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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 30 March 2009.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

08/86 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 23 February 2009 was adopted on the motion of Mr Garrick

08/87 POLICE REPORT

PC Brown was unable to attend the meeting.

08/88 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

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

b) Levenwick Road Markings & Blind Summits: There was nothing new to report.

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08/88 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters (continued):

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

d) Dunrossness Primary School to A970 Walkable Verge: There was nothing new to report.

2. Westvoe Car Park: See item 08/91/1

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

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

5. Fair Isle Fire Station: Cllr Duncan stated that there was nothing new to report with regard to the Fair Isle Fire Station but that Scalloway, Sandwick and Whalsay are in the top four in the Highlands & Islands area for getting their Fire Station buildings upgraded or replaced.

6. Water Issues:

a) Scousburgh/Bigton: See item 08/91/1

b) South Voe Sewage System: Ms Laignel had requested an update with regard to when Scottish Water intends to provide a sewage system in the area. The Clerk reported that she had been unable to get an update so far but would endeavour to do so before the next meeting.

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

8. Fair Isle Ferry Service: There was nothing new to report.

9. Community Council Website: Mr Nickerson had reported to the Clerk that he had raised the issue of the Community Council's .gov domain being suspended with both Jan Riise, SIC Legal & Admin, and Stuart Moncrieff, SIC ICT Manager. Both were surprised to learn of this and had agreed to investigate the matter. Mr Nickerson had requested that they have the domain reinstated and to liaise with Euan Robertson if necessary.

10. Community First Responder Schemes: There was nothing new to report.

11. Mossy & Scousburgh Hill 'Tidy Up': There was nothing new to report.

08/89 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Community Council Grant – The Clerk reported that Dunrossness Community Council has been offered a grant of £20,114.00 for the year 2009/10, subject to the usual conditions. It was agreed to accept the grant and conditions.

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: The Clerk reported that no grant had been made because when she had made enquiries regarding a breakdown of the costs, as agreed at the February meeting, she had learned that the planned training had been cancelled. The group hopes to be able to organise training at a later date and the Clerk had informed them that they were free to apply again for a grant when in a position to do so.

3. Dunrossness Primary School – To assist with the costs of purchasing disco equipment and a karaoke machine: It was agreed, on the motion of Mr Garrick, seconded by Mr Mainland, to award the sum of £417, as requested.

4. South Mainland Up Helly Aa Committee – To assist with the costs of promoting, organising and developing the South Mainland Up Helly Aa Festival for the initial year. (The event is expected to be 'self financing' in the future): Following discussions, it was agreed to make a 'one off' donation of £300 towards initial 'set up' costs.

5. Ness Boating Club – To assist with the costs of renovating the Main Hall of the Club in an effort to reduce electricity costs: Mrs Mainland, Mr Garrick and Cllr Duncan declared an interest. Due to financial reasons, it was agreed to defer this application until the next meeting and a new financial year.

6. Shetland Table Tennis Association – To assist with the costs of two Dunrossness residents attending and competing in the Natwest Islands Games in Aland: Mrs Mainland and Mr Mainland declared an interest. It was agreed, on the motion of Mr Sinclair, seconded by Mr Garrick, to award the sum of £1000, as requested.

7. Association of Scottish Community Councils Annual Subscription: It was agreed to renew the Community Council's subscription to the Association of Scottish Community Councils at a cost of £15.

08/90 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

- 1. To erect one residential chalet and one general purpose storage building within the grounds of the Sumburgh Hotel, Virkie by M Donaldson, Sumburgh Hotel – There were no objections.**
- 2. To extend existing dwellinghouse, Kittlenaked, Bigton by Mr Owen Budge, Kittlenaked, Bigton - There were no objections.**
- 3. To erect two dwellinghouses and create access road, South Punds, Levenwick by John Tait, 8 West Hillcrest, Lerwick – There were no objections.**
- 4. To erect single dwellinghouse (in outline), Cloddieknowe, Dunrossness by Mr Duncan MacKay, Finisterre, Scousburgh – There were no objections.**

08/91 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- 1. WaterWatch Scotland Meeting:** Mr Nickerson had attended a WaterWatch Scotland meeting on 24th March as nominated councillor for Shetland South. Mr Nickerson had raised the following issues:
 - **Scatness** – The installation of the new water main is now complete. This should improve the water pressure issue although Scottish Water representatives admitted that they could not find the cause of the low pressure. Any enquiries regarding low water pressure should be forwarded to Scottish Water.
 - **Scousburgh Tank/Bigton Supply** – It was confirmed that Bigton and Scousburgh are now connected to the Lerwick water supply and have been since July 2008. The new water tank at Scousburgh is scheduled to be complete within the next few weeks.
 - **West Voe Car Park** – The issue of poor reinstatement of the car park and problems with disturbance of work previously done by Ness Engineering on behalf of the Community Council was discussed. It was agreed that a Scottish Water representative will contact Mr Nickerson to discuss the matter.

