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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 28 April 2014.

**PRESENT:**

Mr D Robertson  
Mr J Ridland  
PC J McDiarmid

Mr R Mainland  
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)

Mrs F Mitchell

Mr R Nickerson  
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)

**APOLOGIES**

Ms E Mainland  
Mr J Sinclair

Mr S Mitchell  
Mrs S Malcolmson

Mr M Tregonning  
Mr M Shearer

Mr A Duncan

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

**14/01 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 24 March 2014 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mainland

**14/02 POLICE REPORT**

PC McDiarmid distributed copies of the latest Police Report and informed the members that there had been 19, routine (eg firearm enquiries etc) items dealt with in the Dunrossness area over the last month. He also reported that over the last 2 weeks, four new officers have arrived to work in Shetland with a further four confirmed to arrive in the next three months. Chief Inspector Graham also states in his monthly Police Report that more officers across Scotland have expressed a desire to come to Shetland.

**14/02 POLICE REPORT (Continued)**

Mr Nickerson raised concerns regarding recent break-ins to commercial properties in the isles. PC McDiarmid reported that the police are following a 'very positive line of enquiry' relating to the Yell break-ins but are still seeking further information regarding the Burra and Ollaberry incidents and as a means of crime prevention, officers are carrying out patrols of rural areas 3 or 4 nights per week. Mr Robertson enquired where 'scam' emails should be forwarded to be dealt with. PC McDiarmid confirmed that it would be best to forward them to SIC Trading Standards

**14/03 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) Potholes:** Mr Robertson reported that temporary signs which are currently in place on the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse road would indicate that the Roads Dept will soon be carrying out repairs to the potholes. He hoped that this would be the start of pothole repairs in general across the whole area. Mr Robertson also noted that there is a pothole on the Quendale Farm Brig which requires attention. The Clerk will forward this information to the Roads Dept.

Cllr Smith reported that Councillors have requested a report on what requires doing to Shetland's roads to bring them up to their former standard, how much it will cost and expected timescales.

**2. Bus Shelter Lights:** There was nothing new to report and as the nights are now light, the lack of lighting isn't expected to be a problem at the moment.

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

**4. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier:** Mrs Mitchell reported that the ferry service to Fair Isle is in a dire situation due to the age/condition of the Good Shepherd and the fact that she can no longer accommodate the capacity of goods required to be brought in to the Isle. She has suffered various breakdowns since returning from her recent refit, mainly due to the poor condition of some pipework, and Mrs Mitchell stated that the islanders don't know where to go with the situation next. Mr Nickerson reminded the members that the replacement of the Good Shepherd had previously been included on the Capital Programme but had 'mysteriously' vanished from the Programme some time ago. Cllr Smith stated that there are currently only 2 items on the Capital Programme and that a report is due in August on the Capital & Asset Investment Programme. He suggested that Fair Isle should write to the SIC again regarding the requirement to replace the Good Shepherd so that it is forward in people's minds when it comes to considering any Capital Programme.

#### **14/03 MATTERS ARISING**

**4.MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier (continued):** Mr Nickerson suggested that Mrs Mitchell approach the Good Shepherd crew to see if they have a copy of the vessel survey. He also considered that a feasibility study needs to be carried out so that when funds become available for the replacement of the vessel, the project is 'ready to go' and no further time will be wasted. This was agreed.

**5. Horseshoe Close Streetlighting Columns:** Nothing new to report at present.

**PC McDiarmid arrived at 1955 and left again after giving his Police Report**

#### **14/04 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. Community Council Funding:** The Clerk reported that the Community Council's Core Funding of £9546 has been received and that the letter advising the Community Council that payment has been arranged also states that 'if you require to vire monies between the approved budget headings, then you must email [Michael Duncan] in advance with the details. It was noted that this was a new stipulation. It was also noted that the closing date for the first round of applications for funding from the SIC Community Development Fund is 2 May 2014.

**2. South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens - To assist with the costs of providing monthly meetings for senior citizens in the area:** Mr Nickerson proposed and Mr Sinclair seconded, that the group be awarded the sum of £400 as requested, subject to the Community Council's success with their application for Community Development funding.

**3. Shetland Library – To assist with the cost of printing an updated version of the Shetland Large Print Telephone Directory:** following discussions, Mr Nickerson moved that Dunrossness Community Council are unable to support this application due to severe restraints on its budget and the fact that this project is Shetland wide. This was seconded by Mr Mainland. There were no counter motions.

#### **14/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1.To erect 2 no. dwellinghouses, Noss Farm, Scousburgh, Dunrossness by Mr & Mrs Robert Nicolson** - There were no objections and the members supported the application due to the lack of available housing in the Dunrossness area.

