isle Fire Station: Cllr Duncan had reported that he will be attending a Highlands & Islands Fire Board meeting in early February and will request a progress report on the upgrading of the Fair Isle Fire Station building.

7. Water Issues:

a) Scousburgh/Bigton: Works on the tank at Scousburgh are continuing.

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

8. Scousburgh Sand Public Toilets: Mr Nickerson reported that Jonathan Emptage, SIC, has received the new design which reduces the 'footprint' of the proposed toilets. It is now Mr Emptage's intention to meet with the landowner.

9. Fair Isle Ferry Service: Mr Nickerson reported that Michael Craigie, ZetTrans, had assured him that a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidelines (STAG) process on the Good Shepherd will commence next financial year. This process has already taken place on some of the other ferries.

10. Community Council Website: Mr Robertson reported that Euan Robertson is currently planning a new, up to date, website for the Community Council. Once the basic site is in place it will be up to the members to decide what additional information they would like included.

08/72 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

11. Mossy & Scousburgh Hill 'Tidy Up': Mr Nickerson reported that Mick Clifton, Shetland Amenity Trust, has been on a site visit to Mossy Hill to see first hand the fencing wire etc. which has been dumped there. There are at present eleven fly tipping sites around Shetland and Mr Clifton is currently attempting to secure funding from SEPA to have all of these sites cleared.

With regard to the dilapidated buildings at Mossy and Scousburgh Hills and a previous site meeting between Cllrs Budge and Nickerson and SIC officials, Mr Nickerson suggested that the Community Council write to Iain McDiarmid, SIC Planning, requesting a progress report. This was agreed.

08/73 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

08/74 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To reinstate existing quarry to original contours, disused quarry, Upperton, Levenwick – There were no objections.

2. To demolish existing porch, erect new sun room, replace roof cladding and install ground source heat pump, Da Noup, Southerhouse, Scousburgh – There were no objections.

3. To erect dwellinghouse (in outline), Dalesbrek, Dunrossness by Mr Michael Stewart, 45 St. Olaf Street, Lerwick – There were no objections.

08/75 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Local Service Delivery Group Meeting: Mr Nickerson had attended a LSDG meeting on 13 January at which one of the items discussed had been the South Shetland Vision project. A small steering group has been formed and have met and the funding package is almost complete.

2. Scottish Ambulance Service 'First Responders' Meeting: Mr Nickerson had attended the above meeting in Sandwick on 20 January. The Scottish Ambulance Service are looking at setting up a 'First Responders' scheme in Sandwick whereby volunteers are trained to deal with certain medical emergencies before an ambulance arrives. The scheme is funded by the Scottish Government and all volunteers are fully trained and insured.

08/75 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**2. Scottish Ambulance Service 'First Responders' Meeting**

(continued): The Scottish Ambulance Service are keen to hear from any other communities interested in having such a scheme and Mr Nickerson therefore enquired if the members considered Sumburgh may be one such area. The members agreed and the clerk was therefore instructed to write to Peter Smith, Scottish Ambulance Service, Lerwick, informing him of Sumburgh's interest in the scheme.

08/76 CORRESPONDENCE**1. Association of Shetland Community Councils letter ref. Bi-Annual Meeting:**

The next meeting of the ASCC will take place on Saturday 11 April 2009 at 11 am at the Shetland Museum. It was agreed that two representatives from Dunrossness C.C. will attend the meeting.

2. ZetTrans letter ref. Local Bus Services: ZetTrans has been undertaking a review of local bus services in Shetland. Since that time the information provided through the Area Transport Forums has been assessed alongside usage figures, integration with other forms of transport, such as the inter-island ferries and planes, and other bus routes, such as school transport. As a result of this work, a series of options for improvement have been developed. These are currently being discussed with the relevant operators.

There will be two stages to these improvements. In the longer term, the aim is to provide a series of mainline routes, with more frequent feeders and dial-a-ride services. However, this is still being developed, and can only be achieved when contracts are due for renewal. A timescale cannot be provided for this work until discussions with operators have been completed. In the short-term there are changes to the services that can be provided within existing contracts. For the South Mainland the following improvements are proposed:

- 1740 from Sandwick to Lerwick to run Monday to Saturday (currently just Saturdays)
- to introduce a 1445 Lerwick to Sandwick service, Monday to Friday, during school term time
- to introduce a 0855 service from Sandwick to Levenwick on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with the 0930 from Hoswick departing Levenwick at 0920

There will also be an assessment of the most appropriate timing of the Sumburgh Express Service once the new Flybe summer timetable is available. Once known, more will be done to promote this service to travellers.

The aim will be to introduce these services from 30 March 2009.

08/76 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

3. 'Thank you' letters from South Mainland Community Association and Dunrossness Girls Brigade for grants/donations received: The letters were noted.

4. Shetland Marine Spatial Plan – Interim Draft: The afore mentioned is an updated version of the consultation document distributed in March 2008. The Marine Spatial Plan forms two parts, a Policy Framework Document and a Marine Atlas. From the feedback received on the consultation document the Plan has been updated and, although it is not a finished version, it is felt that the Plan is now ready to be launched as an 'Interim Draft'. As such, from January 2009 onwards there will be a 'soft' implementation period where the Plan will be tested. During this period the Plan will not form formal policy for the SIC or other government organisations but it is hoped that it will offer a test period for marine users, communities, regulators, advisors and funding bodies who are strongly encouraged to use and consult the Plan documents when considering developments and projects. This 'soft' implementation period will be an important time where users have the opportunity to influence the plans final development. The document was noted.

5. SIC e-mail ref. A New Local Development Plan for Shetland: The new Plan will be known as a Local Development Plan and will set out policies and proposals for land use and assessing development proposals in Shetland, replacing the current Structure Plan and Local Plan. Local Development Plans have emerged from the review of the Scottish planning system set out in **The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006**, a process referred to by the Scottish Government as Modernising the Planning System.

The Scottish Government will publish regulations in early 2009, setting out in finer detail the requirements for preparing and publishing the Local Development Plan. But the Government is also expecting local authorities to be well-placed to begin bringing forward these plans once these regulations are in place. It is in response to this wish the Shetland Islands Council is embarking on this review now.

Following publication of the Main Issues Report and its associated Strategic Environmental Assessment, SIC will develop a "Proposed Plan". This will be advertised and objections to the plan invited. Planning officers will seek to resolve objections but where this is not possible the objections will be considered by a Scottish Government Reporter. The Reporter will consider the issues, hold a public inquiry on those issues he/she decides warrants such attention, and will advise SIC of the changes required before the plan can be adopted. This is likely to take place during 2011 and in doing so will meet a key objective of the Scottish Government's reforms of the planning system, to make the development plan system faster and more responsive. The letter was noted.

08/76 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

6. SIC Road Safety Plan 2008-2010: Mr Robertson had studied the document and considered that more emphasis should be put on educating the secondary school age group on safe road usage. This was agreed and the clerk will forward this comment.

7. The following are available from the Clerk on request:

- Scottish Health Council Newsletter, Issue 3, Winter 2008
- A9 Partnership Newsletter, December 2008
- Shetland NHS Board Annual Report 2007/2008
- Rural Scotland Newsletter, Winter 2008/09
- Shetland Charitable Trust Trustees' report and consolidated financial statements, 31 March 2008

08/77 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2009.**