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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 30 September 2013.

PRESENT:

Mr D Robertson	Mr R Mainland	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr J Sinclair
Mr J Ridland	Mr R Nickerson	Ms E Mainland	Mr S Mitchell
Mr A Duncan	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio		

APOLOGIES

Mrs F Mitchell Mr M Trego PC J McDiarmid Mrs Pat Chi

Mr M Tregonning Cllr G Smith (ex-officio) Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

13/34 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 26 August 2013 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mainland

13/35 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that Chief Inspector Angus MacInnes monthly report stated there had been 51 reported incidents in the Dunrossness area for September. On another matter, Chief Inspector MacInnes writes that Police Scotland Shetland are currently carrying out a consultation process which will help identify the Local Policing Plan priorities as well as the Multi Member Ward Policing Plan issues for the coming year(s).

13/35 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

This process involves a public consultation survey, various community meetings as well as engagement with community councils and other community groups.

As part of this process, Chief Inspector MacInnes asks that the Community Council consider what it feels should be the priorities and issues for the coming year(s).

It was agreed that the Local Policing Plan Priorities should be prioritised as follows:

Priority 1 – Protecting People

Priority 2 – Increase Public Confidence and Local Engagement

Priority 3 – Road Safety

Priority 4 – Violence, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Priority 5 – Emergency Planning & Resilience

Priority 6 – Serious Crime

The Multi Member Ward Policing Plan issues are

- 1 Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Synthetic Highs)
- 2 Road Safety
- 3 Community Engagement

The Clerk will forward these views to the Chief Inspector.

13/36 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters: 'Devil's Elbow' – It was noted that the white lining on the newly tarred section of road has been completed.

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

3. Bigton Public Toilets: Mr Nickerson reported that, at the AGM of Bigton Community Enterprise, the share-holders had decided they were unwilling to take on the running of the Bigton Toilets as they have concerns regarding the implications and challenges this would place on such a young business. Maggie Sandison, SIC, intends closing the facility on Tuesday 1 October but will check if there are any other parties interested in taking over the toilets and will also look into seasonal opening. If the toilets are to be kept opening seasonally, cost cutting measures will need to be investigated. Mr Nickerson reported that Bigton residents have concerns that one of the cost cutting proposals is that the cleaning will be carried out from Lerwick. There will also be no regular cleaning service but should the toilets come below a certain level of cleanliness someone will be expected to telephone the number displayed in the toilet building and a team will be sent from Lerwick to clean the facility.

13/36 MATTERS ARISING

3. Bigton Public Toilets (continued): Mr Nickerson thought this would not address the issue of soap and toilet roll replenishing though. The petition to keep the toilets open is still open for signatures and Mr Nickerson enquired if the Community Council would be willing to accept the petition and present it to the Council in time for their meeting in February at which a report on toilet closures will be presented for discussion. It was agreed that the Community Council are willing to do this.

3. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier: The Clerk had emailed Neil Thomson, Good Shepherd skipper, regarding the findings of the Grutness Seabed survey. Mr Thomson had replied offering to explain the findings either directly to the Community Council or to Mrs Mitchell.

4. Horseshoe Close Street Lighting Columns: There was nothing new to report. Cllr Smith offered to seek an update.

5. Fair Isle Doctor's Visits: Mrs Mitchell had asked the Clerk to pass on Fair Isles 'thanks' to the Community Council for their support in relation to the recent problems experienced with GP visits to the Isle. These problems now appear to have been resolved and normal service has resumed.

13/37 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Community Development Fund: The clerk reported that the Community Council's recent application for £3000 to the Community Development Fund has been successful. A further application for £1000 has now been submitted. As part of the grant conditions, Protecting Vulnerable Groups Policies must be adopted. This was done and the documents duly signed as required. The Clerk will return the signed Grant Acceptance docquet and the above signed Protecting Vulnerable Groups Policies to the SIC Grants Unit.

2. Ness Boating Club – To assist with the costs of the Annual Fireworks and Bonfire Night: Ms Mainland and Mr Duncan declared an interest. Mr Robertson proposed and Mr Nickerson seconded that a grant of £900 be awarded. There was no counter proposal.

3. Levenwick Community Hall – To assist with the costs of the annual Bonfire Night Community Party and Firework Display: Mr Mitchell declared an interest. It was agreed to award the requested sum of £300 as proposed by Mr Robertson and seconded by Mr Nickerson.

13/38 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To change use to residential annex to provide additional living accommodation for main cottage, Chapel & Cottage, Skelberry, Dunrossness by Mr Douglas Rimmer – There were no objections.

13/39 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Proposed Closure of Sandwick Junior High School: Mr Mainland reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss the proposals for secondary education in the south mainland. Consultation is currently taking place before moving into a period of statutory consultation. The meeting had been constructive and well attended. A series of meetings will be starting in early October.

2. Dunrossness Parent Council: Mrs Malcolmson reported that the AGM of Dunrossness Parent Council had been held on 2 September 2013 and that she had resigned as secretary for the 3 south mainland parent councils. Kimberly Smith has taken over the post. As she is no longer secretary, Mrs Malcolmson volunteered to represent the Community Council on Dunrossness Parent Council and this offer was unanimously accepted.

3. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee: Mr Robertson had attended a SACC meeting recently and reported as follows the fact that there is only one Departures Gate in operation at Sumburgh Airport at such a busy time had been raised. It was stated that HIAL do not have the authority locally to authorise the spending of money on changing this but possible improvements are being looked at.

13/40 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email ref Planning Scotland's Seas – Consultation 2013: Marine

Scotland are consulting on a number of proposals to take forward integrated marine planning for Scotland's seas. The consultation will run until 13 November 2013 and further information including details of how to respond to the consultation proposals is available from the website www.scotland.gov.uk/marineconsultation

2. Email ref Disability Shetland Annual Report 2012/13: A copy of Disability Shetland's Annual Report 2012/13 was attached.

13/40 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

3. Email ref. NHS Shetland Annual Review Invite: The members are invited to attend NHS Shetland's Annual Review on 1 October 2013 at 6pm in the Postgraduate Education Centre, Brevik House. NHS Shetland considers its Annual Review to be an important opportunity for them to engage with and be accountable to their patients and the local population for the services they provide. It also provides them with another way of getting important feedback on patient's experiences and for the public to ask questions directly.

- **4.** A copy of following are available from the Clerk on request:
 - Hjaltland Housing Association Annual Report 2012/13

13/41 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Check-In at Edinburgh Airport: Mr Nickerson reported that there are new Check-In arrangements at Edinburgh Airport which are very confusing. For flights to Sumburgh, once you have checked-in using the machines provided, you are instructed to proceed to the Flybe Desk to drop off your baggage. However, once you reach this desk, you are redirected to the Loganair one which, at busier times, could mean you end up missing your flight. Cllr Fox reported that a similar case had been raised at a recent SIC External Transportation meeting. Mr Nickerson suggested that the Community Council write to Jim Preston of Loganair regarding the matter and this was agreed.

2. Community Council Vacancy: Mr Mitchell enquired about the Community Council's Levenwick Ward vacancy. The Clerk reported that there has to be a by-election in the first instance which, due to the pre-set timetable, will not take place until the beginning of 2014.

3. Levenwick Community Hall: On behalf of the Levenwick Community Hall, Mr Mitchell thanked the Community Council for the grant towards the Hall's Bonfire Night celebrations.

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

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2013.