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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 29 June 2015.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Ms J Armstrong	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

15/18 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25 May 2015 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Mainland, subject to the following amendment:

PRESENT: Mrs Pat Christie was present

15/19 POLICE REPORT

Driving in Shetland was discussed. Mr Nickerson suggested that a reminder for driver's to put on their lights while driving in reduced visibility should be broadcast on Shetland radio. PC Owen raised the issue of monitoring speeding motorists and enquired what the members' thoughts were on speed cameras being introduced as had been suggested by Cllr Duncan. The members agreed that mobile checking is more effective as drivers soon learn where cameras are situated. It was also noted that numbers of offenders used to be publicised.

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15/20 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) A970 Levenwick: Cllr Smith reported that the Environment and Transport Committee had met recently to consider a report on the A970 Sumburgh to Lerwick road at Levenwick: possible safety improvements and it had been agreed to adopt some measures which could be implemented quickly and would improve safety to a degree. These measures are: verge markers, warning signs, 'slow' road signs and width restrictions of 2.6m at both Levenwick and Bigton with an exception for agricultural vehicles. Unfortunately there is no room to install barriers and if the blind summit was removed this would encourage drivers to negotiate this section of road at increased speeds. The ultimate solution would be to widen, realign and remove the blind summit although accident statistics alone do not actually warrant these works and it is expected that the works will cost in the region of £3m. The committee also agreed that a service needs case, taking account of the STAG process, be prepared and submitted for the funding required to design the major capital scheme to tender ready stage and that the outcome be reported to the Environment and Transport Committee in the future. It is estimated that this could cost up to £100k. The members agreed they approved of the decisions taken and thanked Cllr Smith for all his hard work to date.

b) A970 'Devils Elbow': There was nothing new to report

c) Passing Place Signs: A reply to the Community Council's query about replacing the lettering on Passing Place signs had been received. Mervyn Smith, SIC, states that 'to replace the lettering on these signs would be an expensive exercise with limited benefit as the square/diamond signs are recognisable as passing places without the wording. Due to limited resources we would not be prepared to consider replacing the lettering on existing signs'.

d) White Road Markings: Mr Harrop enquired when the white road markings will be applied to the newly resurfaced sections of road. The Clerk will contact SIC Roads regarding this.

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

3. School Transport: There was nothing new to report.

4. Scousburgh Hill: There was nothing new to report.

5. Spiggie Loch: Mr Mainland estimated that there might be a meeting of the Sub Group at the end of July, beginning of August.

15/20 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

6. Bigton Telephone Box: The Clerk informed the members that she has reported the situation with regard to the door of this telephone box to BT. Ms Mainland reported that the doors on the telephone boxes at the Toab shop and Robins Brae also appear to be defective. The Clerk will report this also.

15/21 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 to defer a decision on this application until the next Community Council meeting in August.

2. Seaside Awards ‘Beach Clean-Ups’ – It was agreed that the donation to each group carrying out a ‘beach clean-up’ in 2015 would be £100

15/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To erect dwellinghouse with access road, parking and turning area by Mr & Mrs G Irvine, North of Ronan Cottage, Bigton: There were no objections.

2. Change of use of land from agricultural to industrial, Ness Engineering Ltd, Brakes, Scatness, Virkie – There were no objections.

3. Planning Application 2015/003/PPF – To erect 5kw turbine on 15 high mast, Gord, Quendale by Mr H Nelson: This application has been formally withdrawn by the agent.

15/23 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Fair Isle Development Plan: Mrs Mitchell reported that Fair Isle had launched their Development Plan at the Town Hall on 29 June 2015. There had been a good attendance and response to the Plan. Mrs Christie had been present and reported that she thought the presentation had been excellent and those who had attended were very enthusiastic.

2. Dunrossness Parent Council: Mrs Malcolmson had attended a parent council meeting and reported that during the Voar Redd Up the children couldn't understand why there were so many bags of dog mess left along the road. The members expressed their dismay that this practice continues. The next parent council meeting is scheduled for 1 September 2015.

