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

PRESENT:

Ms E Mainland	Mr R Mainland	Mrs F Mitchell	Mr R Nickerson
Mr M Shearer	Mr S Mitchell	Ms Janice Armstrong	
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	PC J Mcconnachie		

APOLOGIES

Mrs S Malcolmson	Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)

14/51 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON & VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Clerk welcomed members to the first meeting of the new Community Council following the November elections and invited nominations for the posts of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Mr Mainland was nominated by Ms Mainland, seconded by Mr Nickerson for the post of Chairman. There were no further nomination and Mr Mainland was duly appointed as Chairman. Ms Mainland was nominated as Vice-Chair by Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Nickerson. There were no further nominations and Ms Mainland was duly appointed as Vice-Chair. The members welcomed new member Janice Armstrong to the Community Council.

14/52 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 27 October 2014 was adopted on the motion of Mr Shearer

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14/53 POLICE REPORT

PC Mcconnachie reported that there had been 24 routine items dealt with in the Dunrossness area during the last month. Road safety issues are a priority of the Police Force in Shetland. The drink drive limit is being lowered from 5 December 2014 meaning anyone having a glass of wine or a pint of beer before driving will be taking a risk of exceeding the limit. The news that there should only be one vacancy in Police staffing levels in Shetland by next year was welcomed. Ms Mainland enquired if Dunrossness still has a local officer to which PC Mcconnachie replied yes, PC John McDiarmid, who just happened to be otherwise engaged on this particular occasion. Mr Nickerson enquired if the Police currently have a presence at Sumburgh Airport to which PC Mcconnachie replied that they attend on a daily basis.

PC Mcconnachie left the meeting

14/54 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) Levenwick: Mr Mitchell reported that the road between Levenwick and the south A970 junction is breaking up. It was agreed the Clerk would contact SIC Roads regarding this matter.

b) Scousburgh Hill: Ms Armstrong raised the issue of the condition of the road over Scousburgh Hill and pointed out that this section is fairly well used, especially in the tourist season. Mr Nickerson explained that this section of road is not the responsibility of the SIC as it is currently unadopted and is unlikely to be adopted as it would require a fair quantity of upgrading to bring it up to the necessary standard. Ms Armstrong enquired about the upkeep of the buildings at the top of the hill and was informed that they are the responsibility of British Telecom. It was agreed that the Community Council will write to SIC Building Standards requesting that they check that the buildings are still of an acceptable standard for public safety.

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

3. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier: Mrs Mitchell reported that Maggie Sandison, SIC, had reported that £200k has been ear marked for use towards the design of a replacement ferry for Fair Isle. This news was welcomed. Cllr Fox reported that, although the SIC currently puts money towards the provision of internal ferries, the Scottish Government has a responsibility to provide funding for this for areas such as Shetland. Cllr Fox is hopeful, however, that things are moving forward with the government in this respect.

14/54 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

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

5. School Transport: A copy of the "Road Safety Audit Report" has still not been received. The Clerk had followed this up since the last Community Council meeting and Shona Thompson, Executive Manager – Schools, had emailed to say that she has been back in touch with SIC Roads regarding this but had received no response to date but would continue to pursue the matter. Cllr Fox also volunteered to seek an update from Ms Thompson.

14/55 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Rotary Club: The Clerk reported that the £100 (as mentioned at the previous Community Council meeting) had been received from the Rotary Club for events for the over 60's at Christmas time. As previously done in 2013, the Clerk will distribute this equally between the South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens and Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Senior Citizens groups. The Clerk reported that she and Ms Mainland had recently planted the daffodil bulbs donated to the Community Council by the Rotary Club. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks for both donations.

2. Shetland Moving Image Archive – Contribution towards the costs of creating digital copies of old films. Following discussions, it was agreed that, as this is a Shetland Wide project, and the Community Council's budget is severely constrained, the Clerk should contact Shetland moving Image Archive for further details of the project such as; what are the plans for the Dunrossness area and a breakdown of the expected costs.

14/56 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. Erect dwellinghouse (Planning Permission in Principle), Upper Lingarth, Dunrossness by Maurice C Sutherland - There were no objections.

2. Retrospective application for the part reconstruction of the east runway revetment to Sumburgh Airport, to include x-block concrete fabrication yard, laydown areas, temporary barge pier and associated works, Sumburgh Airport by Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd – There were no objections.

3. Demolish existing dwellinghouse and erect new dwellinghouse with garage, Dale Cottage, Dunrossness by Ronald Obern & Gemma White – There were no objections.

14/57 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Sandwich Parent Council: Mr Mainland reported that the Sandwich Parent Council had met earlier this month. The Chair, Mark Chambers, is taking a 'back seat' for the foreseeable future and so the Vice Chair, Hilary Burgess will be taking over. The Parent Council will be focusing on fund raising.

As reported in the media, the SIC has decided to postpone the configuration of secondary education in Shetland, probably until after the new Anderson High School is built. Cllr Fox stated that this had been considered the best idea what with the implementation of the new Curriculum for Excellence, the building of the new Anderson High School and the Shetland Learning Partnership project all going on at present. This news was welcomed. Ms Armstrong enquired if the archaeological finds in the area of the site for the new Anderson High School were likely to cause delays. Cllr Fox replied that he did not think so as they were up on the hill above the site.

