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

PRESENT:

Mr D Robertson	Ms E Mainland	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr J Sinclair
Mr S Mitchell	Mr R Nickerson	Mr J Ridland	Mr A Duncan

APOLOGIES

Mr R Mainland	Mrs F Mitchell	Mr M Shearer
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	PC J McDiarmid

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk) 2 x members of Dunrossness Parent Council

14/26 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 30 June 2014 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mitchell

14/27 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report available.

In light of Police Scotland's new policy on Officers carrying firearms, Mr Nickerson enquired if Cllr Duncan knew if any Police Officers in Shetland are now carrying firearms on their person during their routine daily business. Cllr Duncan replied that he had put such a question to Eddie Graham, Chief Inspector, the previous week and had been informed that Police Officers in Shetland had only carried firearms on 3 occasions in Shetland over the past 8 years and Cllr Duncan therefore understands that no Police Officers in Shetland carry firearms on a day to day basis.

14/27 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

It was agreed that Dunrossness Community Council objects to Police Officers carrying firearms on a routine daily basis and it was agreed to put this in a letter to the local MP, MSP and the SIC Convenor. The members are also interested to know what the Council's view is on this matter and Cllr Duncan, on behalf of the 3 local councillors, was asked to put this question to the Council.

14/28 MATTERS ARISING

1. **Road Matters:** There was nothing new to report.
2. **Levenwick Graveyard Access:** There was nothing new to report.
3. **MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier:** There was nothing new to report.
4. **Horseshoe Close Streetlighting Columns:** There was nothing new to report.

14/29 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. **Community Council Accounts:** The Clerk reported that the Community Council's Annual Accounts have been completed by Voluntary Action Shetland. These were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

14/30 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. **To erect 2 shared residential chalets, Former Police Station, Dunrossness by Mr Mark Donaldson** - There were no objections.
2. **Change of use from Hall to shared residential accommodation, Bruce Memorial Hall, Virkie by Mr Mark Donaldson** - There were no objections.
3. **To erect 5 shared residential chalets and install new septic tanks and soakaways, Sumburgh Hotel, Virkie by Mr Mark Donaldson** – There were no objections.
4. **Install 6kw wind turbine on a 15m high tower and excavation of associated trench for electricity cable, Gunrig, Scatness, Virkie by Mr Graham Campbell** – There were no objections.

14/30 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS (Continued)

5. Email from Northmavine Community Council (NCC) ref Planning Application 2014/197/PPP: Proposed Housing (Planning Permission in Principle), North Staney Hill, Lerwick – NCC are objecting to the above application to build 400 homes at Staney Hill for the following reasons and ask that other Community Council's also consider submitting a response to the SIC Planning

- *Consideration should be given to rural policy and new-build social housing in landward areas, in addition to a smaller development in Lerwick*
- *The application contains very little detail to allow an informed decision on such a large development*
- *Rural businesses find it difficult to recruit staff, often exacerbated by a lack of housing in rural areas*
- *Such a development will accelerate out-migration from rural areas in Shetland and discourage in-migration*
- *Such a large development needs to be looked at in the round. The effects on current residents and infrastructure needs to be considered*
- *Current infrastructure cannot support such a large development: Lerwick Health Centre already struggles to cope and the two primary schools could not cope with the influx of new families*

The members agreed that Dunrossness Community Council should submit a response to this Planning Application and agreed with all the points made by Northmaven Community Council. In addition to this, it was agreed that Dunrossness Community Council should point out that Sumburgh Airport is 'booming' and therefore there is even more need for additional housing in the Dunrossness area. In support of this, the school is in a position to accommodate new families and the SIC already owns a potential site for housing at Maybury.

14/31 NEW SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Mr Robertson welcomed Mrs Johnson and Mrs Anderson, Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council representatives to the meeting. Mr Nickerson started by stating that the SIC has designated the Bigton Shop as a pick-up point for primary school children. Bigton Community Enterprise have written to SIC enquiring if a risk assessment has been done for this pick-up point as there is often deliveries taking place around school bus times which they consider could be a danger to young children.

