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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 27 April 2015.

**PRESENT:**

Mr R Mainland	Mr S Mitchell	Mrs S Malcolmson	Ms J Armstrong
Mr R Nickerson	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	
PC J McConnochie			

**APOLOGIES**

Ms E Mainland	Mrs F Mitchell	Mr M Shearer
Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)		

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

**15/01 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 30 March 2015 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson

**15/02 COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Chairman welcomed Hugh Harrop to the meeting as a prospective new member. The members agreed to co-opt Mr Harrop and he accepted the position. The Clerk will forward Mr Harrop's contact details to the SIC.

**15/03 POLICE REPORT**

PC McConnochie reported that the crime detection rate in Shetland currently stands at a very respectable 82%. The two new support staff who have been employed will be in post soon and there is only one vacancy for a police officer.

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**15/03 POLICE REPORT (continued)**

As discussed at the previous Community Council meeting, the members raised the issue of the dog fouling in the Quendale area which had been brought to the attention of Cllr Fox. PC McConnochie suggested that SIC Environmental Health were a good starting point for addressing this issue. The Police can press charges relating to this, but their either needs to be more than one witness to the offence or other supporting evidence ie. video evidence. Cllr Fox stated that he believed Environmental Health may have already done everything within their powers to resolve this particular ongoing instance but he would pass on the content of the discussion at this meeting to the party who had approached him.

**15/04 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) A970 Levenwick:** Cllr Smith reported that the accident report for the Lowloader accident on the A970 at Levenwick is now being considered. A report is being produced on the medium/long term resolution of the situation, subject to finance.

**b) A970 'Devils Elbow':** It was noted that there had been two accidents in this area during the previous week. The members acknowledged how much SIC Roads had done recently to improve this section of road to try and reduce the number of accidents and the members were now of the opinion that it could only be excessive speed for the design of the road that was responsible for the continued accident numbers. It was therefore agreed to contact SIC Roads and enquire if it is feasible to apply some form of warning on the actual road surface or erect additional signage to encourage drivers to reduce their speed.

**c) Passing Place Signs:** Mr Nickerson raised the issue of the illegible 'Passing Place' signs and suggested that the Community Council put it to the SIC that this problem could be resolved by applying new wording in sticker form to the existing signs at minimal cost. This was agreed.

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

**3. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier:** Mrs Mitchell had reported by email that she believed Cllr Duncan, Jim Moad and Lee Coutts had visited the Good Shepherd at Grutness as a result of a member of the community expressing their concerns regarding the safety of the crew and passengers due to repeated problems occurring with the ferry. Cllr Duncan and Tavish Scott, MSP, had then visited the Ferries Dept at Sellaness. No outcome of these meetings was available at this time.

**4. School Transport:** There was nothing new to report.

**15/04 MATTERS ARISING (continued)**

**5. Scousburgh Hill:** Alan Jarden, SIC, had emailed stating that, going by the pictures provided, he does not consider the property at Scousburgh Hill to be a danger to passers-by. However, he is aware that it appears previous work to secure the property has been undone in some places and he will therefore endeavour to make contact with the owners to advise them of the situation with a request that they secure the property once again.

**6. Housing:** Following the Community Council's invite to Anita Jamieson of SIC Housing and Bryan Leask of Hjaltland to attend the next meeting of Dunrossness Community Council, Mr Leask had replied that he was unable to attend the May meeting. The members agreed that they would prefer if both officers could attend the same meeting and therefore the Clerk will enquire if the August meeting is suitable to both parties.

**15/05 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. SIC Community Development Fund: Community Development Fund:** The Clerk reported that the Community Council has been successful in securing an additional £3000 of funding from the Community Development Fund.

**2. SIC Community Development Fund Project Grant:** The Clerk reported that the Community Council has been successful in securing an additional £1000 of funding from the Community Development Fund Project Grant scheme for the Seaside Awards Scheme.

**3. Shetland Table Tennis Association – To assist with travel and accommodation costs for 2 Dunrossness residents to compete in the 2015 Nat West Island Games in Jersey:** Mr Mainland declared an interest. It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Nickerson and seconded by Mr Harrop, to award the requested sum of £600. Payment of the grant may require to be deferred until the Community Council's 2015/2016 core funding is received in May.

**15/06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

**15/07 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Association of Shetland Community Councils Meeting:** Mr Mainland and Ms Mainland had attended this meeting on 18 April 2015 and reported as follows:

