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| <b>DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b> |
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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 30 March 2015.

**PRESENT:**

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| Mr R Mainland  | Ms E Mainland           | Mrs S Malcolmson          | Mr M Shearer |
| Mr R Nickerson | Cllr B Fox (ex-officio) | Cllr G Smith (ex-officio) |              |

**APOLOGIES**

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| Mr S Mitchell              | Mrs F Mitchell | Ms Janice Armstrong |
| Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio) |                | PC McDiarmid        |

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

**14/93 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 23 February 2015 was adopted on the motion of Ms Mainland.

**14/94 POLICE REPORT**

There was no police report available.

**14/95 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) A970 Levenwick:** As requested, the Community Council had received a copy of the guidelines for setting local speed limits from SIC Roads. Cllr Smith reported that it is planned to carry out traffic counts at this location.

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**14/95 MATTERS ARISING (continued)**

**1. Road Matters:**

**b) Skellberry:** It was noted that '20 is plenty' signs had been erected at the Skellberry bends.

**c) St. Ninian's Sign, Teevliks:** Mr Nickerson reported that the St. Ninian's sign at the Teevliks had blown down in the wind. Cllr Fox reported that the SIC Roads Department are aware of this as he had reported it direct to them himself.

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

**3. MV Good Shepherd/Grutness Pier:** There was nothing new to report. It was agreed that the Clerk should email Mrs Mitchell and enquire if Fair Isle as any outstanding concerns with regard to either MV Good Shepherd or Grutness Pier.

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

**5. Scousburgh Hill:** The Clerk had forwarded Mr Mitchell's photographs of the buildings to Mr Jarden, SIC.

**6. Bigton Feeder Service:** The SIC had replied to the Community Council's email regarding this matter, however, Cllr Fox had a further update. Cllr Fox reported that the SIC can see no way around the Bigton Shop's issue with the current Bigton Feeder Service other than to provide an extra run. They are not willing to revert to the former service due to usage. However, a full Shetland wide review of the current bus service is to be carried out to address any issues and Transport Scotland has provided funding to carry out a survey. As a result of this process, funds may be freed up which could result in an additional feeder service run to Bigton being provided which would alleviate the shop's issues with receiving some deliveries from Lerwick.

**14/96 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. SIC Community Development Fund:** The Clerk reported that she had submitted the Community Council's general application for £3000 and Mr Mainland had submitted Community Council's application for the Distribution Fund for the Seaside Awards Scheme.

**14/96 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)**

**2. Community Council Core Funding:** Michael Duncan, SIC External Funding Officer, had emailed the Community Council with an update on this year's Core Funding award. It is an annual requirement that a report is presented to the Council's Policy & Resources Committee to seek approval to pay Community Council Core Funding and carry forward surplus funds, where applicable. The next available P&R committee takes place on 4 May 2015. As part of this year's report to P&R, as well as seeking approval on the above as normal, a few ideas to simplify and speed up the process involved in relation to approving core funding and surplus funds carry forwards will be included.

The members agreed that any simplification in the current process of awarding Community Council's their Core Funding was welcome and it was hoped that the adoption of this would mean a return to Community Council's receiving their annual funding nearer the beginning of the financial year.

**3. Dunrossness Central Public Hall – To assist with the purchase of Bar and Kitchen Equipment:** Mr Nickerson proposed that the Hall be awarded £500 this financial year and £500 next financial year. Mr Mainland raised a counter motion that £1000 be awarded this financial year and £500 next. This was seconded by Mr Shearer. Mr Nickerson withdrew his proposal and there were no further counter motions. As the application had requested a contribution of £2000 from the Community Council, it was agreed that the above grant award would be subject to the applicant being able to prove that they can provide the remaining funding from an alternative source to complete the project.

