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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 23 February 2015.

PRESENT:

Mr R Mainland	Ms E Mainland	Mr S Mitchell	Mrs F Mitchell
Mr M Shearer	Mr R Nickerson	Ms Janice Armstrong	
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)			

APOLOGIES

Mrs S Malcolmson	Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)
PC McDiarmid		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk) 2 X Members of the public

14/77 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 26 January 2015 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Mainland, subject to the following amendment:

14/70 Matters Arising - 7 Seaside Awards: It was also *suggested* that a £50 donation would be made to each group

14/78 POLICE REPORT

The report states that the detection rate for reported crime in Shetland currently stands at 81.3% to the end of January 2015. This continues to be one of the highest detection rates in the country.

There is currently almost a full complement of police officers in Shetland with one vacancy for a Sergeant and one vacancy for a Constable. A new probationer officer has been recruited from Lerwick and, following completion of her fifteen week training course at the Scottish Police College, she will be based locally on the shifts in Lerwick.

14/78 POLICE REPORT (continued)

An additional Detective Constable has been recruited to join the Crime Management Unit in Lerwick. This brings this specialist unit to four detective officers including a Detective Sergeant. This will provide a greater ability to detect reported crime and pro-actively tackle the issues of drugs misuse and supply which can have a knock on effect to other areas of criminality. Two support staff members for the Police Station in Lerwick will be being advertised for. Once trained and in place, the opening hours at Lerwick Police Station will be able to be extended.

During January, the command area was supported by the Road policing Unit based at Inverness operating an unmarked police vehicle. During a 3 day period, 84 vehicles were stopped by police officers operating the unmarked police vehicle and the following offences detected: seatbelt offences – 12, mobile phone offences – 3, speeding offences – 9, drink driving – 1, no insurance – 2, no MOT – 2. This has highlighted issues in relation to various road traffic offences which need to be addressed. It is Acting Chief Inspector Tulloch's intention to operate both marked and unmarked police patrols independently of routine shift patrols to target driver behaviour and related road traffic offences. This will be carried out as a pilot for a period of time.

A police officer has been allocated to each and every school throughout Shetland. This will allow early intervention and involvement at schools and will provide an opportunity for our children and young people to meet with and become familiar with the police. There is a school liaison educational programme which officers will deliver in conjunction with the work of the Dogs Against Drugs Officers and the Road Safety Officer.

Anyone with information or concerns about drugs misuse in their community is urged to pass the information to their community council liaison officer (Shetland South – Cllr Allison Duncan - allison.duncan@shetland.gov.uk) so that the police can act on ad target resources to prevent the misuse of drugs in the community.

14/79 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) Levenwick: At January's meeting, Ms Mainland had enquired of PC Murphy, how many accidents between Central Dunrossness and the North Levenwick Junction had been reported to the police. PC Murphy had emailed his reply stating that there had been 7 logged since 1 January 2014 for the Dunrossness area. Most of these had been weather related. The members considered that obviously not all accidents were reported to the police. With regard to the lorry accident above Levenwick, the report from the accident investigation is still awaited. In the meantime, SIC Roads plan to install additional markers, road signage and additional road markings on this section of road. Mr Mainland stated that, while these short term measures are welcomed, this stretch of road ultimately requires widening and a crash barrier installed.

14/79 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

1. Road Matters:

a) Levenwick: The possibility of a speed restriction in the area was mentioned and Mr Nickerson suggested that the Community Council ask SIC Roads for the criteria for speed restrictions. This was agreed.

b) Levenwick Landslip Area: Mr Mitchell reported that there is a large piece of peat which appears to be hanging precariously on the hill at the site of last year's landslip just south of the Levenwick Hall. It was agreed to point this out to SIC Roads before it maybe slips onto the road.

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

3. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier: Mrs Mitchell reported that the MV Good Shepherd is currently on a 'mini refit' which was originally scheduled to last 3 days but had now run to 2 weeks. It was hoped that the vessel would be back in service on 24 February.

4. School Transport: A copy of the "Road Safety Audit Report" has still not been received.

5. Scousburgh Hill: Mr Mitchell had taken some pictures of the buildings forwarding to Mr Jarden, SIC.

6. Seaside Awards: Mr Mainland reported that the Community Council should hear soon if it has been successful in its Seaside Award Application for 2015 for St. Ninian's and Westvoe beaches. As funding to run this project is now getting low, it was agreed that the Community Council will apply for additional funding from the SIC Development Fund. The closing date for the first round of applications for this is 16 March 2015.