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2. Local Service Delivery Group Meeting: Mr Robertson had attended a meeting of the South Local Service Delivery Group on 9th March 2009. The following points were among those discussed:

- anyone involved in youth provision in the South Mainland had been asked to give a brief presentation on their organisation.
- the results of the Blueprint for Education consultation had been discussed
- Margaret Birrell, NHS Shetland, is holding 3 hour evening training sessions on suicide prevention
- the inaugural meeting of the South Shetland Vision Event is to be held on 25th April 2009 in Cunningsburgh

3. Scottish Ferries Review Consultation Seminar: Mr Garrick stated that he had attended the seminar on 26th February and had found it quite interesting. He reported that there are over 300 ferry routes in Scotland and this review will be examining all aspects of these routes including boats, harbours etc. There will be opportunity for input at a later stage.

4. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting: Mr Robertson had attended a SACC Meeting on 24th March 2009 at which the following points had been discussed.

- **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting** - Nigel Flaws, Airport Manager, advised that an agreement had been reached with Eastern Airways to retain the current level of fire cover at the airport.
- **Airport Managers Report** - Nigel Flaws advised of a continual decline in passenger numbers with Edinburgh and Glasgow ok but Aberdeen down. This summer there will be 3 scheduled flights to Edinburgh on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, commencing in June and flights to Bergen in June, July and August, making a total of 69 return scheduled flights per week from Sumburgh.

The Airfield Ground Lighting Project is nearing completion and should be finished mid April.

4. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting (Continued):

- **FLYBE/Loganair Update** - Loganair representatives Jonathan Hinkels and Graham Everett addressed the committee.

Members were advised of the current difficult economic time with a decline in passengers throughout the UK of 15%. To counter this, more seats will be offered at lower fares. FLYBE are not doing as badly as other airlines in the UK and bookings for the summer are reasonably positive (approximately the same as last year). There's also a possibility of additional capacity on the Edinburgh service next winter.

The Chairman, Jimmy Smith, concurred that routeing through Edinburgh when travelling to the London airports and onwards was the preferred option for the business community.

He then asked if there was any possibility of transit passengers travelling from Stornoway to Sumburgh through Inverness making a tarmac transfer. It was advised that, following improvements, transferring passengers in Edinburgh should now be able to go straight to the departures area thus avoiding additional check-in and security checks. Graham Everett also advised that he would take the issue of transit passengers up with HIAL at Inverness, to which the Chairman advised that he would write as well.

Rick Nickerson asked about the possibility of other route expansion from Sumburgh e.g. a Faroese link. Jonathan Hinkels stated that this was one of a number of possibilities that were being looked at.

- **AOCB** - Gussy Angus enquired about the lack of an Ambulift vehicle at Aberdeen airport and was advised that a new vehicle had arrived at Aberdeen airport this week and will be in use as soon as necessary health and safety checks and staff training has been completed.

In response to a question on disabled passengers who have their leg in a cast, it was stated that a full cast is not allowed on the current SAAB340 aircraft but it is ok to travel if the knee can bend.

4. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting

- **AOCB (continued)**

Rick Nickerson then raised an issue regarding faded road markings, to which Nigel Flaws responded that the painting contractor had arrived that day.

Rick Nickerson also raised an issue regarding delays due to a faulty de-icing machine. Nigel Flaws stated that the rig, owned by Loganair and operated by OBC on their behalf, had been replaced with a machine from Aberdeen, following which there had been no further issues. It was further advised that a new rig would be positioned in Sumburgh for next winter. Previously the airport operator's responsibility, this has now become the airlines' responsibility.

The Chairman then spoke of a recent incident in Edinburgh, resulting in passengers for Sumburgh ending up in Stornoway and a mix up at Sumburgh due to poor quality announcements. It was advised that the information system at Sumburgh and the web based service are being looked at at the moment – Nigel Flaws said HIAL hope to progress it soon.

