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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 25 February 2013.

PRESENT:

Mr D Robertson	Mr J Ridland	Mr J Sinclair	Mr S Mitchell
Mrs B Leslie	Mr M Tregonning	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr A Duncan
Mr R Nickerson	Ms E Mainland	Mrs F Mitchell	PC J McDiarmid

APOLOGIES

Mr R Mainland	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)
Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

12/74 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 21 January 2013 was adopted on the motion of Mr Tregonning.

12/75 POLICE REPORT

PC McDiarmid was welcomed as the new South Mainland Police Officer and representative for the Community Council. PC McDiarmid reported that there had been 14 items dealt with in the past month. These included a breach of the peace and a vandalism. PC McDiarmid informed the members that some probationary officers had recently arrived in Shetland with more due shortly and he expects the local Force to be up to full strength soon. The members agreed with Mr Tregonning when he stated that the Community Council endorses the efforts of the local Councillors to get the Force up to full compliment.

12/75 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

Chief Inspector Angus MacInnes had written to the Community Council regarding the upcoming merger of the current police forces into the national Police Service of Scotland takes place soon and he intends 'to do all he can to ensure that the level and quality of policing in Shetland is maintained and where possible improved'. There are a number of changes that Northern Constabulary is implementing to ensure that they are placed in the best position for moving into the national police service. These changes include the ongoing development of a local, to Shetland, process to scrutinise and engage with the police, formalising the opening hours for the front counter at Lerwick Police Station, improving the way telephone calls are answered and police officers dispatches as well as the launch of a Community Contact Vehicle (a mobile office, which follows a schedule etc) to allow every community in Shetland to receive a consistent police presence. To ensure that all the communities in Shetland know as much as possible about the upcoming changes and to answer questions it is Chief Inspector MacInnes' intention to attend a meeting of each Community Council. The Clerk reported that she had passed on the date of the Community Councils next meeting in March to Chief Inspector MacInnes.

12/76 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters**

a) Devil's Elbow', Channerwick: There was nothing new to report.

b) Levenwick 30 mph speed restriction extension: There was nothing new to report.

c) Road Gritting: SIC Roads had forwarded a copy of a leaflet detailing the roads Services' amended winter maintenance provision. The leaflet is available on the Council's website at www.shetland.gov.uk/roads/documents/ChangesLeafletRev.pdf, in reception areas of various Council offices, care centres and schools. The Community Council are also invited to make comment on the format of the leaflet.

d) Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Road: Mr Robertson reported that there are potholes in the road to the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse. Mr Duncan offered to follow this up.

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

12/76 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

3. Scousburgh Sand Public Toilets: There was nothing new to report. It was agreed that this item should be taken off the 'matters arising' list for the time being in light of the Council's current budget cuts and plans to close some existing public toilets.

4. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier: There was nothing new to report. Mr Nickerson pointed out that the Community Council had never received a copy of the report from the Grutness Seabed Survey which was carried out last year. Mrs Mitchell stated that she thought Neil Thomson, Fair Isle may have received a copy and she would follow this up.

12/77 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. South Mainland Community History Group – To provide laminated and suitably framed colour photographs of Dunrossness subjects, including flowers and beaches, for display at the Quendale Mill, the purchase of colour posters of Dunrossness flowers and scenery for display and sale at the Quendale Mill and to purchase colour postcards of Dunrossness flowers for sale at the Quendale Mill: Mr Robertson declared an interest. Following questions from the members and having heard Mr Robertson's explanation of the purpose of the project, Mr Nickerson proposed that the sum of £750 be awarded subject to the grant application being modified as discussed and resubmitted within a week. This was seconded by Mr Tregonning.

2. Dunrossness Primary School – To purchase stage lighting to enhance drama and musical performances in the Dunrossness area: Mr Nickerson proposed that a grant amounting to 50% of the requested sum be awarded. This was seconded by Mr Mitchell. Mr Sinclair raised a counter motion that the full requested sum of £669.71 be awarded and this was seconded by Mr Tregonning. A vote was therefore taken which resulted in 5 for the initial motion of a 50% grant and 5 for the counter motion. This meant that the Chairman's vote was the casting one and he voted to award the full requested sum of £669.71.

3. Dunrossness Primary School – To purchase a replacement polythene cover for the School Polytunnel: Mr Nickerson proposed that the sum of £300, as requested, be awarded and this was seconded by Mr Mitchell.

4. Community Council Funding: Kate Massie, ASCC, had emailed to inform Community Councils that following a recent meeting of the SIC, it appears that Community Council budgets will be reduced by a further 30%. The Council's final report is awaited to confirm this.

12/78 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTER

There were no planning applications for consideration.

