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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 25 April 2016.

**PRESENT**

Mr R Mainland  
Mr R Nickerson

Mr H Harrop  
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)

Mr S Mitchell  
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)

Mrs S Malcolmson

**APOLOGIES**

Ms E Mainland

Mrs F Mitchell

Ms J Armstrong

Mr G Waddell

Mr M Shearer

Ms S Batley

Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)

Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

**16/01 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 28 March 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson

**16/02 POLICE REPORT**

No Police Report was available.

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## 16/03 MATTERS ARISING

### 1. Road Matters:

**a) Missing Road Markings:** Cllr Duncan had reported to Mr Mainland that the markings have not been replaced on the repaired sections of road between Levenwick and Robins Brae as it is to be resurfaced soon and the markings will then be done later in the year.

**b) Fair Isle Roads:** SIC Roads have done an initial survey of the Fair Isle roads. Cllr Smith reported that SIC Roads representatives have been back to Fair Isle again and repairs will be done when the weather improves.

**c) Levenwick 30 mph:** A copy of a letter from a member of the public which had been sent to Dave Coupe, SIC Roads, regarding the extension of the current Levenwick 30mph speed restriction had been received. Mr Mainland informed the members that speed limits were discussed at the recent ASCC meeting. SIC Roads are to be invited to the next ASCC meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the SIC and ASCC requesting that the 30mph speed restriction in Levenwick be included on the next ASCC Agenda.

**d) Speeding Vehicles:** The issue of vehicles being driven at excessive speeds through Dunrossness was discussed. It was agreed to write to the SIC and request that the 'Smiley Face' road sign be positioned in the vicinity of the 50 mph heading south for a period.

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

**3. Scousburgh Hill:** There was nothing new to report. The members were unsure what further can be done in relation to the condition of the buildings or who they could write to unless possibly the Chief Executive of BT.

**4. Recycling Facilities:** Maggie Sandison, SIC Infrastructure Services, had replied to the Community Council's query. She stated that the SIC are actively working with the Scottish Government and Zero Waste Scotland to respond to the recycling targets set out in the new Scottish Government Code of Practice on Waste. This is likely to lead to substantial changes in SIC services and may mean the removal of 'bring site recycling facilities' to be replaced by a doorstep collection of recyclates from all households across Shetland. Mrs Sandison anticipates that SIC will be in a position to start describing the future recycling/waste collection services by September. William Spence, SIC Executive Manager for Environment Services, had also replied and added that, with regard to recycling facilities overflowing, he had not been aware of this happening other than at the time of the SMUHA and that, unfortunately, the SIC no longer have the lorry which went around collecting the recyclates and have to rely on hiring in contractors but do try to plan collection on a regular basis.

**16/03 MATTERS ARISING (continued)**

**5. Bigton Feeder Service:** Cllr Fox informed the members that he had spoken to ZetTrans with regard to the current Bigton Feeder Service and had been informed that everything relating to bus services is currently tied up in the review process which is ongoing and that any changes to the current service will only take place as part of the review. The review is well overdue, but this was down to previous staffing issues which have now been rectified.

**6. Levenwick Medical Practice Appointments System:** Following a request by the Community Council for clarification on how the current appointment system operates at the Levenwick Surgery, the following details had been received:

**GP Appointments:** Each day, appointments can be booked for that day and a few for the next day – Telephone at 0900 if you wish to make a doctor's appointment for that day. It will be extremely busy and your call will be put in a queue, but please wait on the line until it is answered. If you wish to book well in advance, and there is an available slot, an appointment can be booked.

**Nurse Appointments:** Phone at any time of the day, but best to avoid 0900 – 0930 as people are trying to make GP appointments at this time. If there is an available slot, your appointment will be booked. If you wish to book in advance and there is an available slot, an appointment will be booked.

**16/04 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**1. Funding:** Mr Mainland reported that the Community Council has been successful in their application for CDF Project Funding for £1000 towards the Keep Scotland Beautiful Seaside Award Scheme for St Ninian's and Westvoe Beaches. And their application to the CDF for £3000 toward the PB Project. Core Funding of £9546 has also been received.