**4. Da Voar Redd Up 2015:** This year's Voar Redd Up is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014. According to Shetland Amenity Trust, last year 4,349 participants volunteered more than 18,500 man hours to collect over 65 tonnes of bruck from roadside verges, beaches and coastline. The members agreed, as proposed by Mrs Malcolmson and seconded by Mr Nickerson, to support the event to the tune of £1000.

**5. Dunrossness Primary School – To assist with the purchase of a Portable PA System, Speaker Stands and Instrument Cables to enhance school events such as the various concerts, drama performances, end of term dances etc which are held throughout the school year:** It was agreed, as proposed by Ms Mainland, seconded by Mr Nickerson, to award the requested sum of £500. Payment of the grant will be deferred until the Community Council's 2015/2016 core funding is received in May.

**14/96 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)**

**6. South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens - To assist with the costs of providing monthly meetings for senior citizens in the area:** It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Shearer and seconded by Mr Mainland, to award the requested sum of £400. Payment of the grant will be deferred until the Community Council's 2015/2016 core funding is received in May

**7. Kiera Munro – To assist with the membership fee and travel costs to attend 3 courses in order to play flute and piccolo with the national Youth Orchestra of Scotland:** Mr Mainland took the opportunity to inform the members that the recent Music Festival had once more been a 'fantastic' event for the south mainland. It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Mainland and seconded by Ms Mainland, to award a donation of £300 subject to confirmation from Michael Duncan, SIC that this is within the rules of the Community Council.

**8. Shetland Table Tennis Association – To assist with travel and accommodation costs of competitors attending the 2015 Nat West Island Games in Jersey:** Ms Mainland and Mr Mainland declared an interest. As this meant the meeting was not quorate, the matter had to be deferred to a future meeting.

**14/97 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

**1. Proposed Housing (Planning Permission in Principle), North Staney Hill, Lerwick:** SIC Planning had written to inform the Community Council that the above application was considered by the Council's Planning Committee at its meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and it was agreed to approve consent subject to conditions. Dunrossness Community Council and two others had entered an objection to this application as they felt social housing was also required in rural areas. The objections had been taken into account but did not fit planning objectives. Cllr Fox reported that the above development will be spread over a period of 10 to 20 years and will not mean the exclusion of rural developments. Mr Mainland reminded members that the Housing Strategy document from 2011 stated that housing should be centralised, something which Dunrossness Community Council had opposed. The Dunrossness area has had no new social housing this century. Cllr Smith stated that it is more economic for the SIC to support Hjalmland Housing as the Council is not in a position to build their own housing at present.

**14/97 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. Proposed Housing (Planning Permission in Principle), North Stoney Hill, Lerwick (continued):** Cllr Fox agreed that things are changing in the South Mainland with the upturn in work at Sumburgh Airport and suggested that the Community Council should therefore push for additional housing in the Dunrossness area. The Council holds a 'developers meeting' from time to time to discuss potential housing and Cllr fox thought that the Community Council should maybe attend the next one to put forward their case for the area. It was also agreed to invite Anita Jamieson and Brian Leask or SIC Housing to attend the May meeting of the Community Council.

**14/98 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting:** Mr Nickerson had attended a SACC meeting on 24 March 2015 and reported as follows:

- The FIDS (Flight Information Display Systems) now functions but a fibre optic upgrade from BT is being awaited.
- Cllr M Stout is to investigate bus times for early mornings

The Airport Manager reported that:

- a grant of £6.5m from the Scottish Government has been awarded for Phase II of the terminal upgrade project. This will include internal upgrading of check-in and security areas including new baggage conveyor belts, second security line, an upgrade to the café and recladding of the external of the building. The design stage will commence shortly. Phase I is almost complete.
- an additional rescue boat ramp is to be installed at Quendale Beach and a new tractor purchased
- a Capacity Study has been commissioned to assess future planning
- a full time Security Manager has been appointed. Security is still under staffed by 8.5. ATC's recruitment is complete. It was noted that staff recruitment is a major issue
- airport traffic is up 9% on last year but a reduction in Petrofac traffic is expected
- there are new CAA requirements with regard to Runway Barriers. Staffing will now be required at the Runway Barrier posts throughout airport operational hours. Therefore new accommodation is to be constructed for Security staff. Bus Shelters will also be provided for use by pedestrians.