12/79 COMMUNITY MEDIATION

The Chairman welcomed Alyson Halcrow, Community Mediation. Ms Halcrow informed the members that Community Mediation is a project within the Citizens Advice Bureau and are independent. They get involved in areas such as neighbour, boundary and animal disputes as well as disputes within businesses etc. The project has been up and running for 8 years and has had between 250 – 300 cases in that time. Community Mediation does not take sides in any cases and the service is totally confidential. If at all possible, a joint meeting between the two parties is arranged although individual meetings are held initially. No decisions are imposed on either party. A lot of the people the Community Mediation team deal with are young first time tenants who have friends who visit thinking the property is a 'party house' and the tenant finds it difficult to control who is coming and going etc. Another aspect of the Teams work is Restorative Justice working with adults and children up to the age of 16, if they are in school, and 18 if they are in care. During this process, the perpetrator is asked about what they did, how they feel about it, how their family and friends feel, how their victim feels and what can be done to prevent the same happening again. The persons who have been 'harmed' are then involved if they wish. Approximately 1/3 get involved at this stage. Space2Face is a project between Community Mediation and Shetland Arts. It is an arts approach to Restorative Justice which enables people to make a gift for the person they've harmed.

Mr Tregonning enquired if there was any specific area which the Team will not get involved on. Ms Halcrow replied that they very rarely refuse to take on referred cases although they probably wouldn't get involved in domestic abuse cases. Mrs Mitchell enquired about tenant/landlord and larger group/tenant cases. Ms Halcrow confirmed that they would take on such cases.

12/80 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Bruce Memorial Hall: Mr Tregonning reported that a Special Meeting has been called for 18 March 2013 with the only item on the Agenda being whether or not the Hall will close. This procedure is necessary according to the Constitution.

2. Community Benefit Fund: Mr Tregonning reported that as Bobby Hunter has been elected Chair of the Charitable Trust, he can no longer hold the post of Chair of the Community Benefit Fund.

12/80 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)

3. Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council: Mrs Malcolmson stated that the Parent Council are interested in carrying out a 'Beach Clean-Up' this year. The Clerk will contact them re a date near the start of the season.

4. Public Partnership Forum Meeting: Mr Ridland reported that a PPF meeting is scheduled for next week.

5. Local Service Delivery Group Meeting: Mr Robertson reported that there had been a LSDG meeting recently but as there had not been enough members present, it had not been possible to make any decisions. Emilie Gray had given her talk on the proposed closure of the secondary department of SJH School.

12/81 CORRESPONDENCE**1. NHS Shetland Email ref. Review of the Shetland Palliative Care**

Strategy: The Palliative Care Strategy is about to be updated. The Palliative Care Steering Group meeting is on 28th February. The meeting is an open session so feedback/suggestions can be made then.

2. Moving On Employment Project email ref. Job Crew: 'Moving On' are a local charity organisation offering support and assistance for individuals who face various barriers that prevent them gaining employment, education or training. 'Moving On' offers the opportunity for individuals to overcome these barriers to gain access to a positive destination such as employment. Job crews have been working throughout the Shetland Community for the past 6 years with an aim to help individuals regain confidence, learn new skills and gain experience of working within a team. 'Moving On' have their own minibus which enables them to take small groups of clients out to work on many different projects. To date they have undertaken painting and decorating, garden maintenance and design, basic construction and grass cutting and are very open to trying out new ventures. For further information contact Moving On Employment Project at Market House, Lerwick on 01595 743926 or email movingon@shetland.org

3. Email from Karen Ellis, Practice Manager, Levenwick Medical Practice ref Funding: In the past Levenwick, Brae and Scalloway medical practices have received funding for a third GP from Shetland Health Board, Unfortunately, this funding will cease at the end of this financial year which will have direct repercussions for the staffing of Levenwick Surgery. They will no longer have three full-time GP's. Mrs Ellis states that 'it will not be possible to maintain the level of service currently provided but we will try to minimise the impact of this change'.

12/81 CORRESPONDENCE**4. SIC Email ref. Single Outcome Agreement – Community Engagement:**

As part of the piece of work that Vaila Simpson has been asked to carry out for the SOA, she is interested to hear of any community consultations the Community Council plans to carry out during 2013/14. The email was noted.

5. Email ref. IT Drop-In: Adult Learning will be running an IT drop-in every Monday 1000 to 1200 in Learning Room 1, 8 North Ness from 25 February. Staff will be on hand to support individuals with 'BASIC' computer skills around word processing, internet and email plus some digital media. Individuals will have use of the computers or can bring their own machine along. If needs are more complex, then by agreement, they may be able to support individuals on a one to one basis at other appointed times.

6. NHS Shetland Email ref. Patient Advice and Support Service Group:

The Group meets twice a year and the focus is on providing an advice service to the public on health issues. The group is in place to help develop the service and they are seeking a lay representative to be part of the discussions. Anyone from the Community Council wishing to join should contact Maureen Stewart, Community Nursing Services Co-ordinator by 1st March at the latest.

7. Shetland Partnership Board – Strengthening Community Involvement

Project: The project is part of the remit of the Community Engagement Network, as approved by the Shetland Partnership Board. The project is designed to:

- set out the rationale for a shift in the relationship between communities and public agencies, local community planning and effective community engagement
- research models and outcomes elsewhere in Scotland
- explore the views of key people in Shetland and how best this shift can be achieved
- put in place an implementation plan and monitoring framework

It is broken down into two stages, Desktop Research and Consultation.

