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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 31 August 2015.

**PRESENT**

Mr R Mainland  
Mr H Harrop

Mr S Mitchell  
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)

Mrs S Malcolmson  
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)

Ms E Mainland

**APOLOGIES**

Ms J Armstrong  
Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)

Mr M Shearer

Mr R Nickerson

Mrs F Mitchell

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)      Mrs A Jamieson (SIC Housing)  
Bryan Leask (Hjaltland Housing)

**15/26 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 29 June 2015 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson, subject to the following amendment which was requested by Mr Mitchell:

**15/25/3. Fundraising for Nepal:** *should read* ..... Mr Mitchell reported that a total of almost £3000 had now been raised at the Levenwick Hall for Nepal following their recent devastating earthquake. The majority of this had been raised by Mr Jimmy Thomason.

**15/27 POLICE REPORT**

A report for July 2015 had been received from Lindsay Tulloch, Area Commander, Shetland. The report states that reported crime rates are at similar numbers to that reported this time last year. Officers continue to increase the number of drugs offences detected with 12 cases of drugs supply reported and 43 cases of drugs possession.

Following their recruitment drive held locally in Shetland, two Shetland residents have been successful in their application to join the police service. They will complete their initial 12 week training programme at the Scottish Police College before taking up post in Lerwick.

Police Scotland is carrying out consultation work aimed at capturing and evaluating the impact of changes on front counter provision across Scotland since April 2013. A survey monkey questionnaire has been set up to capture information to assist the evaluation process. Community Councillors are asked to take a few moments and complete the survey.

Police in Shetland took part in the Police Scotland National Drink Driving Campaign during June and 5 people were arrested for drink driving.

**15/28 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) A970 'Devils Elbow':** There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will following this up with SIC Roads

**b) White Road Markings:** The Clerk reported that Neil Roberston, SIC Roads had informed her that he expects the white road markings to be reinstated on the recently resurfaced sections of roads in September.

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

**3. Scousburgh Hill:** There was nothing new to report.

**4. Spiggie Loch:** Cllr Fox reported that a meeting of the Spiggie Loch Sub Group is scheduled to take place on 17 September 2015.

**5. Telephone Kiosks:** The Clerk had reported broken doors on Telephone Kiosks at Bigton, Toab and Robins Brae to BT. An acknowledgment had been received informing the Community Council that the Kiosks would be 'looked at as soon as possible'.

**6. West End of Virkie Pool:** The Clerk reported that the SIC have requested a google map of the location of the area of land at the west end of Virkie Pool which the Community Council are trying to ascertain ownership of. Mr Harrop offered to provide more specific details of the location.

**15/29 HOUSING**

The Chairman welcomed Anita Jamieson (SIC Head of Housing) and Bryan Leask (Chief Executive, Hjaltland Housing Association) to the meeting. Mr Mainland invited the visitors to tell the members what the plans are over the next few years for housing. Mrs Jamieson explained that the SIC Housing are looking at a pilot consultation tool in conjunction with Planning. This will be a community based, community focused consultation. There has been an increase in demand for social housing in the Sandwick and Cunningsburgh areas. In areas south of Sandwick, demand has fluctuated over the years and it is almost possible to meet the demand through turnover. Mr Leask reported that Hjaltland have only had 2 properties become available in the Dunrossness area in the last year and there were 6 applicants for one and 8 for the other. Demand is therefore considered to be relatively low as far, as Hjaltland are concerned, compared to other areas in Shetland. Advertising the number of applications they have for each property which becomes available shows prospective tenants they are more likely to be successful in obtain a property out with the Lerwick area. Hjaltland operates a 'choice based letting' system whereas the SIC's system is 'points based'. Cllr Smith enquired if Mrs Jamieson new the proportion of applicants on the housing waiting list who have stated the South Mainland as their number one choice. Mrs Jamieson replied that she did not know off hand but the information was easily obtainable. Mrs Jamieson explained that when a prospective tenant applies for a property, they are assigned a Housing Officer who gives advice on how the person can improve their chances of being awarded a house timeously. Tenants can take advantage of the 'Home Swopper' scheme, something both SIC Housing and Hjaltland have signed up to, but certain criteria has to be met and there is a limit on the number of transfers. The SIC currently have 42 properties in the South Mainland and 3 in Fair Isle and Hjaltland 36. Mr Leask stated that the South Mainland Hjaltland properties are probably their oldest stock and their priority, rather than building new properties in the area, is to update the standard of the existing stock over the next few years. On average, the weekly rent for a 3 bed space property is £76, although this will be more in Lerwick. When asked about 'Shared Ownership', Mr Leask informed the members that this had ceased in 2007 due to accountancy changes. Ms Mainland enquired what the criteria for Sheltered Housing was. Mrs Jamieson explained it was based on housing need. If there is no demand for a property as a sheltered house, it is rented out as an ordinary property. If a prospective tenant with extra needs then applies for a Council house, they have to wait for a suitable property to become available the same as they would if the sheltered housing stock was all occupied by tenants with extra needs.