**2. PB Project:** This funding opportunity is now known as 'South Mainland Decides'. Mr Mainland reported that he, Mr Harrop and Mr Mitchel had attended various South Mainland Decides meetings recently. Over 90 groups have been identified in the South Mainland who could potentially apply for funding. Pat Christie has access to email addresses for these and will therefore contact them to make them aware of this funding opportunity. Applications and guidance notes have been prepared and will be available from Community Council Clerks, Pat Christie, on-line and local shops. Each group can apply for a maximum of two grants between £100 and £1000 each.

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**2 PB Project (continued):** The closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> May. The event at which everyone attending will have the opportunity to decide which applications are successful will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Sandwick Social Club between 1030 and 1430. Tea and coffee will be available and each applicant will have a 'stall' where all attending the event can see what the group has applied for funding for. Anyone over 8 years of age will be able to vote on which groups are successful in their applications for funding.

**3. CDF Funding:** Mr Mainland enquired of the Councillors present, if they considered the process of Community Councils applying for supplementary funding through the CDF has been a successful method of distributing funds as far as the Council is concerned. Mr Mainland considered this whole scheme of applying for additional funding to be frustrating and, in these times of cost cutting, a lot of additional work, using council resources and the Clerks time. Cllr Fox agreed that there could be some merit in looking at restructuring the scheme but was concerned that this might risk the budget taking a 'hit' although it could indeed reduce the admin burden.

**4. External Funding Sources:** For more information on current external funding sources, see below:

- **CashBack for Communities Facilities Fund - Now Receiving Applications for 2016-17**  
<http://www.youthlinkscotland.org.uk/>
- **Voluntary Action Fund – The first Scottish Government funded Programme of its kind to tackle social isolation and loneliness in Scotland**  
<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/>
- **Pink Ribbon Foundation**  
<http://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/grants/>
- **Help the Homeless Accepting**  
<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/>
- **The Screen Skills Fund 2016**  
[http://www.creativescotland.com/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/31127/Film-Funding-Guidance\\_2015\\_16\\_-v3.pdf](http://www.creativescotland.com/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/31127/Film-Funding-Guidance_2015_16_-v3.pdf)

## 16/04 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

### 4. External Funding Sources (continued):

- **New £2 Million Project Fund to Support Families and Communities in Scotland**  
<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Supporting-families-and-communities-2440.aspx>
- **Tudor Trust Publishes 2016/17 Guidelines**  
<http://tudortrust.org.uk/>
- **Tesco Bags of Help greenspace funding**  
<http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp2>
- **BBC Children in Need Grants Programme**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1N4ddmFHns8VPKjyp3PMYwn/apply-for-a-grant>

## 16/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. **To erect dwelling house and shed, 1 South Punds Park, Levenwick by Mr John Tait:** There were no objections.

## 16/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. **Association of Shetland Community Councils (ASCC):** Mr Mainland and Ms Mainland had attended the ASCC meeting on 9 April and reported as follows:

**a) Planning** – Yell Community Council raised an issue relating to wind turbines in their local area. They reported that planning consent has been refused for a dwelling house due to the position of a wind turbine in relation to the proposed site of the house. As there is some uncertainty with regard to planning laws in relation to dwelling houses and wind turbines, SIC Planning and Environmental Services have been invited to attend the next ASCC Meeting.

**b) Roads** – See item 16/03/3 above. A news item regarding this can also be found on The Shetland Times (<http://www.shetlandtimes.co.uk>) website from 16/04/16 headed 'Burden of bureaucracy hampers road safety bids'.

**c) Boundary Commission Changes** – SIC have entered an objection to the changes. Jan Riise, Executive Manager, SIC Governance & Law will keep the ASCC updated on any response received from the Commission, which is likely to be before the summer.