The email was noted.

8. Voluntary Action Shetland Email ref. Adult Protection Training:

Two training dates are available for adult protection training which has been developed for voluntary and community organisations in Shetland. The dates are Saturday 2nd March from 11am to 1pm at Islesburgh Community Centre Radio Room, closing date for applications 26th February, and Thursday 14th March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Market House Conference Room, closing date for applications 8th March. The training is aimed at Voluntary Organisations, Committee Members, Community Groups, Coaches, Sports Groups, Charity Trustees and Community Hall Committee Members. For further information, contact Anne Robertson, VAS, Market House on 01595 743902

12/81 CORRESPONDENCE

9. Email ref. ASCC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils will be on Saturday 6th April 2013.

10. Email ref Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights: The Scottish Human Rights Commission is hosting an online discussion and participation event to encourage participation in forming Scotland's first national Action Plan for Human rights. Everyone with an interest in human rights protection and promotion in Scotland from health to housing, rights of disabled people and access to justice can take part, asking questions and sharing information that will help to form the National Action Plan. The online discussion takes place from 11.30am – 1pm on Wednesday 6th March 2013. For more details on how to join the discussion and even to ask your question in advance please see – <http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/events/article/snapwebcastmarch2013>

12/82 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Public Toilet Closures: Mr Nickerson raised his concerns at the SIC's plan to close many public toilets throughout the isles if they cannot be transferred to other agencies. One such proposed closure is the Bigton toilets in one of the biggest tourist attraction areas and an area which is included on practically every visitor poster. Mr Nickerson stated that he had brought up the visitor issue in the Council Chamber but had got nowhere. One Councillor had suggested that as the toilets are near the shop would they be interested in taking them over. Mr Robertson enquired if this was indeed an option and Mr Nickerson replied that he did not think so as there is no funding to maintain them. Cllr Duncan stated that he would continue to fight to retain the facility. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Chairman of Infrastructure, copied to Promote Shetland, regarding the concerns raised by Mr Nickerson and also enquire if any research on usage of the toilets has been carried out.

2. Community Skips: Mr Nickerson stated that he did not think the discontinuation of the Community Skips should go ahead unchallenged and enquired if the members had any views on the matter. Mr Robertson pointed out that the community's wish to retain the skips at been raised at every opportunity. Concerns were raised regarding the probability of fly tipping. Mr Nickerson stated that would be a matter for the Police and SEPA. Mr Sinclair enquired if a reduction in the number of skips would help. Mr Robertson replied that he did not think this would make any difference to the final outcome as H & S Advice is now being quoted in relation to the discontinuation of the service. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chairman of Infrastructure Services raising the Community Council's serious concerns regarding the potential for fly tipping and enquiring how much the new collection scheme is expected to cost the SIC. Mrs Mitchell enquired how the SIC plan to carry out a 'house to house' collection scheme in Fair Isle. The Clerk will also raise this point.

12/82 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

3. Community Minibus: Mr Tregonning reported that the possibility of SIC discontinuing the Community Minibus had been discussed at a recent meeting. Mr Tregonning wondered if it was possible that the Community could take over the Community Minibus. He was aware that the Virkie Pensioners Lunch Club currently spend a considerable amount on hiring transport. If there was a Community Minibus in the area, they could use it and reduce their transport costs. It could also be used by the school and the Head Teacher would be happy for the Minibus to be based at the school. The members agreed this proposal was worth exploring. Mr Tregonning stated that obviously a business case would have to be done and offered to investigate the proposal further.

4. Dunrossness Primary School 'Braer' Display: Mrs Mainland reported that the children at the School have done 'a lot of work' and prepared a 'really good' display marking the 20th anniversary of the grounding of the 'Braer'. The display is open to the public and well worth a look.

5. Bus Timetable: Mrs Mitchell enquired what had ever come of the proposed new bus timetable. No update had been given since the initial consultation. The Clerk will request a copy of the new proposed timetable.

6. Air Fare Increases to Fair Isle: Mrs Mitchell reported that SIC are proposing increases in air fares to Fair Isle. Senior citizens rates are going up by £20 and visitor's rates are increasing significantly although resident's fares are to go down. The concerns in relation to this is the fact that no consultation has been carried out and the SIC have a duty to engage with and consult those affected.

7. Sheltered Housing: Mrs Mitchell enquired when the 'Sheltered' Housing had changed to 'General' Housing on Fair Isle. Cllr Duncan will enquire.

8. Sumburgh Lighthouse Visit: Mr Mitchell offered to contact Mr Mainland at Shetland Amenity Trust regarding organising a suitable date for the members of the Community Council to visit the site for a viewing.

9. Levenwick Hall Italian Night: Mr Mitchell reported that the Hall had recently held a successful 'Italian Night' in aid of funds for the new kitchen.

10. Road Signs and Lamp Posts, Toab: Mr Robertson showed the members photographs of various road signs and lamp posts in the Toab area which are in a dangerous condition due to severe rust. Cllr Duncan's offer to pursue the matter was accepted.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 25 MARCH 2013.**