- **Election of Office Bearers:** Chairman, Jim Gear, Vice Chairman, Jim Anderson
- **Shetland Community Benefit Fund:** Chris Bunyan, SCBF Chairman gave a presentation
- **Local Development Plan:** Austin Taylor gave a presentation. Mr Mainland reported that Mr Taylor is keen to attend a Community Council meeting to ensure that the members are fully briefed on what the Local Development Plan means for the Dunrossness area. It was agreed to invite Mr Taylor to attend the June meeting of Dunrossness Community Council.
- **Bottle Banks and Refuse Collection:** It is proposed to run a pilot scheme somewhere in Shetland this summer whereby bottle banks are discontinued and door to door collections of recyclable items such as glass, tin and possible plastics is carried out as an alternative. If the pilot scheme is successful, it could be rolled out across Shetland.
- **Burial Ground Upkeep:** Bressay and Walls Community Councils are interested in taking this on and will discuss the possibility of a pilot project with William Spence of SIC Infrastructure Services. Yell Community Council also expressed an interest. Dunrossness Community Council will confirm to Mr Spence, copied to Maggie Sandison, that this Community Council are not interested in taking on the upkeep of the local burial grounds as the members considered there was not the capacity in the area.
- **Boundary Commission:** Some changes to the existing Ward boundaries are being proposed. It is proposed that the South Mainland Ward will no longer include Quarff. It was agreed that Dunrossness Community Council have no concerns with regard to this and that they have found the multi councillor wards to have been very beneficial and would like to see this continue.
- **Date of Next Meeting:** 3 October 2015

**15/08 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. SIC Letter ref. Surface Dressing and Re-Surfacing Programme 2015:** As part of its 2015 Roads Surface Dressing and Re-Surfacing Programme, SIC Roads Department intend to apply a surface dressing to a 350 metre section of the A970 road at Levenwick and a 390 metre section at the south end of the Levenwick Loop. They will also carry out re-surfacing between the Dunrossness Industrial Estate and Hardbrakes Place, Quendale and a 150 metre section of road at Scatness.

## 15/08 CORRESPONDENCE

**1. 'Thank you' letter from Disability Shetland for a Voar Redd Up donation received:** The letter was noted.

**2. 'Thank you' letter from Levenwick Community Hall for grant received:** The letter was noted.

**3. SIC letter ref Prioritised Future Road Improvement Schemes:**

Community Councils were asked in June 2014 to score the future road improvement schemes listed for their area. These scores were used to compile the master prioritised list that was approved by the Environment and Transport Committee in January 2015. The Committee also requested that a version of the list with cost bandings be produced and distributed to Community Councils. It was noted that the upgrading of the A970 between the North and South Levenwick Junctions is number 4 on the list and in the cost band £200,000 to £500,000.

**4. SIC letter ref Participatory Budgeting Project – Invitation to an introductory presentation:**

No one from Dunrossness Community Council had been able to attend but the Clerk reported that Pat Christie planned to attend and had offered to report back to the Community Council.

**5. ASCC email ref. SSE Power Distribution – Community Emergency**

**Plan/Fund:** The SSE Community Resilience Fund opens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 with grants of up to £20,000 being offered to support community resilience projects in SSE network areas. Organisations can note an interest before or after this date. Ingrid Gall of SIC Emergency Planning had spoken to two of the people who are on the board to review the project proposals and they had informed her that an application would be more favourably looked upon if it is part of a Community Resilience Plan. SSE are willing to send a person to Shetland to conduct a half day workshop, at the end of which each attending “community” will have a Community Emergency Plan – or the knowledge to create and complete a plan. Ms Gall plans to send information regarding the Plan/Fund to Community Halls. Anyone requiring further information should contact Ingrid Gall on Tel: 01595 744740, Mobile: 07831 306124 or Email: [ingrid.gall@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:ingrid.gall@shetland.gov.uk) Cllr Smith suggested that the Community Council enquire of Michael Duncan, SIC Finance, if he is doing anything to promote the availability of this fund. This was agreed.

**15/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Spiggie Loch:** A member of the public had raised concerns regarding what he considered to be 'a serious problem of pollution of Spiggie Loch'. Cllrs Fox and Smith and Mr Mainland had been in contact with SEPA regarding this matter. SEPA monitors the water quality of Spiggie Loch and have been doing so for a number of years. In 2013, the loch went from 'poor' to 'fair' status. The 2014 data will not be available until later in the year. It was noted that SEPA are happy with how local landowners are complying with the necessary requirements with regard to slurry and fertilizer spreading in the vicinity of the Loch. Shetland Area Advisory Group: Loch of Spiggie Subgroup, which comprises of various stakeholders such as the RSPB, SEPA, Shetland Amenity Trust, landowners etc, meet regularly to discuss any issues and the members agreed to defer making any comment on this matter until after the next meeting of this group.

**2. 'Housing Developers Meetings':** As mentioned at the Community Councils previous meeting, Cllr Fox and enquired if it was acceptable for Community Council representatives to attend any upcoming 'Developers Meetings' and this had been agreed. 'Developers Meetings' are usually held annually and are attended by such people as local Architects, Builders, SIC Housing, Hjalmland etc.

**3. Bigton Telephone Box:** Mr Nickerson reported that the door is still missing from the Bigton Telephone Box. The Clerk will contact BT regarding this matter.

**4. Bigton Public Toilet:** Mr Nickerson reported that the external light at the Bigton Public Toilet is illuminated all night, every night. It had previously been stated by the SIC that, to reduce costs, the light would be operated by a movement sensor, something the Community Council had been in favour of. The Clerk will report this matter to Maggie Sandison, SIC Infrastructure Services.

**5. Bigton Community Enterprise:** Mr Nickerson informed the members that the Bigton Shop has recently celebrated its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and, on behalf of the shop, he would like to extend their thanks to the Community Council for their support in the shops recent successful grant application to the SIC

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON  
MONDAY 25 MAY 2015.**