14/31 NEW SCHOOL BUS SERVICE (Continued)

The situation regarding the school bus service to Dalsetter was also discussed. Initially parents from this area were informed their children were not entitled to school transport, however, due to the fact that the risk assessment was discovered to be incomplete, transport is currently being provided until the risk assessment has been completed and a proper decision can be taken on whether or not transport should be provided. Various other points were discussed and it was noted that the Council has compiled a 'Road Safety Audit Report' which details which safety level each route to the school has been designated. Mrs Johnson informed the members that a 1 or 2 designation means that it is considered that there is little or no risk to children walking this route to school accompanied by an adult and that a 3 or 4 designation is less suitable for accompanied children walking on. The members agreed to request a copy of this report. Cllr Duncan concluded by stating that he thought that the SIC would be prioritising complaints due to the number they would be receiving from throughout Shetland.

14/32 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Public Partnership Forum: Mr Ridland had attended a PPF meeting recently and reported as follows:

- a) NHS Shetland has decided to sell the Brevik as they have no use for it and it is in a poor state of repair.
- b) It is planned to hold a meeting in December to discuss the possibility of refurbishing some areas of the Gilbert Bain Hospital.
- c) A video link for follow up appointments for patients who have had joint replacements is being considered. Patients are currently required to travel to the hospital where the initial operation was carried out for these appointments.
- d) The next meeting will be held on 1 September at which there will be updates on Dental and Mental Health Action Plans.

2. SIC Building Budgets Meeting: Mr Robertson had attended this meeting, the purpose of which was to give people the chance to get involved in planning for next year's budgets. Mr Robertson reported that Finance had developed a good programme which would have required more time and consideration to fully complete and that the meeting was poorly attended.

14/33 CORRESPONDENCE

1. ASCC email ref. ASCC Bi-annual Meeting: The next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community Councils is scheduled to take place on Saturday 4th October 2014 at 11 am in the Shetland Museum Auditorium. It was noted that representatives from SIC Housing and Planning Departments and Hjaltland Housing Association have been invited to attend the meeting for a question and answer session relating to the Shetland Housing Strategy.

14/33 CORRESPONDENCE

1. ASCC email ref. ASCC Bi-annual Meeting (continued): Mr Robertson confirmed he will attend the meeting and it was agreed to ask Mr Mainland if he would also be interested in attending on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council.

2. Email from the Scottish Health Council ref “Your Experiences of Care in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary”: NHS Grampian has invited Healthcare Improvement Scotland to carry out a review of the safety and quality of care in Aberdeen Royal infirmary following concerns raised around the health and wellbeing of its population.

Healthcare Improvement Scotland is keen to hear about your experiences of care in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Your experiences are important in helping the review team to get the complete picture of how the hospital operates. Therefore, if you have been a patient in ARI **in the last 12 months** or have visited a patient in the hospital over the last 12 months as a relative, friend or as a member of staff from another organisation, healthcare Improvement Scotland would like to hear about things that went well and any areas where improvements could be made. They are particularly interested in the experiences relating to care of the elderly, emergency medicine and surgery but would welcome any feedback on the quality of care you have received in any other area of ARI. A focus group was held in Lerwick on 29th July for sharing experiences but another is planned to be held on Wednesday 3rd September. The email was noted.

3. CAB letter ref. Renewal of Membership: The Clerk reported that she had renewed the Community Council’s membership of CAB.

4. Letter from HIAL ref Toab Slipway improvements: The following update on improvements to the Toab Slipway at Sumburgh Airport was received from Ingils Lyon, Managing Director, HIAL:

Since the AAIB report was published last October, HIAL has been working to progress plans to improve the slipway. However this has been a hugely complex engineering project, not least because of terrain surrounding the slipway and the fact underwater surveys were required before any design and construction work could commence. These surveys could only be carried out when weather conditions allowed and it was safe for divers to access the site.

Having completed the underwater surveys and received the associated reports in June, HIAL invited prospective bidders to tender for the construction phase, with a view to progressing the project later this year. The complexity of the construction design to achieve the desired outcome, together with the constricted weather window for completion in 2014 meant that no tenders were received as construction would extend into the winter months. This would carry significant risks for the construction and was therefore deemed not to be viable.