**14/98 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS****1. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting (Continued):**

Mr Nickerson raised the issue of possible strike action by Security staff. HIAL stated that they expect to cope with the disruption but will ask passengers to arrive earlier. It is expected that there could be up to 1.5 hour delays and passengers may be called into departures earlier than normal. Mr Nickerson had asked that additional catering, and especially water, be provided in the Departure Lounge. He also asked that scheduled airlines be given priority but received no undertaking that this would be the case.

Loganair/Flybe announced that passenger numbers are stable with all but the Bergen route (except the Bergen Sat to Sat route for 2015 is up 40%) up in usage.

HIAL Chairman, Glenville Johnson, announced that HIAL will be purchasing 2 new Twin Otter aircraft.

**14/99 CORRESPONDENCE****1. Scottish Fire & Rescue letter ref. Retained Duty System (RDS)**

**Firefighter Recruitment Campaigns:** The letter states that *the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is embarking on a significant recruitment campaign aimed at attracting and recruiting new people into the local Community Fire Stations throughout Shetland. In recent years, SFRS has come in for significant criticism regarding its recruitment process and the length of time taken to attract, select and recruit new staff into the service. Much of this criticism was justified. This has resulted in a root and branch review of the recruitment and selection processes and has culminated in the development of a new approach which will see not only the length of time from advert to the start of a training course being reduced to around 16 weeks (down from a previous average of 36 weeks), but also in a streamlining of the steps potential applicants must proceed to become an RDS Firefighter. Anyone interested in joining should look out for the vacancy notices throughout the community.*

**2. SIC email ref. Consultation on Flood Risk Management Plans:** SEPA's national consultation process on the Flood Risk Management Plans runs for 3 months from 2 March 2015 to 2 June 2015. The consultation is for anyone who has an interest in how flooding in Scotland is tackled and how flooding impacts communities. The email states that *the consultation is hosted on Citizen Space, a widely used tool for public sector consultations. Information has been presented in an easy to understand way allowing users to search their area of interest and related documents by using a map or postcode search.*

## 14/99 CORRESPONDENCE

### 2. SIC email ref. Consultation on Flood Risk Management Plans

**(continued):** Visit <https://frm-scotland.org.uk> SEPA can also be contacted through their dedicated consultation contacts: Tel: 03000 996699, email: [floodactconsultation@sepa.org.uk](mailto:floodactconsultation@sepa.org.uk) or post: Flood Risk Management Consultation, Angus Smith Building, 6 Parklands Avenue, Holytown, North Lanarkshire, ML1 4WQ

**3. 'Thank you' letter from Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care for grant received:** The letter was noted.

**4. SIC email ref. Levenwick Viewing Point Litter Bin:** Graham Moar, SIC, had emailed the Community Council to inform the members that the SIC had placed a litter bin at the viewing point at the north Levenwick junction. This was noted.

## 14/100 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**1. Community Council Membership:** Hugh Harrop had expressed an interest in joining the Community Council and it was agreed to invite him to a future meeting at which he would be co-opted.

**2. Joint Liaison Group Representative:** Mr Nickerson had previously expressed an interest in representing the South Mainland at Joint Liaison Group meetings. This had been put to both Gulberwick, Quarff & Cunningsburgh and Sandwick Community Councils who were in agreement with this. The Clerk will inform Kate Massie of the ASCC.

**3. Dog Fouling:** Cllr Fox had been approached by members of the public regarding dog fouling issues in the Quendale area. It was agreed to write to SIC Environmental Health raising concerns regarding this matter and, as suggested by Cllr Smith, the members will discuss the matter with Police Scotland when they next attend a Community Council meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chair

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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 27 APRIL 2015.**