2. Dunrossness Parent Council Meeting: In her absence, Mrs Malcolmson had reported on the Dunrossness Parent Council meeting by email. The school role is currently 113 in Primary and 22 in Nursery, with more to start over the next few months. The school will be carrying out their usual Christmas Card delivery in the Dunrossness area again this year. The cost per card is 25p which will go towards school funds. If you would like to use this service, secure your cards in bundles or place in a carrier bag with an information slip attached (contact the school on 01595 745440 for further info) and return to the school office no later than Wednesday 10th December 2014 for delivery over the weekend of 13th/14th December 2014. Finally, the school are looking for help with garden maintenance and plan to do this on Sunday 26th April 2015 at 11am. Bacon rolls will be available as a 'thank you' so pencil the date in your diary.

14/58 CORRESPONDENCE

1. 'Thank you' letters for donations received by groups following Da Voar Redd Up 2014: Letters were received from Dunrossness Primary School, Dunrossness Baptist Church Youth Club, Hillswick Wildlife Sanctuary and the RNLI

2. 'Thank you' letter from the Moving On Employment Project for donation received for carrying out a 'beach clean' – The letter was noted.

14/58 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

3. Email from Donald Robertson ref. Dog Fouling at Westvoe and Grutness Beaches: Mr Robertson had contacted Shetland Amenity Trust to request that they uplift the bags of rubbish from Westvoe and Grutness beaches which had been collected during beach clean ups/Da Voar Redd Up. Sita Goudie had confirmed that the Amenity Trust would collect all 'Redd Up' rubbish but advised that they could not deal with the several small bags containing dog faeces which has been left at the beaches or any 'industrial' dumping. Dog walkers leaving bags of 'dog poo' is quite an issue at these beaches and Mr Robertson suggested that the faded existing notices need replacing. As it is not suitable to have litter bins in such close proximity to the airport for safety reasons, the members agreed that the Community Council should request 'Dog Poo Bins' be erected at both Westvoe and Grutness beaches.

4. SIC letter ref. Seaside Awards: Brydon Sinclair, Waste Prevention Officer, had emailed to inform the Community Council that the Council will no longer be involved with the Seaside Awards. In previous years Mr Sinclair has completed the applications for the Seaside Awards, prepared the risk assessments and carried out the water sampling. Although the Community Council could possibly take over these tasks, concerns were raised regarding who would be liable with regard to the risk assessments. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Sinclair for further details. Cllr Fox offered to make enquiries with regard to the funding structure.

5. Email ref. Grass Cutting and Community Councils: As a follow up to the mention of Community Council's possibly taking on grass cutting duties in their area, Cllr Smith had contacted Mr Spence, Executive Manager, Environmental Services for the Council's thoughts on the matter. Mr Spence explained that the idea stems from a Councillor asking why the SIC use contractors to cut grass when local people would be interested. The idea was first to look at burial grounds but then progressed to the other grass areas within the Grounds Maintenance Contract, operated by the Estate Operations. Mr Spence feels that if the community were to have control of the grass cutting then it would be administered to their own standard and would give a change to keep jobs within the community and hopefully make a saving to the SIC's ever decreasing budgets. The idea was that the Council would grant money from their budget to the Community Councils to carry out the service, however, Legal & Admin has not been consulted to date with regards to the "do's and don't's" of Community Councils employing or hiring personnel to carry out the works. Mr Nickerson stated that he considered there were too many unanswered questions and Mr Mainland stated that Dunrossness is happy with the current standard of service and would have reservations that the community could be as efficient. It would be interesting to hear Legal & Admin's opinions on the matter. Mr Nickerson suggested the matter be put to the Joint Liaison Group for consideration.

14/58 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

6. SIC letters ref. Consultation on Supplementary Guidance Documents relating to Shetland Local Development Plan – Local Landscape Areas, Local Nature Conservations Sites and Onshore Wind Energy: It was agreed to invite Austin Taylor, Team Leader – Development Plans & Heritage to the January meeting of the Community Council to explain how the above impacts on the Dunrossness area.

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

- Shetland Consultation – A New Energy Solution for Shetland

14/59 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Service Bus Timetable: Mr Nickerson informed the members that the Bigton shop is experiencing difficulties with the new timings of the bus feeder service to Bigton as suppliers of fresh food are unable to meet the earlier departure time of 1030am from Lerwick. The shop would like to see the former timings reinstated and have approached SIC Transport with regard to this. However, there has been no further feedback. Cllr Fox offered to speak to Elaine Park, SIC, regarding the matter and did not see any reason for this change and why the original arrangement could not be reinstated.

2. Ireland, Bigton Dial-a-Ride Service: Mr Nickerson reported that since the implementation of the new bus service, the Tuesday Dial-a-Ride service for Ireland, Bigton appears to have been discontinued. Cllr Fox will make enquiries.

3. Recycling: Mr Mitchell enquired if anyone knew who handles recycling these days as the Levenwick Hall had been encourage some time ago to purchase stackable bins for which the SIC would provide bags. However, the SIC have since ceased to provide the bags and the bins are therefore now useless. The members suggested that Mr Mitchell should contact Brydon Sinclair, Waste Prevention Officer, for assistance.

4. Community Council Archive Disc: The Community Council have been, for some time, unable to access the documents stored on the Archive CD of Community Council correspondence which was made through the ASCC. This is thought to be due to the format used on the CD being out of date. Ms Mainland suggested that the ASCC should be approached to rectify this problem. This was agreed.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SUMBURGH HOTEL AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 22
DECEMBER 2014.**