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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 27 January 2014.

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES

Mrs F Mitchell	Mr M Tregonning	Mr J Ridland	Mr R Nickerson
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	PC J McDiarmid	
Mrs Pat Christie (Community Worker)			

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

13/58 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 16 December 2013 was adopted on the motion Mr Duncan

13/59 POLICE REPORT

No police report was available.

Cllr Duncan reported that driver speeding offences are at the top of the local police forces list and further action will be being taken to address this problem. The other issue which features highly is drug and alcohol abuse and the Chief Inspector is also working on this. However, the local force are currently 10 staff short with another 11 expressing a wish to leave Shetland. Extensive efforts are being made to rectify this problem. However, in the meantime officers are having to work overtime which adds pressure. Ms Mainland enquired if it is planned to introduce a transfer policy to rectify the staffing issues.

13/59 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

Cllr Duncan did not believe so but assurances had been given that Shetland would have the necessary staff and he understood that should there be a major incident which necessitated further officers, these would be provided. He also believed that Promote Shetland intend to spend a 5th of their time on attracting professionals to Shetland. Mr Sinclair enquired if there is currently any financial attraction for officers to work in Shetland. Cllr Duncan replied 'no'.

13/60 Local Election Rules – Amendment to Community Council Constitution:
The members unanimously agreed to adopt the amendment to section 5 of the Constitution. The amended sections now read as follows:

5.1 Elections to the Community Council shall be held in accordance with the agreed Local Election Rules.

5.7 Apart from casual vacancies occurring within six months of the last day of office of the Community Council, which shall not be filled until the next ordinary election of the Community Council, the Returning Officer, in consultation with the Clerk, shall arrange for a by-election to take place. The by-election procedures shall be in accordance with the agreed Local Election Rules.

13/61 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters:

a) Vehicle Width Restriction, Levenwick to Robins Brae: There was nothing new to report.

b) A970 Levenwick Verges: The Community Council's letter to the Roads Department regarding the A970 Verges at Levenwick has been forwarded to Barry Scobie, SIC Roads.

c) Bigton Cemetery Road: Cllr Fox had emailed with an update on the situation regarding the Bigton Cemetery Road. A budget has now been set for this and work will commence within the next two to three weeks. Rock armouring will be used to address the erosion problem and Cllr Fox understands that a top dressing will also be applied to the road if deemed necessary. However, this part of the works is likely to take place later when the weather is more suitable.

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

13/61 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

3. Bigton Public Toilets: Mr Nickerson had reported by email that he is now in discussion with Maggie Sandison, SIC, regarding a proposal for the Bigton Public Toilets for this coming summer. The next Infrastructure Committee meeting is on 11 March and, as agreed at the November meeting of the Community Council, the petition against the closure of the toilets is to be presented to the Convenor or Chair of the Committee on the day by Dunrossness Community Council, with the support of the 3 South Mainland Councillors.

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

5. Horseshoe Close Streetlighting Columns: There was nothing new to report on the Horseshoe Close streetlighting columns. However, Mr Robertson reported that 2 streetlighting columns had recently been removed from Toab. One had been noted to be leaning precariously against a dyke and had been removed very quickly once it was reported. Concerns were raised that some of the columns may not be in a fit condition to withstand the winter weather and it was agreed that the Community Council should seek assurances from the SIC that the remaining columns are safe.

6. Levenwick Dog Fouling: The Clerk had emailed Maggie Sandison, SIC, regarding dog fouling in Levenwick and she had confirmed that the matter had been forwarded to Environmental Health Service staff who deal with dog fouling issues.

Mr Mainland arrived at 1945 having been attending another meeting

13/62 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Community Development Fund: SIC approved the introduction of the Community Development Fund at its meeting on 12 June 2013. As part of this decision it was agreed that the CDF scheme should be reviewed and that a report be brought back to the Council for consideration before the end of March 2014. Accordingly, the Community Council is invited to submit feedback on the CDF scheme. The provided short questionnaire should be completed and returned by 28 February 2014. Following receipt of all returns, the feedback will be collated and analysed. The findings will then be shared and discussed with the Joint Liaison Group in early March. After receiving comments from the JLG, a report will be finalised for consideration by the Council. The report is scheduled to be considered at the Council meeting on 26 March 2014. After the Council has considered the report, the Community Council will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible.

13/62 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

2. South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Playing Fields: To assist with annual expenditure incurred to provide playing field facilities at Boddam: This application had been deferred from the December meeting until a copy of the groups accounts and a breakdown of their annual expenses was received. Following discussions, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr Sinclair, seconded by Mr Mainland, to award a grant of £1500 as requested.

3. Seaside Awards: In 2008, when the Quality of Life funding which was secured for the Seaside Awards was divided between the three Community Councils, one of the grant conditions was that the money should be spent within six years unless prior agreement was reached with the Director of Infrastructure. Maggie Sandison has asked Brydon Sinclair, SIC Waste Prevention Officer, to gather information from each of the Community Councils who received Seaside Award funding. Mr Sinclair has asked for

- Current expenditure to date
- Project delivery outcomes
- Future plans/development and costings

The Clerk and Mr Mainland will prepare this information.

13/63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

13/64 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Sandwich Parent Council Meeting: Mr Mainland reported that he had just returned from attendance at an emergency meeting of Sandwich Parent Council to discuss the forthcoming consultation and to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair. The new joint Chairmen are Mark James and Raymond Mainland. Mr Mainland intends to step down at the end of the consultation period. Jane Mathews agreed to continue in the post of Vice Chair, Karen Hall will be in charge of press releases and Linda Tait is secretary. The next meeting will be on Thursday 30 January when SIC Education will present the proposals for the removal of S3/S4 provision at Sandwich. The formal public consultation will commence on 14 February 2014.

2. Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Project: The project is still on track to open to the public by early May. The formal opening is being planned hopefully for some time within the first 2 weeks of June.

13/64 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)

3. Meetings regarding Fire Board proposals for 2014-2017: Cllr Duncan reported that recent meetings held regarding the above in Fetlar and Unst had been very well attended, in Brae and Lerwick poorly attended, in the West and Scalloway well attended and Sandwick fairly well attended. It was hoped to hold a meeting in Fair Isle on 30 January.

13/65 CORRESPONDENCE

1. 'Thank you' letters from Dunrossness Baptist Church Youth Club and Macmillan Cancer Support for Voar Redd Up donations received: The letters were noted.

2. SIC email ref. Removal of Public Payphone: BT have written to SIC to consult on their intention to permanently remove the Public Payphone from outside the Hall, Levenwick. The Payphone was recently extensively damaged and removed for safety reasons. As records indicate the payphone received little or no use during the past twelve months, BT do not propose to reinstate the service. Before the payphone can be permanently removed, BT have an obligation to consult with relevant public bodies on the proposed removal. As part of the consultation process it is a requirement that the Council reply in writing to BT within 90 days giving their comments or any objections received from the local community. Further information on the consultation process can be found at:

http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removing_callboxes.pdf The letter was noted.

3. ASCC Email ref. Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy – Invitation to Event for Community Councillors: The newly formed COSLA Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy is currently holding a number of engagement events with a range of stakeholders across Scotland and the Commissioners have indicated that they would like to meet with a small number of Community Councillors to discuss their view on how they can strengthen public participation, accountability and democracy. The ASCC has been asked to nominate a Community Councillor from Shetland to attend a round table discussion at COSLA, Edinburgh on Wednesday 26th February. The members suggested that the Clerk ask Mr Nickerson if he is interested in attending.

4. Shetland Local Development Plan: The Shetland Local Development Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 9 December 2013 for examination. Anyone wishing to see the plan which is being examined can do so at Development Services, 8 North Ness Business Park, Lerwick, in every public library serving the plan area and also on the SIC website. Information about the examination and summary of the issues (Schedule 4 Forms) being addressed by the reporters can be found at the DPEA website, www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk

13/65 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

5. SIC Community Work Services: A notice had been received from SIC Community Planning & Development Service regarding changes to the way Community Work services are delivered in Shetland. Following a Council decision in October, and a service and staffing review of the Community Planning and Development Service, a number of changes are planned to how the community work service is delivered, including the closure of offices in Sandwick, Scalloway, Brae and Mid Yell from April.

Arrangements are being made for public services such as photocopying, to continue to be delivered in the area by other services or agencies. For example, SRT have confirmed that they will offer photocopying services in all their leisure centres and pools. Both Sandwick and Brae schools can also offer photocopying services to the public as required.

Although things are changing, the wider work carried out by Shetland's community workers will continue in the meantime. It is expected that, once the new structure is in place and new working arrangements have been developed, all community-based workers within Community Planning & Development will work in and from communities throughout Shetland. A central office will be maintained in Lerwick, however it is not envisaged that this will be their main work location.

Information on how to contact the community work service after April 2014 will be widely publicised nearer the time.

6. Council By-Election 2014: The Clerk reported that a Community Council By-Election is currently taking place to try and fill any vacancies on Community Council's throughout Shetland. The timetable for the By-Election is as follows:

Last date for advising of vacancy(ies)	10 January 2014
Notice of By-Election	17 January 2014
Closing Date for Nominations	18 February 2014
Closing date for withdrawal of nominations	20 February 2014
Notice of Poll/Notice of Uncontested By-Election	28 February 2014
Issue of Postal Ballot Papers	From 13 March 2014
Closing date for return of ballot papers	27 March 2014

13/66 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Viking Bus Station Freight Centre: Mr Sinclair enquired if there was any update on the freight service from the Viking Bus Station. The Clerk and Ms Mainland stated that they had recently seen some revised opening hours advertised. Following the meeting, the Clerk investigated and found the following revised opening details on the SIC website:

13/66 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Viking Bus Station Freight Centre (continued):

Monday 0830 – 1730, Tuesday 0830 – 1730, Wednesday 1030 - 1200 *, Thursday 0830 – 1730, Friday 1030 - 1200 *, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed. *Weather dependant – if a gritting service is being provided, opening hours may be curtailed due to Council driver requirements. Customers who use bus services for freight will need to deliver any items for transport to the appropriate bus directly.

2. Fair Isle Freight: In Mrs Mitchell's email to the Clerk, she reported that the Good Shepherd hadn't been to the mainland for freight since 9th January due to weather conditions, but that there had been a 'fresh goods flight'. She also reported that the SIC are putting in place a contingency plan for situations such as this when prolonged poor weather impacts on the Isles supplies. Cllr Duncan reported that he had attended a meeting with Maggie Sandison, Director of Infrastructure Services, on 27 January to discuss the proposed contingency plan and she had subsequently emailed the proposals to him. Fair Isle, and the other affected isles, have also received a copy of this email.

3. Westvoe Lifebelt: The chairman reported that the Lifebelt at Westvoe had come away from its post during the recent windy weather and is currently with the Airport Fire Service. Mr Sinclair agreed to retrieve the belt and carry out the necessary repairs.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2014.**