Mr Mainland thanked both Mrs Jamieson and Mr Leask for attending the meeting.

### **15/30 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Playing Fields: To assist with annual expenditure incurred to provide playing field facilities at Boddam:** It was agreed, on the motion of Ms Mainland, seconded by Mr Mitchell, to award the requested sum of £1500.

**1. Ness Boating Club – To assist with the costs of the Annual Fireworks and Bonfire Night:** Ms Mainland declared an interest. It was agreed on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson, seconded by Mr Mitchell, to award a grant of £900. There was no counter proposal.

### **15/31 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. To erect two dwellinghouses and create access road (Planning Permission in Principle), Middleton, Maywick, Bigton by Stephen Mulla -** There were no objections.

**2. External fabric replacement of existing Terminal Building, Sumburgh Airport, Virkie by HIAL –** Mr Nickerson had raised the point that there is a risk of asbestos material being found during the refurbishment and he considered it advisable to enquire what asbestos management plan will be in place if asbestos is found and in particular what measures will be put in place to ensure that the airport terminal can remain open and fully operations during any asbestos removal. The members considered that this would be something that would be covered by planning and it was agreed that there were no objections.

**3. To erect extension to existing school building to accommodate Plant Room, Dunrossness Primary School, Dunrossness by Ness Engineering Ltd –** There were no objections.

**4. To erect dwellinghouse, create new access, install connection to public sewer and install air source heat pump, adjacent to Lismore, Exnaboe, Virkie by John Fox –** There were no objections.

**5. Local Development Plan –** Mr Harrop reported that the supplementary guidance on windfarms section of the Local Development Plan has been approved, with the acceptable noise level being amended to 34.6 decibels

### **15/32 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Fair Isle Development Plan:** Mrs Mitchell reported via email that Fair Isle has now established a Fair Isle Development company.

**15/32 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (continued)**

**2. Dunrossness Parent Council:** Mrs Malcolmson reported that the AGM of Dunrossness Parent Council will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Mrs Malcolmson has stood down as Community Council representative and there is currently no representative. Mr Mainland hoped that this would be resolved if and when the Community Council's vacancies were filled.

**3. Islands Education Summit:** Cllr Smith had attended the first Islands Education Summit recently. Cllr Smith reported that the Cabinet Secretary had been in attendance and had been left in no doubt that there is a shortfall in the funding provided. The Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland have agreed to work more closely together.

**15/33 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Email from the Rotary Club of Shetland ref. Offer of Help:** The email states that The Rotary Club of Shetland is probably best known for the fund raising which it does, but its members have said that they would like to get involved in more direct projects which make a difference and are therefore interested to hear if any Community Councils have projects which they could help out with in a more practical way. In the past year, they have run a photography competition, spent an afternoon planting bulbs in front of the town hall and an evening helping with the Disability Shetland bowls competition. If anyone has a project which they think The Rotary Club could help with, either contact Dunrossness Community Council or The Rotary Club direct via emailing [AndrewArcher45@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:AndrewArcher45@yahoo.co.uk) or by telephone on 01595 840583.

**2. 'Thank You' Card for Grant Received:** A 'thank you' card had been received from Kiera Munro for the grant awarded by the Community Council towards the cost of her attending the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland

**3. Email from the ASCC ref. 'Digital Engagement for CCs' Workshops':** Four events have been arranged to take place throughout Scotland. Kate Massie, ASCC, hopes to attend one of the events.

**4. Building Budgets 2015:** Shetland Islands Council, in partnership with NHS Shetland, are holding a public meeting in Dunrossness Primary School on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm entitled 'How would you balance the budget?'. There is also a 'drop in' session at the school between 4.00pm and 6.30pm on the day if anyone would prefer just to complete the online budget planner or you can complete it at <https://shetland.budgetsimulator.com>

**15/33 CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

**5. Digital Connectivity:** The SIC has commissioned FarrPoint Ltd to assist in preparing the initial stage of a strategic business case which will inform the Council's involvement in telecoms over the next 5 years. FarrPoint will be consulting with stakeholders across the community to establish the needs and benefits that better digital connectivity would bring and will be reporting to Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. Comments can be sent to [Digital@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:Digital@shetland.gov.uk) or via the web page at [www.shetland.gov.uk/digital](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/digital)

**6. Developers Meeting:** Cllr Fox reported that a Developers Meeting had been held the previous Thursday and he enquired if any members of the Community Council had been invited. The members replied 'no'. The meeting was attended by Planners, Builders, Suppliers, Architects etc. Planning reported that they are experiencing difficulties due to a lack of staff. A presentation was given on the new building regulations which are coming into force. There were also discussions on the new parameters coming into effect for Councils adopting roads. Further meetings will be held in due course.

**7. SIC letter ref. Ferries Review Impact Assessment – August 2015:** During 2012 the SIC undertook a review of inter-island ferries and introduced a range of changes to services throughout Shetland in 2013, with all major changes completed by the end of July that year. The Council undertook to periodically assess the impacts of the changes for a period of 2 years and invites Dunrossness Community Council to contribute to this, the final assessment on the basis that Fair Isle is within this area. In previous consultations on the impacts of the Ferry Services Review, the Fair Isle Community raised the issue of high commercial vehicle fares. This has been addressed through the recent Ferry Fares Review. Any feedback is required by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October in order to provide a report to the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The Clerk will contact Mrs Mitchell regarding this.

**8. Association of Shetland Community Council:** The next ASCC meeting is scheduled to take place on 3 October 2015. Mr Mainland and Ms Mainland will attend on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council.

**15/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Fair Isle Research and Demonstration MPA:** Mrs Mitchell had reported via email that Marine Scotland has submitted Fair Isle's application to become a Research and Demonstration MPA to Scottish Ministers for consideration. Fair Isle hopes the Ministers will recommend the proposal goes out to consultation. In the meantime, Marine Scotland and the assessors will make a presentation tomorrow (Tuesday 1 September) in the Town Hall to interested parties and invitees.

**15/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (continued)**

**2. Fleck Junction Area:** Ms Mainland reported that speeding cars travelling between the Dunrossness Industrial Estate and Ward Hill is causing problems for slow moving farm vehicles coming onto the main road at the Fleck area. It was agreed that the Clerk will inform the SIC Roads department of this and ask for suitable warning signs to be placed in the area. The Minutes will also be forwarded to Police Scotland asking them to take note of this matter.

**3. Eastshore Cottages:** Mr Harrop enquired if it would be possible to have '20 is plenty' signs erected at the Eastshore Cottages. Cllr Smith will make enquiries.

**4. Virkie Pool/Sumburgh Airport:** Mr Harrop had noted that the sign which used to be at the south side of the Virkie Pool informing the public that it is a restricted area has disappeared. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to HIAL regarding this matter.

**5. Sandwich Youth and Community Centre:** SYCC Committee are seeking support from the local community in its fight to keep the facility open. It is proposed that the annual grant of £11,000, which it currently receives to cover running costs (ie insurance, electricity, upkeep of the building etc), is to be withdrawn and the committee cannot see how they can keep going without some alternative source of funding.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON  
MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2015.**