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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 28 October 2013.

**PRESENT:**

Mr D Robertson	Mr R Mainland	Mr J Ridland	Ms E Mainland
Mr S Mitchell	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	
PC J McDiarmid			

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs F Mitchell	Mr M Tregonning	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr J Sinclair
Mr A Duncan	Mr R Nickerson	Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

**13/42 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 30 September 2013 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mainland

**13/43 POLICE REPORT**

PC McDiarmid reported that there had been 12 reported incidents in the Dunrossness area in the past month. One of which was a vandalism at the School and the Police are looking for a small blue car as part of their investigation into damage caused to a fence. Ms Mainland enquired how the new phone system is working as she had failed to be put through to the Lerwick Station on 3 occasions although her call had been in connection to something which she thought was probably quite minor.

**13/43 POLICE REPORT (Continued)**

PC McDiarmid replied that it appeared to be working fine at the moment as the public appear to be aware of how it works but he would make enquiries in light of Ms Mainland's recent difficulties contacting the Station. PC McDiarmid also reminded the members that calls can be put through to individual officers via their radios.

**13/44 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) Transportation of Rocks to Sumburgh Airport:** The issue of rocks for the repair of the Runway at Sumburgh being transported from Lerwick by road was discussed. Mr Mainland stated that he understands larger barges are now being used to transport the rocks to Shetland and that is why they cannot be unloaded at Sumburgh as previously. The members agreed they were glad a width restriction had been applied to the Levenwick stretch of the A970 because of the potential dangers of using larger vehicles in this area and also the damage that was being done to the road and its verges, especially if the contract goes on for months as suspected. However, there was still concern that the sheer weight of the loads being carried will continue to cause further long term damage. Cllr Smith reported that under the Scotland 1984 Roads Act, the SIC can claim repair costs from any contractor who causes damage to the highways. SIC are carrying out regular checks of the road and any mess on the carriageway will be cleared as and when required. Mr Mitchell stated that he suspected if this contract was to continue for a number of months that further outcry from the public could be expected.

Ms Mainland enquired if SIC had taken into consideration how the recently applied width restriction will affect the transportation of wide agricultural machinery. Mr Fox stated that this was an interesting point that he would raise with SIC.

**b) Scatness:** Mr Robertson reported that there is a large pothole in the road south of Colonial Place. The Clerk will report it to the Roads Dept.

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

**3. Bigton Public Toilets:** There was nothing new to report.

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

**13/44 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**5. Horseshoe Close Street Lighting Columns:** Cllr Fox reported that he had been informed by the SIC that the Horseshoe Close Streetlighting is not included in the Gateway 2014/15 for funding for upgrading. However, the Streetlights will continue to be checked and should they deteriorate to a dangerous level an application will be made to the Capital Fund for funding to replace/repair as necessary. Cllr Fox informed the members that he had enquired if the SIC are happy with the current condition of the Streetlighting Columns in this area but has not received a reply yet. Cllr Fox also reported that a resident of Horseshoe Close had informed him that they had not received a consultation letter from the SIC regarding proposals for the way forward with regard to streetlighting. Mr Fox will be investigating this.

**13/45 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. Da Voar Redd Up:** The clerk reported that she had received a letter from Shetland Amenity Trust regarding this year's Voar Redd Up. According to information held by the Amenity Trust, 15 groups registered to carry out a Redd Up in the Dunrossness area, however, only 6 of these confirmed that they had actually carried out the Redd Up. The members agreed to donate £1000 towards this year's Redd Up but donations will only be made to groups who confirm to the Clerk that they have actually taken part in Da Redd Up 2013. Confirmation must also be received by the end of 2013 to qualify for a donation and individuals must nominate a group to receive the donation on their behalf.

**2. Rotary Club:** An email had been received from the ASCC regarding funding available from the Rotary Club for events for the over 60's at Christmas time. Each Community Council can apply for £100 to go towards something for the old people of the Community at Christmas time. It was agreed that Dunrossness Community Council should apply for this funding to be put towards the Christmas events organised by the South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens and Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Senior Citizens groups.

**13/46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. To erect dwellinghouse, Coubal, Scousburgh, Dunrossness by Mr & Mrs J McConnachie** - There were no objections.

**2. To lay 20m diameter duct underground and blow in fibre optic cable to form a back-up route and improve the resilience of the existing fibre optic cable between Sandwick and Lerwick** – There were no objections.

## **13/46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS (Continued)**

**3. To erect storey and a half dwellinghouse with integral garage, Site 2, South Punds, Levenwick by Mr & Mrs John Smith** – There were no objections

## **13/47 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Proposed Closure of Sandwick Junior High School:** Mr Mainland reported that he had recently attended a consultation meeting. Various options were put to the groups present and a presentation of the finding will be used in a report which is being partly compiled by an independent consultant. The meeting was well attended and Mr Mainland considered it useful that it had at least opened debate on other options for the future of secondary education in Shetland. Cllr Smith also reported that a 'fair' number of responses to the current consultation have been received from groups and individuals and these are also being taken into consideration.

**2. Association of Shetland Community Councils:** Mr Robertson had attended a meeting of the ASCC on 5 October at which the main items had been:

- A presentation on the options for secondary education was given
- A report on uptake of the Community Development Fund – 14 Community Councils had applied to date
- Training – consideration is being given to offering training to new Community Councillors following the next elections.
- A presentation on the Shetland Fire and Rescue Service was given. This focused mainly on policy.
- Inspector Graham gave a report on the presentation which is being given at schools with regard to road accidents.
- It was reported that the Fire Training Facility at Sumburgh Airport is operating close to capacity.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 5 April 2014

## **13/48 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Email ref Shetland Mire Conservation Group:** The recently formed "Shetland Mire conservation Group" had emailed the ASCC inviting a representative of the ASCC to attend their next meeting. According to the email, the impetus for forming the group came about as a result of a recent Shetland Biological Records Centre peat bog ecology course led by Richard Lindsay of University of East London.

## **13/48 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Email ref Shetland Mire Conservation Group (continued):** Those who attended the course realised that there was a considerable gap in our local knowledge and appreciation of the importance of Shetland's peat bogs and the group aims to actively encourage Mire or blanket bog) conservation in Shetland and promote the value of blanket bog in terms of ecosystem services and biodiversity.

**2. SIC letter ref Review of Polling Districts and Places – Consultation:** It was noted that this did not apply to Dunrossness as there are no proposed changes for this area.

**3. SIC letter ref. Revised Community Council Election Process:** The ASCC, at its meeting on 5 October, considered a report which set out issues for consultation with Community Councils regarding the Community Councils Elections process. The ASCC approved the recommendation in the report, and a copy was attached for the Community Council. Mr Robertson reported that the proposal which will affect Dunrossness Community Council the most is that anyone applying in future to become a Community Councillor will not stand for a specific Ward. However, once elected, each member can be assigned a Ward to represent. This was considered to be acceptable.

**4. Police Scotland letters ref Traffic Warden Review and public Counter Service Provision:** Police Scotland is proposing to withdraw the role of traffic warden across the divisions where the role still exists. This will allow Police Scotland to focus on the core activity of keeping people safe. Where parking is dangerous or causes significant obstruction, Police Scotland will task police officers to resolve the issue using the appropriate enforcement activity. Ref Public counter Service Provision, the letter appears to indicate that the Lerwick Police Station opening hours will be extended. PC McDiarmid reported that he was unaware of this other than in the letter and would make enquiries.

## **13/49 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chair

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