7. Bigton Feeder Service: Mr Nickerson reported that it is now 5 months since the new bus timetable came into effect which altered the timings of the feeder service into Bigton thereby creating issues in relation to stock deliveries from Lerwick for the Bigton shop. The shop has approached the SIC some time ago about this issue but the SIC are apparently still looking at options to rectify the problem.

14/80 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. SIC Community Development Fund: The Community Development Fund is now open to bids for 2015/16. The closing date for the first round of bids is 16 March 2015. It was agreed that the Clerk will complete the Community Council's general application for £3000 and Mr Mainland will complete the application for the Distribution Fund which is for a specific project – in Dunrossness Community Council's case this year, the Seaside Awards Scheme.

2. Levenwick Community Hall – To purchase gravel to refurbish the paths and topsoil to replenish the flower beds. All refurbishment works and planting will be carried out by volunteers: Mr Mitchell declared an interest. It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Nickerson and seconded by Ms Mainland, to award the requested sum of £500.

3. Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care – To provide a 'Comforts Fund' which meets the cost of non-statutory expenses such as Christmas gifts, short tours, entertainment, travel costs etc. for clients of Day-Care, held one day per week in the Levenwick Hall for elderly local residents in need of care and company: It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Mitchell and seconded by Mr Shearer, to award the requested sum of £500.

4. Shetland Moving Image Archive - Contribution towards the costs of creating digital copies of old films: This application had originally been considered in November 2014 when it had been agreed to request further details. Further information has been received. An online film archive is being developed and the group's website is nearly ready to launch – although it is necessary for them to have material digitised in order for it to be a success. The four month project has been costed at £12,000, 50% of which has been provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The remaining 50% must be met by the group. Work is starting on researching the work of Jenny Gilbertson and the group is working with the Quendale Mill to establish a permanent access point at the Mill. Mr Nickerson proposed that a grant of £250 be awarded upon the condition that Shetland Moving Image Archive complete a Dunrossness Community Council grant application. This was seconded by Ms Armstrong.

14/81 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To install and erect 5kw wind turbine on a 15m high mast and associated cable trench, Gord, Hillwell, Quendale by Mrs Hannah Nelson – Mr Mainland welcomed the 2 members of the public who had joined the meeting. A decision on the above planning application had been deferred from the previous Community Council to allow time for any other interested parties to approach the SIC or the Community Council. In this time, 18 objections had been made to the SIC. The main concern is the potential ‘sterilisation’ of the surrounding land, approximately 1.2km around the turbine. Mr Shearer stated that he considered it was the Community Council’s duty to support the objectors. This was seconded by Ms Mainland. Mr Nickerson suggested that the Community Council should ‘go a bit further’ and lodge an objection of their own, however, the members agreed to adopt Mr Shearer’s proposal and the Clerk will therefore inform SIC Planning that Dunrossness Community Council support the objections made to this planning application.

14/82 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Fair Isle Community Development Project: Mrs Mitchell reported that the Fair Isle Community Development Project is progressing well and the report from the consultants is expected on 9 March 2015.

14/83 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community Council By-Election 2015: The Clerk reported that no nominations had been received for the 4 vacancies on Dunrossness Community Council. The Community Council is now in a position to co-opt.

2. ASCC Meeting: The next meeting of the ASCC will be held on 18 April 2015 at 11 am in the Shetland Hotel. Mr Mainland and Ms Mainland will attend on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council.

3. Sumburgh Head Foghorn: Members of the Community Council had been invited to attend the first official sounding of the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Foghorn in nearly 30 years on 20th February. Brian Johnson has carried out extensive restoration of the engines and the Foghorn mechanism over the last few years as part of Shetland Amenity Trusts regeneration of Sumburgh Head. This makes it the last working Foghorn of this type in the UK.

14/84 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Levenwick Traffic: Mr Mitchell raised concerns relating to the size of trucks which pass through the village and the speed at which they travel. It was suggested that anyone with concerns should contact the police or the company(ies) in question.

2. Bigton Community Enterprise: Mr Nickerson reported that the shop had received funding through the Enterprise Ready Fund to install new freezers and chills last year. However, they now find they need to install an air conditioning unit as the heat from the operating system of the freezers is making the chills inefficient. Mr Nickerson has spoken to Michael Duncan, SIC, who has suggested that the shop may qualify for funding for this project under the Community Development Fund but that they would need a letter of support from the Community Council. The members agreed to provide this.

3. Education: Mr Mainland extended the congratulations of the Community Council to the Councillors on their success in getting the SIC's consultations on school closures etc moved back to 2017 and beyond. The proposal had been agreed by the Council on 18 February.

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 30 MARCH 2015.**