

<b>DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>
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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**PRESENT**

Mr R Mainland	Mr H Harrop	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr S Mitchell
Mr M Shearer	Mrs S Waddell	Mr G Waddell	
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)		

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs E Flaws	Mrs F Mitchell	Mr R Nickerson	Ms J Armstrong
Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)			
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)			

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

The Community Council extended their congratulations and best wishes to two couples with Community Council connections who had been married over the summer period. Community Councillor Sharon Batley married Community Councillor Gordon Waddell and Community Councillor Edna Mainland married Derek Flaws.

**16/17 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mitchell, subject to the following amendment:

**16/12 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS, PB Project – ‘South Mainland Decides’:** Sandwick Boating and Sailing Club were awarded £900 towards the renovation of their dinghies/sail training and Sandwick Brownies were awarded £900 towards an overnight trip to Voxter

## **16/18 POLICE REPORT**

PC Chris Hardwick reported that 27 'incidents' had been reported for the Dunrossness area during the month of July. These were all of a routine nature with the exception of:

- 1 drivers cautioned and charged with care careless driving
- 1 vehicle collision, no injuries

PC Hardwick also reported that once the officer for the North Isles takes up his post, staffing levels will be at full compliment. There is also a probationer due to start at training college in September and should be in Shetland by December which means staffing levels will then be one over the required level.

**'Rural Watch Shetland'** was launched by the Police Youth Volunteers at the Cunningsburgh Show on 10<sup>th</sup> August. