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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 21 January 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
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)		PC R Massey	

APOLOGIES

Mr R Nickerson	Mr R Mainland	Ms E Mainland	Mrs F Mitchell
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

12/65 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 18 December 2012 was adopted on the motion of Mr Tregonning subject to the following amendment to item 12/62/1 "Viking Energy and the Community Benefit Fund had agreed to this"

12/66 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk informed the members that PC Massey has taken over from PC MacAngus as police representative for the Community Council. No Police Report had been received this month but PC Massey reported that there had only been 8 minor incidents raised in the last month. Mr Duncan enquired if there are any specified times that the Lerwick Police Headquarters are closed to the public. PC Massey replied 'not at the moment'.

12/66 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

Mr Duncan stated that he had had cause to visit the Headquarters one Friday evening and had found them locked. PC Massey stated that she would report this to the Chief Inspector. Mr Duncan congratulated the Police on their recent successful 'drugs haul'. Mr Tregonning suggested that the Community Council collectively should offer their congratulations. This was agreed.

12/67 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters

a) Devils Elbow', Channerwick: One of the members reported that he believed another accident had taking place at the 'Devils Elbow' recently.

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

c) Road Gritting: The Clerk reported that no reply to the Community Council's letter regarding the SIC's new Winter Gritting Policy had been received to date. During further discussions, Cllr Smith stated that he had noted 'inconsistencies' in gritting in Sandwick recently and he would request a copy of the maps from the Roads Dept showing the gritting priority for the Community Council's information.

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

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

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

5. Boddam Böd: There was nothing new to report.

12/68 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

12/69 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTER

There were no planning applications for consideration.

12/70 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SANDWICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - PARENT COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Emilie Gray, SJHS Parent Council Chair, and Linda Tait, Parent Council member to the meeting. Ms Gray informed the members that she had requested to attend the meeting to update the members on the campaign to prevent the SIC's proposed closure of the secondary department of Sandwick Junior High School. SJHS Parent Council, in conjunction with the parent councils of the other closure threatened secondary departments in Shetland, have prepared a draught plan of alternative proposals which they plan to present to the meeting of the Children and Families Committee on Wednesday 23 January. Mr Robertson enquired what alternative proposals are being made by the Parent Councils. Ms Gray replied that she was not at liberty to disclose this information until after the plan had been presented to the Children and Families Committee, but part of the proposals is a request to bring the consultation on the proposed closure of SJHS Secondary forward from 2015 to this year. It is considered that by doing this some of the uncertainty hanging over the school would be removed. Cllr Smith stated that the consultation is being brought forward in response to SJHS Parent Councils request and the fact that it makes sense. Ms Gray considered that should it be decided that SJHS Secondary is to close in the future when the new AHS is ready, parents may decide to request that their children go straight to the current AHS from primary school rather than have to change schools part way through their secondary education. Ms Gray thought that some such requests may be turned down, especially if it is considered that the current AHS does not have the capacity. Cllr Smith stated that 'in theory' the AHS does have the capacity. Ms Gray informed the members that the SIC have had far more contact from Aith and Whalsay in relation to the proposed closures of their secondary schools. Mr Mitchell stated that he didn't think anyone wants the closure to take place but coming up with realistic alternatives is a problem. Ms Gray stated that they are seeking the support of the community and other parent councils to put forward a more united front and plan to work with SIC to look at the parts they consider are 'missing' from the current Blueprint document.

12/71 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. SIC Housing Debt: Cllr Duncan reported that he was part of the deputation which had gone to Westminster for discussions on the SIC Housing Debt and he felt it had been a very good meeting.

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2. ASCC Special Meeting: Mr Robertson had attended the meeting on Saturday 19th January at Lerwick Town Hall. It had been stated that the main purpose of the meeting was for SIC and the ASCC to work together towards efficient and cost effective service delivery within communities, using a form of service level agreement/action plan. Mr Robertson reported that there was a proposal to cut 30% from Community Council budgets next financial year. However, a summary and draft action plan following on from the meeting is to be produced and it is hoped that it will be fed into the February Council meeting and help Community Councils retain a higher proportion of their funding.

12/72 CORRESPONDENCE

1. SIC letter ref. Review of Civic Government and Animal Health Licensing: A full review of the Licensing function has been undertaken and considered by the Licensing Committee. Should the Community Council wish to make any comments or objections they can do so until 8 February. The letter was noted.

Mr Duncan and Cllr Smith left the meeting at 9pm

12/73 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Project Visit: Mrs Malcolmson raised the subject of the invite to visit the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Project. It was agreed to discuss this at the March meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chair

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