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

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Mr J Ridland	Mr R Nickerson	Mrs F Mitchell
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	
Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)		

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

**12/83 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 25 February 2013 was adopted on the motion of Mr Tregonning.

**12/84 POLICE REPORT**

PC McDiarmid reported that there had been 20 items dealt with in the Dunrossness area in the last month. These were mainly route items except for 2 breaches of the peace and a vehicle from out with the Dunrossness area being searched for drugs. PC McDiarmid also reported that issues had been raised with regards to anti-social behaviour at Hardbrakes Place and that local officers had visited the properties in relation to this. The Clerk confirmed that Chief Inspector McInnes plans to attend the next Community Council meeting.

## **12/84 POLICE REPORT (Continued)**

Cllr Duncan reported that he had been approached by a member of the public regarding high numbers of vehicles considered to be exceeding the speed limit up Ward Hill. PC McDiarmid stated that he would report this and hopefully be able to carry out a speed check in the area in the near future.

## **12/85 MATTERS ARISING**

### **1. Road Matters**

**a) 'Devil's Elbow', Channerwick:** It was noted that works are on going to improve the road at the Devil's Elbow at Channerwick and hopefully reduce the number of accidents in the area. The members agreed they were pleased to see this progress.

**b) Levenwick 30 mph speed restriction extension:** Mr Robertson reported that Cllr Smith had informed him that the SIC had carried out an investigation with regard to the request for an extension to the 30mph speed restriction at Levenwick and it had been found that vehicles are not travelling fast enough in the area to warrant an extension. This was noted.

**c) Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Road:** Cllr Duncan reported that, following the Community Council's February meeting, he had asked SIC Roads to address the issue of potholes in the road to the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse urgently and that by the end of the week they had been repaired. The members expressed their gratification that the matter had been dealt with so promptly.

### **Ms Mainland joined the meeting at 1945**

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

**3. Public Toilets:** Following the Community Council's letter to the Chair of Infrastructure Services regarding the proposed closure of the Bigton Toilets, a reply had been received from Jonathan Emptage, SIC Cleansing, Grounds & Burial Services.

**12/85 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**3. Public Toilets (continued):** Mr Emptage states that: *'the Council has carried out a Review of the provision of public toilets throughout Shetland and, on 20 February 2013, the following actions were approved with regard to those toilets which are in or near your Community Council's area:-*

**1. To close and dispose of by sale or demolition:**

*The toilet at Sumburgh (Jarlshof).*

**2. To offer in the first instance to transfer to local business or recognised community group to keep open, manage, clean, and maintain. If no transfer achieved report back to committee:**

*The toilets at Bigton and Leebiton.*

**3. Cease commitment to contribute towards cleaning and maintaining the toilets attached to commercial or community premises:**

*There are none in your Community Council area.*

**4. Keep toilet open, and transfer to another Council Service to manage, clean, and maintain:**

*The toilets at Grutness will transfer to Ferry Operations.*

**5. Keep toilet open:**

*The toilet at Cunningsburgh.*

*With regard to the toilet in category 2, at Bigton, there have been reasonably positive discussions with representatives of the adjacent Community Shop. However, I would welcome your assistance as soon as possible in identifying any other appropriate local body or organisation who may have an interest in taking over ownership and operation from the Council.*

*If we are unable to conclude a transfer to an alternative operator, the service will report back to Council in due course and will make further recommendations that might include closing and disposing of the premises'.*

Mr Robertson and Mr Tregonning both stated that Mr Nickerson of the Bigton Community Enterprise had not indicated at the previous Community Council meeting that they were interested in taking over the Bigton toilets as Mr Emptage suggests in his letter. Mr Mainland enquired if anyone knew how much it costs annually to run the Bigton Toilets. As no one did, Cllr Duncan offered to try and find out. Cllr Duncan enquired if the Community Council would consider taking on the toilets for a 6 month period. Mr Robertson thought this was impossible especially in light of the recent budget cuts.

**12/85 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**3. Public Toilets (continued):** It was agreed that information should be sought from Cllr Fox with regard to the fund which Community Councils can apply for financial assistance from for help with projects in their area. With reference to the Grutness Toilets, Mr Tregonning wondered if the Community Council should enquire if the opening hours will remain the same once they are transferred to SIC Ferry Operations.

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

**12/86 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. Da Voar Redd Up 2013:** This year's date for Da Voar Redd Up has been set for 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The project has been registered with the Young Scot Reward Scheme this year to allow Young Scot Card holders to receive reward points for taking part in Da Voar Redd Up. Following a request from the Association of Community Councils, Redd Up groups have been informed that Community Councils may not be able to sponsor them to the same level as previous years, if at all, due to further budget cuts. For further information on Da Voar Redd Up 2013 please visit [www.shetlandamenity.org/da-voar-redd-up](http://www.shetlandamenity.org/da-voar-redd-up) or Tel Sita Hughson on 01595 594688

**2. Community Council Printer:** The Clerk reported that a new printer had still not been purchased for the Community Council. It was agreed to reserve £250 for this.

**3. Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care – To provide a 'Comforts Fund' which meets the cost of non-statutory expenses such as Christmas gifts, short tours, entertainment, travel costs etc. for clients of Day-Care, held one day per week in the Bruce Memorial Hall for elderly local residents in need of care and company:** Mr Tregonning reported that upon the closure of the Bruce Memorial Hall, the Day-Care Group intend to meet in the Levenwick Hall. Mr Sinclair proposed that the sum of £500, as requested, be awarded and this was seconded by Mr Tregonning.

**4. Caitlin Munro – To assist with the membership fee and travel costs to attend 3 courses in order to play principal clarinet with the national Youth Orchestra of Scotland:** Mr Sinclair proposed that the sum of £200 be awarded and this was seconded by Mr Tregonning. There were no counter motions.

