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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 27 May 2013.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

13/08 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 29 April 2013 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mitchell.

13/09 POLICE REPORT

PC McDiarmid sent his apologies but had reported that there had been 7 routine items dealt with in the Dunrossness area in the last month. He also reported that he has been unable to carry out speed checks in the Ward Hill area but that checks have been carried out at Fladdabister recently and 3 persons were issued with fixed penalty tickets and 1 person is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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13/10 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters**

a) Levenwick 30 mph speed restriction extension: In answer to the Community Council's latest enquiry regarding the possibility of extending the Levenwick 30mph speed limit, Colin Gair of the SIC Roads had replied that a speed and traffic volume count had been carried out last year and the data from these counts had led the Council to consider a 40mph limit between the south junction with the A970 and the existing 30mph limit. However, analysis using the current national guidance on setting speed limits shows that a new 40mph speed limit in this location would not be justified. A lower limit would not be warranted by the level of roadside development.

The Roads Service can only promote traffic orders where the Speed Assessment Framework used by the National Guidance on setting speed limits shows that there is clear technical justification in terms of accident reduction potential. As there had only been one reported accident on this stretch of road since 2000 the outcome is understandable.

With regard to the concerns raised by a resident regarding visibility at the junction to the new development at the south end of Levenwick, which were subsequently passed to the Council, Mr Gair replied to the Community Council stating that when the new development was consented, it was required to provide adequate visibility splays in both directions from the new junction. Given the speeds measured along this stretch of road last year, the visibility splay requirements placed on the development were appropriate. However, the concerns were noted and an Engineer will check the road junction to ensure that the required works were carried out correctly, and to see if any other visibility issues can be identified.

2. Levenwick Graveyard Access: There was nothing new to report. Cllr Duncan's offer to approach the SIC Chief Executive with regard to the length of time this matter has been on-going was accepted.

3. Bigton Public Toilets: The Clerk had received by email a breakdown of the annual running costs for the Bigton Public Toilets from Jonathan Emptage, SIC. Mr Emptage had stated in his email that Bigton Community Enterprise had expressed an interest in taking over the toilets. Mr Nickerson disagreed with this and stated that he had had an informal discussion with Mr Emptage regarding the future of the toilets but at no time has this been on the agenda of one of the Bigton Community Enterprise meetings or has it been formally discussed by them. Mr Nickerson reported, however, that Bigton Community Enterprise were due to meet the next night so it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to defer further discussions on the possible future of the toilets until the outcome of the meeting was known.

13/10 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

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

5. Horseshoe Close Street Lighting Columns: Cllr Fox had emailed SIC Roads regarding the Community Councils concerns regarding the condition of some of the Street Lighting Columns and Road Signs in the Horseshoe Close area. Neil Hutcheson, SIC, had replied stating that the condition of the columns would be checked that week and as there is a "gateway" in place for the replacement of these lights this year, they can be prioritised if any faults are discovered during the inspection. Since these lights are being recommended for "part-night" lighting, not removal, the timing of their replacement will not be affected by the Environment & Transport Committee meeting in June. There is no need to wait for the outcome of this meeting before proceeding. This was welcomed.

13/11 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. South Mainland community Association Senior Citizens - To assist with the costs of providing monthly meetings for senior citizens in the area: Mr Tregonning proposed and Mr Sinclair seconded, that the group be awarded the sum of £450 as requested. Mr Tregonning also proposed that a moratorium be placed on further grant applications until the Community Council decides what its criteria for the awarding of grants is to be in light of its now severely reduced budget. This was seconded by Mr Sinclair and agreed unanimously. Mr Tregonning, Ms Mainland and Mr Mainland will prepare a draft criteria before the June Community Council meeting.

13/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

Works Licence Application: To carry out remedial works, including the introduction of new materials, of an existing rock armour revetment (runway 09/27 – east extension) and associated construction of a temporary ramp nearby to facilitate barge off loading of rock armour by Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd - There were no objections. Mrs Mitchell reported that Fair Isle had made comment. They had written to the Council stating that they applauded their attempts to improve Shetland's links to the mainland by upgrading the runway at Sumburgh but asked them to remember that the Grutness to Fair Isle Ferry Service is a vital link and that the wave pattern at Grutness had been altered when the runway was extended initially.