15/23 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)

3. Sandwich Parent Council: Mr Mainland reported that the parent council are 'working with the school to get the website up and running again'. Fundraising events are taking place to raise money to build the website and it will then be partly maintained by the pupils.

15/24 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Shetland Islands Citizens Advice Bureau letter ref. Renewal of Membership: It was agreed to renew the Community Council's membership.

2. Email from the ASCC ref. 'Free Money Advice': The Money Advice Service is now available for face to face appointments and the Citizen's Advice Bureau. For further info, telephone 01595 743943, email isla.mcgee@shetland.org or visit www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk

3. Email ref. Paths for All Funding: The funding for the Paths for All (Scotland) Health Walks Grant scheme comes from the Scottish Government and is managed by the Paths for All Partnership. The funding is for initiatives in Scotland that increase the health and wellbeing of less active people by promoting regular walking to work, school or the shops. For further information, visit www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/health-walk-grants.html

4. Voluntary Action Shetland Email ref. ICO visit: The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is planning a visit to Shetland on 16/17 September to hold a series of workshops and information sessions. One of the sessions is aimed particularly at Third Sector organisations on Thursday 17 September 1300 – 1430 in Market House. The email was noted.

5. Email from Scottish Health Council, Shetland ref Scottish Government Review of Primary Care (GP) Out of Hours Services: The Scottish Health Council is organising a discussion session in each health board area in Scotland to discuss the above and the one in Shetland will be held in Lerwick on 16th July 1.30 pm to 3 pm. For further information about the Scottish Health Council, visit www.scottishhealthcouncil.org

6. SIC Letter ref. proposed Participatory Budgeting (PB) Community Council Project: The outline idea for the pilot project is to support community councils, on a voluntary basis, to use a PB approach to allocate their 2015/16 Community Development Fund – Distribution Grant to community groups in their area. Expressions of interest in being part of the project would be welcomed from individual community councils, groups of community councils located within a ward area, or from a community council and their local community development group/company. The letter was noted.

15/24 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

7. NHS Shetland email ref Participation Standard 2014-15: Attached was the draft NHS Shetland Feedback and Complaints report which is due to be submitted to the Scottish government and to the Scottish health Council for review by the 30 June 2015. The document was noted.

8. NHS Shetland email ref. Feedback from South Mainland Locality Planning meeting: Attached were the notes and feedback which had been gathered from the recent Locality Planning meeting for the South Mainland. Once NHS Shetland has finished the first round of Locality Planning meetings, they will pull together all the notes under themes and topics and feed these back to the relevant service managers, who they expect to be both acting directly on what they hear and including locality issues in future planning ie the next Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan.

15/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Virkie Pool: Following the receipt of a letter in May enquiring if the Community Council would consider improving the access to the turning circle by the willows at the west end of the Pool of Virkie, Mr Mitchell had enquired of the Sumburgh Airport Operations Manager if HIAL owned the area of land in question. The Operations Manager had stated that he was 99.9% sure they did not. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would ask Grant Gillfillan, SIC, if he knows who owns the land as the Community Council cannot consider taking on any improvements without the consent of the owner.

2. Mental Health: Mr Nickerson raised concerns at the length of time individuals have to wait in Shetland for mental health intervention. National guidelines state that it should be a maximum of 18 weeks – which the members considered to be too long. Mr Nickerson stated that the only course of action available in Shetland appears to be medication when many patients are actually in need of counselling. It was agreed that the current level of Mental Health provision in the South Mainland should be raised with the Health Board and that the best way to do this would be to invite a senior representative to attend a Community Council meeting. The Clerk will take this forward.

3. Fundraising for Nepal: Mr Mitchell reported that the Levenwick Hall had now raised almost £3000 in total for Nepal following their recent devastating earthquake.

4. Community Council Vacancies: Mr Mainland reminded the members that the Community Council still has 3 vacancies should they know of anyone who might be interested in joining.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2015.**