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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 29 April 2013.

PRESENT:

Mr D Robertson	Mr R Mainland	Mr S Mitchell	Mrs S Malcolmson
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)		

APOLOGIES

Mrs B Leslie	Mr M Tregonning	Mr J Sinclair	Mr J Ridland
Mr R Nickerson	Mrs F Mitchell	Ms E Mainland	Mr A Duncan
PC J McDiarmid	Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)	Chief Inspector MacInnes
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13/00 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25 March 2013 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mainland subject to the following amendment made by Cllr Smith.

12/85/1a ROADS MATTERS: Levenwick Speed Restriction – this should have read '*around the Boddam area*', not Levenwick.

13/01 POLICE REPORT

PC McDiarmid had sent his apologies but had reported that there had been 9 routine items dealt with in the Dunrossness area in the last month.

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13/01 POLICE REPORT (continued)

Mr Robertson welcomed Chief Inspector MacInnes to the meeting. Chief Insp MacInnes informed the members that he had requested to attend a meeting of Dunrossness Community Council in order to discuss any queries the members might have regarding the recent merger of the eight former police forces in Scotland. Chief Insp MacInnes reported that, since February, all calls to the Police are answered in Inverness. This will mean that all calls should be answered within national guidelines ie. 10 seconds for emergency calls and 40 seconds for non-emergency. Local numbers will remain for up to a further 12 months, although they will be answered in Inverness. Anyone wishing to speak to a particular officer can phone Inverness and be put through to that officer's radio, which can be used as a regular phone. The Lerwick Police Station's opening hours have changed to 8 am to 8 pm. However, there is a 'box' with 2 buttons (one for emergencies, one for non-emergencies) on the external wall of the station which can be used to summon assistance. When one of the buttons is pressed, Inverness is alerted and, if there is someone in the Lerwick Station at the time, they will be asked to go to the front door or if all staff are out, someone will be requested to return to the station to assist the caller. Chief Insp MacInnes informed the members of the formation of the new Community Safety Board, as reported by Cllr Duncan at the previous Community Council Meeting, and the intention to increase Community Engagement within Shetland.

Finally Chief Insp MacInnes reported that the Shetland Area Command had finished the year to 31 March 2013 with a detection rate of 77% (this does not include road safety figures) and a 21.4% reduction in crime.

13/02 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters**

a) Levenwick 30 mph speed restriction extension: The Community Council are still awaiting a decision on the requested extension of the existing 30mph limit. Mr Mitchell reported that he had been approached by a Levenwick resident regarding what they considered to be the poor visibility when exiting the new housing development at the south of Levenwick and turning south. Mr Mitchell wondered if a 'blind summit' sign would be appropriate in this case. It was agreed the Clerk would write to SIC Roads regarding both matters.

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

3. Public Toilets: At the Community Council's previous meeting, Cllr Duncan had offered to try and obtain information on how much the SIC's annual running costs for the Bigton Public Toilets were. However, in his absence, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Jonathan Emptage, SIC Cleansing, Grounds & Burial Services for the information.

13/02 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

4. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier: There was nothing new to report.

13/03 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Dunrossness Community Council Budget: The Clerk reported that SIC are offering a grant of £9546.00 to Dunrossness Community Council for the financial year 2013/2014.

There were no grant applications for consideration.

13/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To erect single storey dwellinghouse, Clumlie, Dunrossness by Stewart Mouat & Jillian Isbister - There were no objections.

2. To erect dwellinghouse, Houlland, Virkie by Neil Taylor & Megan McQuade – There were no objections.

13/05 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Geese: As reported in the 'Press', Shetland intends to apply for a 3 year 'Adoptive Management Scheme' to try and help with ever increasing numbers of resident native geese which are destroying crops. The Scheme will operate in August/September in order to avoid targeting migrating Icelandic birds. The scheme is funded through Scottish Natural Heritage and SNH and RSPB agree that numbers need to be controlled. A 'Working Group' is to be set up which it is hoped will be able to meet in May.

2. Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Project: Mr Mainland reported that the project is currently within budget, progressing well, and only a week or two behind schedule.

3. Community Care Meeting: Mr Robertson had attending the meeting at which a 'power point' presentation on the route currently being taken due to cost cutting had been shown, with assurance given that charges for services would be capped for the less well off.