14/33 CORRESPONDENCE

4. Letter from HIAL ref Toab Slipway Improvements (continued: *This is an 18 month works programme which takes account of the prevailing weather conditions in Sumburgh and tenders will be reissued for completion of works during 2015.*

In the meantime, HIAL intends to undertake a number of immediate repairs, including:

- *Improvements to the end of the existing slipway to increase the percentage of time it is available to low tide ahead of the full extension works*
- *Improvements to the access road to the Toab Slipway to improve response time to the slipway*
- *Creating an immediate and viable alternative to the Toab Slipway by investigating access to Quendale Beach*

In addition, there are a number of alternative airport launch sites that can be utilised.

5. Email ref Customer Forum for Water News Update: An update from Customer Forum for Water can be found at www.customerforum.org.uk

6. Email from SIC Transport Planning Service ref. Ferries Review Impact Assessment – Second Round: During 2013, SIC introduced a number of changes to ferry services. In order to be able to monitor and consider any impacts, the Council undertook to review how the changes affect communities at six month intervals for a period of two years from July 2013. To support this second round of assessment, the SIC are seeking the views of the Community Council in terms of any on-going effect on the community. Although the above email has already been forwarded to Fair Isle Community Councillor Mrs Mitchell, the Clerk will check if Fair Isle has any comments which they wish the Community Council to put forward.

7. Email from SIC Transport Planning Service ref. Inter Island Ferry Services Fares Review: Shetland Islands Council has undertaken to carry out a review of Inter Island Ferry Fares. To date a good amount of data has been gathered from ferry uses through surveys on the main routes. The report of the findings of the initial survey is available online at www.shetland.govuk/transport/FerryReview.asp

For the routes with relatively low passenger/vehicle volumes (Fair Isle, Foula, Papa Stour and Skerries) data from the vessels log books etc has been used to understand the usage of the routes. As above, although the above email has already been forwarded to Fair Isle Community Councillor Mrs Mitchell, the Clerk will check if Fair Isle has any comments which they wish the Community Council to put forward.

14/33 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**8. ZetTrans letter ref. 2018 Northern Isles Ferry Service Contract –**

Seeking of Views: Michael Craigie's letter states that '*at the last meeting of the Shetland External Transport Forum the topic of the next Northern Isles Ferry Service (NIFS) contract was discussed briefly. The 2018 NIFS contract is the next opportunity to influence the nature of passenger and freight ferry services to/from Shetland and is perhaps the most significant chance or more than a decade to introduce a step change in the service and how it can support Shetland's futures. The next meeting of the Shetland External Transport Forum is on 24 September 2014 and this subject will be part of the agenda for the meeting. In preparation for this the Community Council is invited to provide views and opinions on what Scottish Government should be taking into account in the development of the next contract so that this can be fed into the process of engagement with Transport Scotland*'. The letter was noted.

9. A copy of the following is available from the Clerk:

- Shetland Islands Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report 2013 – 2014
- Shetland Amenity Trust Annual Report 2012/2013

14/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. New Bus Schedule: Mr Nickerson reported that the feeder service to Bigton used to leave Lerwick at 1230, which was handy for deliveries to the shop. Unfortunately, as part of the new bus schedule, this service now leaves Lerwick at 1110 which means there is insufficient time for suppliers to make deliveries into town for onward delivery by bus to the Bigton shop. Bigton Community Enterprise is taking this matter up directly with ZetTrans. Cllr Duncan reported that he thought there were various grievances with regard to the new service bus schedule.

2. Bigton Community Enterprise: Mr Nickerson reported that the AGM of the Bigton Community Enterprise will be held in the Bigton Hall on Monday 15th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

3. Tesco Deliveries to Outer Isles: Mr Nickerson enquired of Cllr Duncan if he had found any evidence if the rumour that the SIC had asked Tesco to deliver to the Outer Isles was true. Cllr Duncan replied 'no'.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2014.**