**16/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS****1. Association of Shetland Community Councils (ASCC) continued:**

**d) Community Council Minutes** – It was discussed that some Community Councils have websites that they can publish their Minutes on and that some use Facebook pages in order to stay connected with communities. However, some have neither and it was therefore agreed that Ms Dalziel ASCC Admin Assistant would contact Community Council Clerks and enquire if their Community Council would be interested in having their Minutes published on the ASCC page of the Voluntary Action Shetland website. DCC members agreed that, although Dunrossness Community Council publishes their Minutes on their own website, they would not be averse to also publishing them on the above site.

**e) CDF** – Michael Duncan reported that out of the £68,000 pot of funds available, £44485 had been allocated in Round 1

**f) ASCC Evaluation** – The ASCC are currently undertaking a self-evaluation.

**g) Town Hall Sub Committee** – The sub-committee are looking for an ASCC representative to join the committee. There is currently a project for some window and stonework repairs.

**h) Fixed Links** – There was a lot of discussions regarding Fixed Links. Michael Craigie, ZetTrans, gave a presentation on where they currently are with regard to inter-island ferries. It was considered that this was not the time for Fixed Links.

**i) Shetland's Outcome Improvement Plan** – The ASCC endorsed this.

**j) Clerks Salary:** Issue of inconsistencies with regards to the rate of pay which Community Council Clerks throughout Shetland are receiving was raised. The ASCC recommended that the rate of pay for Clerks should be band H2. Mr Mainland proposed that Dunrossness Community Council should adopt this proposal and the members agreed unanimously.

**16/07 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Email ref. Scottish Rural Parliament Local Event:** Scottish Rural Action is launching "*possibly the biggest ever conversation held in Scotland about the issues that matter most to rural communities*". The dates for the 'Shetland events' are Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Market House and Community Councillors are invited to attend.

**2. Email ref. Community Empowerment Act Consultations - Community Planning and Participation Requests:** The Scottish Government have published the consultation on the draft guidance and regulation for part 2 of the Act on Community Planning and for Part 3 on Participation Requests. The consultations can be found at <http://bit.ly/1RouHMH> and <http://bit.ly/230AzxW> Responses are required by 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**16/07 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

**3. Email ref. Police Scotland Online Public Survey:** Police Scotland launched their redesigned online public survey on 7<sup>th</sup> April. The survey will allow communities to tell the police what is important to them. The responses to the consultation process will be continuously monitored and quarterly progress reports will be published on the Police Scotland website. For further information, visit <http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2016/april/your-view-counts-police-scotland-launches-new-public-survey#>

**4. Scrap Cars, Grutness:** Mrs Mitchell had emailed to inform the members that the 4 scrap cars which have recently arrived at Grutness from Fair Isle are on the list for the Amenity Trust to collect as soon as they can. Unfortunately she could not guarantee that the original one will be collected at the same time as she has no details relating to it. The Clerk will contact the Amenity Trust and enquire.

**5. School Transport Stop Assessment Reports:** The Community Council are finally in receipt of Stop Assessment Reports and Maps detailing school transport in the Dunrossness area. This was welcomed by the members. The accompanying letter states, however, that the SIC have been waiting for transport operators to confirm their stops and routes, and since some have still to do so, some of the information may not be entirely accurate.

**6. Email regarding Bus Shelter Query:** The Community Council had received an email from a member of the public regarding a query they had put to the SIC with regard to the possibility of getting an additional bus shelter positioned somewhere in the region of the Spiggie junction at Quendale. No reply had been received from the SIC. The members agreed it was unlikely the SIC would agree to siting one at this position due to the junction but the Community Council will write to the Roads Dept enquiring if they will consider a site in close proximity.

**16/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. See Me:** Mr Mainland was wearing a 'See Me' badge which he asked to pass on to one of the members. 'See Me' is an alliance of five mental health organisations which is funded by the Scottish Government. Their aim is to end mental health stigma and discrimination and the idea of the badges is that you wear it for one day and then pass it on to someone else to do the same in an effort to raise awareness of 'See Me'.

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

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON  
MONDAY 30 MAY 2016.**