**12/87 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS****1. To erect dwellinghouse, Burgadies, Levenwick by John W Scott –**

There were no objections.

**12/88 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Police and Fire Boards:** Cllr Duncan reported that a Community Safety Forum has been set up in Shetland incorporating the 'Blue Light' Brigades and NHS Shetland. Alistair Cooper is Chair and Allison Duncan, Vice Chair. Cllr Duncan had attended the openings of the new Fire Stations at Whalsay and Fair Isle and felt that provision of the new building in Fair Isle had boosted the residents morale. The Fair Isle Fire Appliance has also recently been refurbished and is now 'like new'.

**Mr Mitchell joined the meeting at 2035**

**2. Bruce Memorial Hall:** Mr Tregonning reported that 3 members of the public had attended the Special Meeting which was held on 18 March 2013 to decide whether or not the Hall will close. It had been agreed that there was no option but to close the Hall and it will be handed back to the Trustees for them to dispose of. Mr Tregonning stated that they are interested to hear from anyone who is interested in the building.

**3. Community Benefit Fund:** Mr Tregonning reported that Chris Bunyan has been appointed Chairman of the Group. There are still some things to be negotiated with Viking Energy but it is expected that, should the project go ahead, there will be in the region of £1.8million to be distributed back to the Community annually. This is calculated on total possible capacity, not on actual production.

**4. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee:** Mr Robertson had attended an SACC meeting on 19 March 2013 and reported as follows:

- **Terminal Information System** – A new FIDS (flight information display system) is currently being investigated. The new system will be web based and show not only scheduled flight information but charter flights also. It is hoped to have it installed asap.
- **Membership** – Stuart Wadley is the new Terminal Manager
- **Passengers** – Passenger numbers at Sumburgh are steadily growing, mainly due to charter flights. 211,248 passengers have travelled through Sumburgh during the 12 months to the end of Feb 2013
- **SAR Contract** – Bristow Helicopters take over the SAR contract in June 2013.

**12/88 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS****4.Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee (continued):**

- **09/27 East End** – The pre-contract for repair works to the east end of the 09/27 Runway has been issued. The works will take place at night and therefore not interrupt the airports normal schedule.
- **Scatsta** – Scatsta Airport is currently at its maximum capacity and therefore some Petrofac flights are using Sumburgh.
- **Aero Handling** – Aero Handling have recently recruited 8 additional staff to handle the extra traffic at Sumburgh.
- **NHS Shetland** – Loganair have bought 2 special chairs for use by children with disabilities. One is based in Aberdeen and the other at Glasgow. The chairs should be booked in advance.
- **Bergen** – There will be flights to Bergen from Shetland again this summer. The season may even be slightly extended and in addition to this the weekday flight will also route to Inverness.
- **Fire Training Facility** – The new Fire Training Facility at Sumburgh is now in use.

**12/89 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. SIC letter ref. Review of the Registration Service in Shetland:** The letter states that 'SIC is undertaking a number of service reviews across its various departments to identify potential cost cutting measures to bring its spending down to affordable and sustainable levels. Following a Council decision in February 2012, the Corporate Services Department is now undertaking several reviews, including a review of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Service'. The Community Councils views are sought on the preferred option at this stage to centralise all future registrations in Shetland to the Lerwick office, taking account of the information contained in an attached consultation document. The members agreed that an alternative means of registration needs to be available for residents of remote isles such as Fair Isle. The Clerk will write to the SIC Corporate Services Department regarding this.

**2. Email ref. War Memorials in Shetland – Restoration Project:** The Shetland Heritage Association (SHA) have had several enquiries regarding War memorial restoration in the lead up to the centenary of the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war. Considering the number of memorials in Shetland, it would be too large a project for a group like the SHA to take on. After discussion with the membership, it was felt it would be good to pass on a link to the ASCC for distribution to all Shetland Community Councils. The link is for Scottish Government funding that is available for Memorial Projects under the heading Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund. Enquiries should be made to Historic Scotland, Investment Team, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, Tel 0131 668 8801, Email [hs.grants@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.grants@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

## 12/89 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

3. **ASCC Meeting:** The next ASCC meeting is scheduled for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in the Lerwick Hotel.
4. **'Thank you' letters for 2012 Voar Redd Up donations:** The letters from the RNLI and Disability Shetland Children and Young Persons Project were noted.
5. **'Thank you' letter for grant received:** The letter from the South Mainland Community History Group was noted. The Quendale Mill will be open daily from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 for the Tourist Season.
6. **Email ref. Scottish Parliament Inquiry into Community Transport:** The Infrastructure and Capital investment Committee at the Scottish Parliament has recently launched an inquiry into community transport. For further information, visit [www.alliance-scotland.org.uk](http://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk)

## 12/90 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Arts Project:** Mr Tregonning noted that the Scottish National Theatre for Scotland's art project 'Ignition' is in the Bigton and Levenwick Halls at the end of March.
2. **Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Project:** The members of the Community Council who had recently visited the Lighthouse to view progress on the development project reported that it was 'excellent'. It is hope that the members will be able to visit again in approximately 6 months.
3. **Fair Isle Sheltered Housing:** Mrs Mitchell had enquired at the previous Community Council meeting when the 'Sheltered' Housing in Fair Isle had become 'General' Housing. Cllr Duncan had followed this up and reported that he had obtained the answer to Mrs Mitchell's question and passed it on to her. However, he believes dialogue on the matter is continuing with SIC Housing.
4. **Discontinuation of Community Skip Service:** Mr Robertson reported that the Council website has information on the alternatives for disposing of bulky household and garden items now that the community skip service has been discontinued.

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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 29 APRIL 2013.**