13/05 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

4. Joint Liaison Meeting: Mr Robertson had attended. The topic of discussion had been the new Community Development Fund, set up as a result of the cuts to Community Council Budgets. The £68,000 which has been cut from Community Council Budgets has been ring fenced for this fund. The draft guidelines which are currently being consulted upon for the new Community Development Fund are as follows:

- The fund is open to both Community Councils and Community Development Companies (CDC), although CDC applications will have to be endorsed by the area Community Council before being submitted.
- The scheme will open for application two times in this current year. (If the scheme continued beyond 2013/14, the scheme would be open three times a year)
- It is not proposed that the fund is divided across three dates; therefore grants could be awarded up to the full value of the fund at the first application date. If this happens, the fund will then be closed until the new financial year, subject to review and available Council budget.
- The applicant will not be expected to match fund projects
- The minimum grant will be £500. There is no restriction on the number of applications which can be made with the year, subject to a total maximum of £3,000 per Community Council/CDC in any one year.
- Each project will only be eligible for a single grant

Community Councils can put together a package and apply for up to £2,000 to be distributed to meet a variety of local area needs and priorities. In addition to this, they can apply for a further £1,000 to assist with the cost of a specific project(s)

Eligible Community Development Companies can apply for funding between £500 to £3,000 to assist with the costs of delivering local projects and/or services. CDC applications must be supported by its local Community Council.

A workshop on the new scheme for Community Council members has been organised for 18 May with a further Joint Liaison Meeting to review and consider feedback received planned for 22 May. A report will then be prepared for consideration by the full Council on 12 June 2013.

13/06 CORRESPONDENCE**1. SIC letter ref. Surface Dressing and Re-Surfacing Programme 2013:**

The SIC annual Road Surface Dressing and Re-Surfacing Programme will take place between May and August. Road users are reminded to drive slowly through surface dressing sites which will be covered by an enforceable 20 mph speed limit. The areas earmarked for works this year in the Dunrossness area are a small section of the Scatness road, the Culsetter road and approximately one third of the Boddam loop.

2. 'Thank you' letters for 2012 Voar Redd Up donations: The letters from the Fair Isle Primary School and Disability Shetland were noted.

3. 'Thank you' letter for grant received: The letter from Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care was noted.

4. Email ref. Unpaid Work/Community Service: Unpaid work is a community based disposal available to Courts which involves the supervision and support of offenders to payback the community for their crimes. The individual will have to complete between 20 and 300 hours of unpaid work in the community. The scheme operates up to 4 days a week and is for both men and women from 16 years and above. These projects take place within the local communities for the benefit of the community and vary according to an individual offender's skills or ability. Projects can involve: beach clearing, recycling projects, building maintenance and landscaping, improvements to park and community facilities, gardening and landscaping projects, painting and decorating of community centres, youth clubs, churches etc. Community groups or charities can apply for the assistance of offenders undertaking unpaid work for projects. The unpaid work service will provide labour and tools with the community group or charity organisation providing the materials eg paint, plants, building materials. Anyone with ideas of projects or work that could benefit their community should contact The Criminal Justice Team on 01595 744446 or email criminaljustice@shetland.gsx.gov.uk

5. Registration Service Review: Following the Community Council's response to the above review and their question with regard to provision of a registration service for the outlying isles should the service be centralised, Anne Cogle, SIC Admin, had replied that should the Council adopt the preferred option 2, this makes no alternative provision for outlying isles. Cllr Smith informed the members that in the end the Council had adopted option 3 which centralises the mainland registration service but retains the current service in most of the outlying isles.

13/06 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

6. SIC letter ref. Streetlighting Review – Lighting Reduction Options: As part of the above savings review, residents in the affected areas of Turniebrae, Horseshoe Close, Dalsetter Wynd, The Hillock, Sandblister Place and Colonial Place are being consulted. Copies of the consultation letters were included for the Community Council's information.

13/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Horseshoe Close Street Lighting: Cllr Duncan had agreed to pursue the matter of the dilapidated state of some of the Street Lighting columns and sign posts at Horseshoe Close. However, in view of Cllr Duncan's absence, Cllr Fox offered to make enquiries regarding this matter.

2. Wheelie Bins: Cllr Fox enquired if anyone had heard of any concerns in relation to the use of Wheelie Bins. If any member of the public does have any concerns, can they please contact either Cllr Fox or a member of the Community Council.

3. Road Sign, Levenwick: Mr Mitchell reported that there is a 'Men at Work' sign in the ditch near the north Levenwick Junction. The Clerk will inform the SIC.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 27 MAY 2013.**