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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in The Spiggie Hotel on Monday 16 December 2013.

**PRESENT:**

Mr D Robertson	Mr M Tregonning	Mr J Ridland	Mr S Mitchell
Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr J Sinclair	Mr A Duncan	Mr R Nickerson

**APOLOGIES**

Mr R Mainland	Mrs F Mitchell	Ms E Mainland	PC J McDiarmid
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)		
Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)			

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

**13/58 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 25 November 2013 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mitchell.

**13/59 POLICE REPORT**

PC McDiarmid was unable to attend the meeting and no report was available.

**13/60 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) Vehicle Width Restriction, Levenwick to Robins Brae:** There was nothing new to report.

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### **13/60 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**b) Scatness:** The Clerk confirmed that SIC Roads Department had acknowledged receipt of her email regarding the presence of a group of potholes in the road south of Colonial Place.

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

**3. Bigton Public Toilets:** Maggie Dunne of SIC Infrastructure Services had replied to the Clerks email stating that she had requested that a sign be placed on the Bigton toilet door indicating the seasonal opening arrangements and that she had also asked that the road signage for the toilets be covered until April.

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

**5. Horseshoe Close Street Lighting Columns:** There was nothing new to report.

**6. Lerwick Bus Station and Freight:** Following a query by Mr Nickerson at the previous Community Council meeting, Cllr Smith had emailed stating that he had received reassurances from the Environment and Transport committee that any proposed changes to the Viking Bus Station and Freight Centre will be advertised/publicised prior to any changes taking place.

### **13/61 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. Community Development Fund:** Cllr Fox being absent, there was nothing new to report. The Clerk was asked to email Cllr Fox requesting feedback on the interpretations of the CDF rules, as discussed at the previous Community Council meeting.

**2. Community Council Funds:** The Clerk reported that she estimated the Community Council has approximately £4400 available for grants, once all the expenses have been paid.

**3. South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Playing Fields: To assist with annual expenditure incurred to provide playing field facilities at Boddam:** It was agreed to defer a decision on this application until a copy of the groups accounts and a breakdown of their annual expenses is received.

**4. 2014 Schools' Music Festival:** Mr Nickerson proposed that a donation of £100 be made to the 2014 School's Music Festival. This was seconded by Mr Mitchell. There was no counter motion.

### **13/62 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

- 1. To erect dwellinghouse, East Longfield, Dunrossness by Mr Erik Mainland:** There were no objections.
- 2. To install 2 no. wind turbines on 15m high towers and excavation for electricity cable, Fairy Knowe, Ireland, Bigton by Mr Kevin Tait:** There were no objections.

### **13/63 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- 1. PPF:** Mr Ridland reported that he had attended a Public Partnership Forum meeting recently. Missed appointments had been discussed and reports had been given on Adult Protection/Domestic Abuse/Child Abuse. The next meeting is planned for 10 March 2014.
- 2. Police Seminar:** Cllr Duncan had attended the seminar in Edinburgh on 12 December 2013. Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, had announced that there will be further cut backs in police budgets. However, Steven House, Chief Constable of Police Scotland, continued to give his assurances that there would be no cut backs in this area.
- 3. Children & Families Committee:** Mr Tregonning stated that he had recently read a report which suggested that Child Protection methods within Shetland are proving successful. Mrs Malcolmson confirmed this.
- 4. Dunrossness Primary School Christmas Concert:** Mrs Malcolmson had attended the recent evening school concert entitled 'Christmas Around the World' and reported that it was excellent once again and all the children had done really well. The local Christmas Card deliveries had also been made the previous weekend and had once again been very popular and will have boosted funds.

### **13/64 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. SIC letter ref. Festive Season Refuse Collections:** During the holiday period, no refuse will be collected on 25 and 26 December 2013 or 1 and 2 January 2014. Monday's and Tuesday's refuse will be collected as normal. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's refuse will be collected two days later than normal. Should any member of the public have an enquiry regarding refuse collection over the holiday period, they should contact SIC Cleansing Services on 01595 744891.

### **13/64 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

**2. Email from ASCC ref Community Councils and Planning Partnerships: Customer Forum – Strategic Review of Water charges 2015-21:** The Customer Forum was set up 18 months ago to negotiate, on behalf of customers, with Scottish Water to make sure that customers get the best water service at the fairest price. For further information, visit [www.customerforum.org.uk](http://www.customerforum.org.uk)

**3. ‘Thank You’ letter from the Day-Care and Senior Citizens Groups for the donations made to each group towards their Christmas Lunches/Parties by the Community Council courtesy of The Shetland Rotary Club:** The letter was noted.

**4. Copy of Letter from member of the public ref new Road Sign:** The letter was addressed to the SIC Roads Department and expressed concerns regarding a recently erected road sign indicating the junction of the Toab/Hestingott road with the A970. The member of the public stated that when approaching the A970 from Exnaboe the above sign completely blocks the view of part of the Ward Hill and this could cause an accident. The letter was noted and as Cllr Duncan planned to visit the Roads Dept on another matter, he offered to follow this up.

**5.** The following is available from the Clerk

- Citizens Advice Bureau – Fuel Bills Survey Report 2013

### **13/65 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Road Visibility Obstruction:** Mr Mitchell reported that a member of the public had raised concerns that some bushes at a property opposite Midway Stores in Levenwick were restricting the visibility of drivers using the middle road down through Levenwick from the A970 to Midway Stores. Mr Mitchell had obtained the permission of the property owner and pruned the bushes.

**2. Burial Ground Officers:** Following Mr Robertson’s previous enquiry, Cllr Smith had emailed the Clerk confirming that Burial Ground Officers are still employed by SIC.

Mr Robertson thanked all members and councillors for their continued work for the benefit of the Dunrossness Community and the members thanked the Clerk for all her work in connection with the Community Council

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL 7.30 PM ON MONDAY  
27 JANUARY 2014.**