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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 24 February 2014.

**PRESENT:**

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| Mr D Robertson            | Mr R Mainland | Ms E Mainland  | Mr S Mitchell |
| Mr J Sinclair             | Mr J Ridland  | Mr R Nickerson |               |
| Cllr G Smith (ex-officio) |               |                |               |

**APOLOGIES**

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| Mrs F Mitchell          | Mrs S Malcolmson | Mr M Tregonning  | Mr A Duncan        |
| Cllr B Fox (ex-officio) | PC J McDiarmid   | Mrs Pat Christie | (Community Worker) |

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

**13/67 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 27 January 2014 was adopted on the motion of Mr J Sinclair

**13/68 POLICE REPORT**

Chief Inspector Angus MacInnes states in his February report that Shetland Area Command currently has a crime detection rate of 75.4%, up from 70.9% this time last year and a reduction in crime of 17.2%. The detection rate in Shetland remains one of the highest in Scotland and, when combined with the reduction in crime, shows that we continue to have a very safe community.

PC McDiarmid had reported by email that the Police had dealt with 16 items in the Dunrossness area – none of which were of significance

## **13/69 MATTERS ARISING**

### **1. Road Matters:**

**a) Vehicle Width Restriction, Levenwick to Robins Brae:** There was nothing new to report. Cllr Smith will discuss this with Cllr Fox and ascertain if it is possible to have this restriction lifted earlier than originally planned.

**b) A970 Levenwick Verges:** There was nothing new to report.

**c) Bigton Cemetery Road:** Following a query by Mr Sinclair, Mr Nickerson confirmed that it appears the proposed works have begun.

**d) Scatness Potholes:** Mr Robertson reported that when he was at Scatness recently the potholes in the road still hadn't been repaired. It was also noted that several potholes require remedial action on the Sumburgh Lighthouse road.

**e) Bus Shelter Lights:** There was nothing new to report. However, it was noted that this has been an on-going issue for several years, with no apparent attempt at a permanent solution.

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

**3. Bigton Public Toilets:** The Community Council and South Mainland Councillors had received an email from a local tourist business pointing out various points why the Bigton Toilets should remain open. This was noted. Mr Nickerson reported that he had received the draft of the report which will be going to the upcoming SIC Infrastructure meeting. The document proposes that the Bigton Toilets be opened in April and remain open all year round, although the SIC are still ultimately looking for a transfer of ownership. Ways of reducing running costs such as modifying previous cleaning arrangements and reducing water usage are also being investigated. Having read the Community Council's previous Minutes, Rachel Macleod, Committee Assistant, Governance & Law, SIC had emailed to make sure the Community Council were aware that any Petition must be submitted one working day before the meeting and must contain at least 20 signatures of Shetland residents. The members agreed that they were happy with the proposals in the report and Mr Nickerson considered that should these go through there was no need for the petition. This was agreed. Cllr Smith, along with his fellow south mainland councillors, were asked to support the reports proposals and this was agreed.

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

**5. Horseshoe Close Streetlighting Columns:** There was nothing new to report.

**13/69 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**6. Sandwich Junior High School:** Mr Mainland reported that the Statutory Consultation on the future of secondary education provision at Sandwich Junior High School commenced on 13 February and runs until 28 March 2014. A public meeting is planned for 4 March 2014 between 1900 and 2100 at Sandwich School and everyone is welcome to attend. Mr Mainland suggested it would be 'good' if any of the Community Council members were able to attend. Although the Community Council is not a consultee, Mr Nickerson stated that he thought it was crucial that the Community Council submit a response and suggested that they should be guided by Dunrossness Parent Council. This was agreed. Since responses are required by 28 March, it was agreed that the next meeting of Dunrossness Community Council should be brought forward to 24 March 2014.

**13/70 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. Community Development Fund:** The members completed the short questionnaire on the CDF scheme which the SIC had produced in order to obtain feedback on the scheme.

**2. Community Council Core Funding:** A letter had been received from the SIC stating that it has approved core funding to Community Councils for financial year 2014/2015. The funding approved is on a standstill basis and in accordance with existing scheme terms and conditions. The approved budget for Dunrossness Community Council is £9546. The Clerk reported that she had completed the necessary corporate application form.

**13/71 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. To erect single storey dwellinghouse with integral garage, Levenwick, Shetland by Gareth R Elphinstone** – There were no objections.

**13/72 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Project:** Mr Mainland reported that the builders have 'lost' approximately 3 weeks working time due to poor weather but this will not affect the planned opening to the public on 2 May 2014. The formal opening will take place the first week of June 2014. As the members had expressed an interest in visiting the site again, Mr Mainland suggested April. This was agreed.

**2. Joint Liaison Meeting:** Mr Robertson reported that the next Joint Liaison Group meeting will be held on 7 March 2014 in Market House.

**13/73 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. SIC letter ref. Community Council By-Election 2014:** The letter states that 'following the close of nominations for the recent Community Council By-Elections, there were no Nomination Forms returned for the existing vacancy within Dunrossness Community Council' and therefore the Community Council is now in a position to co-opt. This was noted.

**2. Email ref Association of Shetland Community Councils (ASCC) meeting:** Mr Nickerson pointed out item 6 on the draft Agenda for this meeting which is '*Housing – proposed new-build of 300 houses in Lerwick*' and queried why it is proposed that all these houses will be built in Lerwick alone and none anywhere else in Shetland. The members agreed this was a good point. Ms Mainland reminded members that it had been proposed at one time that the SIC would build some additional housing at Maybury, Virkie but this had never materialised. Cllr Smith stated that the SIC have not built any houses recently. It was agreed that Mr Robertson and Mr Ridland would attend the ASCC meeting on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council and put the following points to the meeting on behalf of Dunrossness.

**3. 'Thank you' note from Dunrossness Primary School for Voar Redd Up donations received:** This was noted.

**13/74 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Bigton Telephone Box:** Mr Nickerson reported that, for some reason, the telephone box in Bigton has a rope tied around it rendering it useless. It was agreed that the Clerk will make enquiries with BT. It was also noted that the door on the Robins Brae Telephone Box has been in a very poor state of repair for some time and the Clerk will enquire about this also.

**2. Bigton Shop:** Mr Nickerson reported that the Bigton Shop had recently been very fortunate in being awarded 2 grants to the sum of £23,000 for new refrigeration, electronic point of sale system and flooring. Mr Nickerson invited the members to 'come and see' the upgrades.

**3. Housing Debt:** Mr Mainland congratulated Cllr Duncan, on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council, on his part in securing funding to reduce Shetland's Housing Debt to £16 million. The outstanding amount is reported to be a 'manageable debt'.

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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 24 MARCH 2014.**