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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 26 January 2015.

**PRESENT:**

Mr R Mainland	Ms E Mainland	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr S Mitchell
Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs F Mitchell	Mr M Shearer	Mr R Nickerson	Ms Janice Armstrong
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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs S Leslie (Clerk)	Pat Christie, SIC Community Involvement & Development Officer
PC Michael Murphy	2 X Members of the public

**14/68 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 22 December 2014 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson

**14/69 POLICE REPORT**

In the Area Commander for Shetland, Edwin Graham's, Police Report for November/December 2014, he states that the crime detection rate for the Shetland Command Area is currently 78.5%.

Two officers from the central belt take up posts in Shetland in mid January with an officer from Glasgow replacing the secondment to Brae. In addition to this they have advertised a further two vacant posts and are awaiting the outcome of this national process to see if they can fill these vacancies.

A new lower drink drive limit was introduced on 5 December 2014.

Speeding detections are up on a comparable period from April to December from 76 incidents to 92 incidents but with more officers stationed in Shetland the force will continue to try to educate drivers as well as enforce speed limits.

**14/69 POLICE REPORT (continued)**

A rise is being seen in Shetland in the use of Novel Psychoactive Substances or what is sometimes referred to as “legal highs”. There have been some significant amounts seized and the Dogs Against Drugs Officers embarked on a series of educational inputs with S4 pupils ahead of the festive bean feast season, warning them of the dangers of these types of substances.

Mr Graham has now left Shetland to take up the post of Area Commander in Orkney. Inspector Tulloch has been promoted on a temporary basis to Area Commander in Shetland. Lerwick also has two vacancies for support staff working in the front counter/reception area at Lerwick Police Station. Efforts are ongoing to advertise these posts so that there is a pool of candidates to choose from. Mr Graham states that ‘hopefully this will allow us to re-visit opening times at the station here in Lerwick as I am fully aware that the community would like to see the station open for longer periods’.

PC Murphy stated that recent items for the Dunrossness area had all been routine with the only item of note being the recent road traffic accident on the main road at Levenwick where a low loader lorry left the road. Cllr Duncan stated that he had been concerned to hear that it had been reported that no Police Officers were available to attend Levenwick the day after the accident when passing drivers were stopping and driving past the scene of the accident very slowly to look at the vehicle, increasing the potential for a further accident. PC Murphy suggested that he would email the Area Commander regarding the perceived lack of Police response. Ms Mainland enquired how many road accidents between Dunrossness and the North Levenwick Junction had been reported to the Police in the last year. PC Murphy will investigate and report back to the Clerk.

**14/70 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) Levenwick:** The matter of the Low Loader Lorry with Digger which left the road at Levenwick was discussed and previous safety concerns raised again. Mr Mitchell enquired if it would be worth considering implementing an emergency speed restriction on the road since no major works will obviously take place in the near future. Cllr Smith reported that the accident is currently subject to an accident investigation. The design works for upgrading this section of road are to be taken to a level that can be put out to tender and if the implementation of a speed restriction is not feasible, reinstating a width restriction is another option. Mr Mainland suggested that the Community Council write to SIC Roads expressing their safety concerns for this section of road and enquiring what measures the SIC intend to take in the short and medium term to address the problem. Cllr Fox suggested that the Community Council wait for the action points on this matter from a recent SIC meeting. This was agreed.

**14/70 MATTERS ARISING (continued)**

2. **Levenwick Graveyard Access:** There was nothing new to report.
3. **MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier:** There was nothing new to report.
4. **School Transport:** A copy of the "Road Safety Audit Report" has still not been received. Cllr Fox will pursue this matter again.
5. **Westvoe & Grutness Dog Poo Bin:** Laminated 'No Dog Fouling' notices had been received from the SIC. Mrs Malcolmson volunteered to put them up at Westvoe and Grutness.
6. **Scousburgh Hill:** Mr Mitchell will take some pictures for forwarding to Mr Jarden soon.
7. **Seaside Awards:** Mr Mainland reported that he had submitted the Community Council's Seaside Award Application for 2015 the previous weekend and reported that Brydon Sinclair, SIC Waste Prevention Officer, had been extremely helpful throughout the process. Mr Mainland also reported that the water samples had previously been checked by SSQC in Shetland and it appeared that water sampling would still be required this year but it would not be necessary to publicise the results. It was also agreed that a £50 donation would be made to each group who carries out a beach 'clean up' during the season.