The Chairman, referring to level of security checks, then stated that security should be commensurate with perceived threat and questioned the need for such stringent checks at Sumburgh. Following some discussion the Chairman said that he would write to Inglis Lyon, HIAL and the head of security, as this was affecting the morale of staff. The Loganair response was that it was the responsibility of the DFT transport security team and HIAL to sort.

There had been a request for earlier Sunday opening of the airport to allow earlier arrival of the Sunday papers. Nigel Flaws asked - who would pay?

There had also been a passenger complaint due to lack of information when they had been delayed for several hours.

The Chairman then asked if the runway could be used for the south end Up Helly Aa, after normal operating hours. This was declined.

- **Date of Next Meeting** - 22 September 2009.

08/92 CORRESPONDENCE

1. 'Thank you' letters from South Mainland Community History Group, South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club and Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care for grants received: The letters were noted.

2. SIC Roads letter ref. Surfacing and Surface Dressing Programmes: No sections of road in the Dunrossness area have been identified for treatment this year.

3. Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board letter ref. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 Applications for Premises Licences: Bigton Community Hall, Dunrossness Central Public Hall, Da Keg and Stackhoull Stores have recently applied for Premises Licences.

4. Shetland Amenity Trust letter ref. Da Voar Redd Up 2009: It was agreed to offer a donation of £1500 again towards the event. As in previous years, this sum will be divided equally between any voluntary organisations who undertake to clean an area in Dunrossness. This year's Redd Up will take place during the weekend of 18th and 19th April.

5. SIC letter ref. Dial-a-Ride Transport Services: The Transport Service is currently planning some improvements to the booking service provided for Dial-a-Ride Services. The improvement to the service will be that, outside normal office hours, people will have the option to leave a message or be transferred direct to the operator of the service, to make a booking and/or discuss the service. The reason it has been decided to make this change is because it is believed it will provide users with a more flexible and responsive transport system. The letter stresses, however, that users of the services should make every effort to phone within office hours and be considerate about the time of day they phone operators.

6. SIC letter ref. Interim Planning Policy (Draft) - Towards Sustainable Construction & Better Design: Shetland Islands Council has undertaken a review of the Council's Policies relating to construction and design currently contained within the Shetland Structure Plan (2000) and Shetland Local Plan (2004). The Review consists of two documents – Monitoring & Main Issues Report and Interim Planning Policy (Draft). The period for public consultation is eight weeks and any comments should be sent to Development Plans, Infrastructure Services, Grantfield, Lerwick, Shetland or via email: development.plans@shetland.gov.uk by Friday 15th May 2009. On completion of the consultation period, the results will be presented to the Planning Board along with any revisions to be made to the policies as a result of the consultation process. Mr Mainland expressed an interest in reading the document.

08/92 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

7. SIC letter ref. Interim Planning Policy (Draft) – Minerals: Shetland Islands Council has undertaken a review of the Council's Aggregates Policies currently contained within the Shetland Structure Plan (2000) and Shetland Local Plan (2004). The Review consists of three documents – Monitoring & Main Issues Report, Technical Report and Minerals Policy (Draft). The period for public consultation is eight weeks and any comments should be sent to Development Plans, Infrastructure Services, Grantfield, Lerwick, Shetland or via email: development.plans@shetland.gov.uk by Friday 1st May 2009. On completion of the consultation period, the results will be presented to the Planning Board along with any revisions to be made to the policies as a result of the consultation process. The document was noted.

8. On the Cusp Shetland's Cultural Strategy – A vision for cultural life in Shetland 2009 – 2012: According to the document "this Strategy has been prepared by a number of organisations in Shetland which, working in partnership and individually, will fulfil its aims and objectives. It seeks to offer a shared view of the way in which Shetland's citizens would like life in the islands to develop. The Strategy sets out objectives for developing cultural facilities, services and activities for the benefit of the Shetland community. It recognises that there is a vital contribution to be made by public agencies and private enterprise, but that the essence of Shetland cultural life flows from local communities and individuals". The Strategy is for everyone in Shetland. It is important that it is widely available and relevant and is therefore available in three forms: the full Strategy document, a summary leaflet version and on the Council's website (www.shetland.gov.uk/cultural_strategy). Print and online versions are obtainable through the Library service. The website offers updates and opportunities for feedback. The document was noted.

9. SIC letter ref. Blueprint for Education in Shetland: Following the consultation on future education provision in Shetland, an Analysis Report has been produced, copies of which were enclosed for the members' information.

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

- Community Care Leaflets – Charging for Permanent Residential Care and Financial Assessment for Residential Care

08/93 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009.**