13/13 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Geese: Cllr Duncan reported that 2 representatives from Shetland will be attending a meeting in Glasgow on 11 June 2013 regarding the proposal to have a cull of Geese in Shetland in July/August 2013 to try and reduce the escalating numbers. There will also be a meeting in the Town Hall in July

2. Joint Liaison Meeting: Mr Robertson had attended a meeting of the Joint Liaison Group which had been chaired by Cllr Duncan. The topic of discussion had been the new Community Development Fund, set up as a result of the cuts to Community Council Budgets. Mr Robertson reported that Yell Community Council's view that Community Development Companies should not be eligible to apply for funding from the Community Development Fund received a good deal of sympathy and support. Mr Nickerson pointed out that other sources of funding are open to Community Development Companies but not Community Councils. Cllr Duncan reported that it is now proposed that Community Councils can apply to the fund for a total of almost £4000 each this financial year and that applications would no longer be considered on a 'first come, first served' basis. Mr Nickerson proposed that, should the exclusion of Community Development Companies from applying to the Community Development Fund not be included in the report which will be discussed at the forthcoming SIC meeting on 12 June, the South Mainland Councillors should request an amendment. This was seconded by Mr Tregonning and agreed unanimously.

3. Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council: Mrs Malcolmson reported that the drainage works in the garden are complete and funding for the play equipment is progressing.

4. Post Bruce Memorial Hall: Mr Tregonning reported that there are no signs of anyone interested in taking on the Hall and therefore the next step is to consider possible means of disposal.

5. Community Benefit Fund: Mr Tregonning reported that work is still 'ticking on' with the Viking Energy negotiations nearing completion. There is, however, still a lot of work to be done in relation to grant criteria etc.

6. Public Partnership Forum: Mr Ridland had attended a PPF meeting and reported that the Red Cross are taking over the provision of patient travel to local hospital/doctor's appointments.

13/14 CORRESPONDENCE

1. ASCC Email ref. SRDP Consultation: Community groups across rural Scotland are being urged to take part in the Scottish Government's consultation on the future of the Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP). The SRDP delivers funding to a wide range of rural projects from village halls to farm diversifications. The current programme is coming to an end, and views are being sought on the SRDP for the period 2014 – 2020. The consultation is open until the end of June 2013.

2. ASCC Email ref ASCC Future Meeting: Due to budget constraints, the ASCC are looking to make their meetings as productive, user friendly and cost effective as possible and are therefore seeking each community council's views on the structure of future ASCC meetings by means of a short questionnaire. The members completed the questionnaire and the Clerk will return it to the ASCC.

3. Email ref Otters at South Voe: The Chairman had received an email from a member of the public who lives at South Voe expressing his concerns regarding the safety of 3 otters which regularly cross the road near the Croft House. It was agreed that the SIC be asked to provide warning signs for drivers in the area and Cllr Duncan volunteered to pursue the matter.

13/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Doctor's Visits to Fair Isle: Mrs Mitchell reported that Fair Isle has had one doctor's visit this year, on 29 March, since the announcement that the funding for a locum doctor at the Levenwick Practice had been discontinued. No further visit dates have been set to the best of their knowledge. NHS Shetland have informed the Fair Isle community that a review is planned but the community council members agreed that the previous level of service should be maintained prior to finalisation of the review. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write to NHS Shetland and enquire when the next doctor's visit to Fair Isle will be.

2. Former Dunrossness Police Houses: Cllr Duncan reported that it has been recommended that the offer made for the former Police Houses at Dunrossness be accepted. Mr Tregonning stated that a change of use for the Dunrossness Police Station building will have to be applied for as it is illegal to sell a police station to a private individual.

3. Sumburgh Airport Memorial: Mr Sinclair stated that he had attended the dedication of the Sumburgh Airport Memorial which he considered was very fitting. There had been a good turnout of the public, including members of Dunrossness Community Council.

13/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Netherton Land: Ms Mainland reported that she had been contacted by a member of the public regarding his wish to gift a small area of land which he owns at Netherton, Levenwick to the Levenwick community. Development of the land would not be permitted. Ms Mainland had passed the information to Mr Mitchell who had consulted the Levenwick Village Club who, he reported, are interested in this proposal, although they are not in a position to take on high financial costs in the transfer. The members expressed their gratitude for his offer.

5. Community Minibus: Mr Tregonning reported that the SIC disposal of Community Minibuses is on hold until the Council's policy on the potential transfer of capital assets to community groups is sorted. Mr Nickerson considered that this problem could therefore also possibly affect the transfer of SIC public toilets to community groups.

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 24 JUNE 2013.**