**14/71 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

1. **Ross Smith, Physiotherapist, Injury Shetland – To assist with the costs of bringing a highly professional sports consultant to Shetland to run sports first aid courses to team coaches, players, referees or anyone else involved in sport in Shetland:** The members agreed that Dunrossness Community Council is not in a position to offer financial support in this case, especially as the applicant is a private business and it is Shetland-wide with no evidence that the Dunrossness area would benefit specifically.

**14/72 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

1. **To carry out internal alterations and proposed fit-out works, Mainlands Shop, Dunrossness Industrial Estate, Dunrossness by The C0operative Group -** There were no objections.
2. **To erect 4 residential units, adjacent to Tumblewick, Scatness, Virkie by Artic Security Ltd –** There were no objections.

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**3. 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 in order to express their concerns with regard to the above planning application and invited them to share their concerns with the Community Council members. The details, observations and concerns were noted and the members acknowledged the inaccuracies and assumptions in the application and its supporting documentation, agreeing that the whole application had appeared to have been prepared as a desktop exercise with no evidence that a site visit had ever taken place. The objectors were asked to put their views in writing to SIC Planning, copied to the Community Council. It was agreed that a decision on this application should be deferred until the Community Council's next meeting to allow time for any other interested parties to approach the SIC or Community Council.

**14/73 SHETLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE CONSULTATION**

Mr Mainland reported that he had been and met with Laura Fiske of the Development Plans team. The Local Development Plan was adopted in September 2014 and sets out broad guidance for development in Shetland. A number of Supplementary Guidance documents provide more detailed guidance on the various planning conditions. The Local Development Plan details "Areas of Best Fit" for development within each Electoral Ward and individual sites with development potential. Landowners were asked to put forward areas for potential development. These were assessed and some were accepted and some not. It is expected that more potential sites for development will be sought later this year. Individual applications for areas other than those highlighted in the Plan for development can still be put forward and would be subject to the normal planning requirements as detailed in the Plan and Supplementary Guidance. The current consultation is on the Supplementary Guidance for Onshore Wind Energy, Local Landscape Areas and Local Conservation Sites. The members discussed the documents and were generally happy with the guidance put forward. Mr Mainland will respond to the Consultation on behalf of the Community Council.

#### **14/74 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Sandwick Parent Council Meeting:** Mr Mainland reported that he had been unable to attend this meeting but stated that the decision by the SIC Children's and Families Committee to defer any further consultation on Secondary Education in Shetland until after the new Anderson High School is built and up and running was very welcome. The full Council will make their decision on this matter on 18 February 2015. Mr Mainland thanked all those involved in the process.

#### **14/75 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Community Council By-Election 2015:** A By-Election is taking place in an attempt to fill the vacancies on various Community Councils. Dunrossness currently has 4 vacancies. Anyone interested in joining the Community Council should complete a nomination paper and return it to Shetland Islands Council by 4pm on Tuesday 17 February 2015.

**2. 'Thank you' letter from the Ness Boating Club for the grant received towards the recent Firework Display:** The letter was noted.

**3. NHS Shetland/SIC email ref Consultation on draft Model Integration Scheme and draft Strategic Plan:** NHS Shetland and Shetland Islands Council are currently consulting on the draft Model Integration Scheme and the draft Strategic Plan. Both of these are legislative requirements as set out in the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014. The members declined the offer to comment on this consultation.

#### **14/76 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Foot and Cycle Paths:** Mr Mitchell stated that he had been informed that there is a lack of foot and cycle paths in Shetland and that there is apparently European funding available to address this issue. Cllr Fox and Pat Christie, Community Involvement and Development Officer, informed Mr Mitchell that this was something that Kevin Serginson, of SIC Outdoor Access, would be able to help with.

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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 23 FEBRUARY 2015.**