**14/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS (Continued)**

**2.To demolish existing extension and erect new extension, Sumburgh Hotel, Virkie by Mr Mark Donaldson** - There were no objections.

**14/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Bristow Helicopters Ltd Invitation:** Mr Robertson had attended the naming ceremony of one of new search and rescue (SAR) aircraft stationed at Sumburgh. Bristow's Sikorsky S-61N, which assisted in thousands of rescues from the Sumburgh base between 1985 and 2007, was named Oscar Charlie and Bristows are aware of the affectionate way the aircraft came to be viewed within the community over those 23 years. That is why they are choosing to honour that tradition by carrying the name forward.

**2. SJHS Consultation:** Mr Mainland reported that SJHS Parent Council had submitted their response and had received a lot of support in its preparation. He thanked the Community Council for their support and the next stage is to await the report due out on 19 May. Mr Mainland also reported that a Consultant has been appointed to carry out a Socio-Economic Study and that the SJHS Parent Council Chairs have been approached for their input.

**3. Sumburgh Head Lighthouse:** Mr Mainland reported that the Lighthouse is opening to the public on 2 May 2014. Although the visitor areas will be complete, work on other areas will be ongoing for approximately a further month. All staff have now been appointed and the official opening is scheduled for 3 June.

**4. Association of Shetland Community Councils Meeting:** Mr Robertson and Mr Ridland had attended the meeting and reported as follows:

**Housing:** The possibility of Hjaltland Housing Association building a number of houses at Staneyhill, Lerwick was discussed. Mr Robertson had stressed the issue of the lack of social housing in the Dunrossness area. It was hoped that the proposed number of properties to be built at Staneyhill would be reduced, enabling some to be built elsewhere in Shetland. People were generally annoyed that it appears that Lerwick keep getting more housing at the expense of other areas throughout Shetland. Mr Nickerson suggested that these plans were probably also putting paid to one of the last 'green field' sites in Lerwick, other than the Ness O Sound. Mr Robertson reported that Cllr Duncan would be taking up the housing need in Dunrossness with the SIC Head of Housing, Anita Jamieson.

**Roads:** The condition of the roads, particularly potholes, throughout Shetland was discussed. Cllr Duncan will be consulting SIC Roads on this matter.

**14/07 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. ASCC Email ref Tingwall Greenhouses:** Transition Shetland has completed a feasibility study with regard to developing the Tingwall Greenhouses as a community growing space. It is probable that funding can be raised to get the project running by 2016, but it now needs a steering group to carry on the work. Anyone interested should come forward and get involved with organising it. Anyone interested should visit <http://www.transitionshetland.org.uk>

**2. Scottish Health Council Email ref. Mind Your Head Community Survey:** Mind Your Head are conducting a Community Survey. To complete the survey, visit <http://www.mindyourhead.org.uk/communitysurvey>

**3. Email ref. The Big Lunch 2014:** The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project which takes place on 1 June 2014. The aim of the Lottery-funded event, now in its sixth year, is to get as many people as possible to have lunch with their neighbours once a year. Free packs can be requested online. They include posters, invitations, an inspiration booklet and other materials to help organise a Big Lunch, and get-together for a day of friendship, community and fun. To find out more about The Big Lunch, visit [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com)

**4. Email from Alistair Carmichael ref. Northern Isles Digital Forum:** The Northern Isles Digital Forum is a joint effort between Shetland MSP Tavish Scott, Orkney MSP Liam McArthur and Alistair Carmichael to highlight the issues surrounding internet and mobile connections in Orkney and Shetland and to allow a dialogue between the industry and the various private businesses, regulators and Government with a view to resolving them. Forum meetings are designed to encourage local people to have their say.

**5. Email ref NAFC Marine Plan:** The Marine Spatial Planning Team at the NAFC Marine Centre are conducting a survey to investigate how individuals view, use and benefit from the Shetland marine and coastal environment. They are gathering information on the ways in which people interact with the Shetland marine environment (eg. beaches, the sea, seashore and coastal areas), how it contributes to their health/wellbeing, and how these things relate to the overall value they put on Shetland's marine environment. Anyone who has any questions or would like further information about this research should contact Rachel Shucksmith (Marine Spatial Planning Manager) by email at [namp@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:namp@uhi.ac.uk)

**6. 'Thank you' letter from Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care for grant received:** The letter was noted.

**14/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. June Meeting:** Mr Mainland proposed that the June Community Council meeting be held at the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse. This was agreed enthusiastically

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 26 MAY 2014.**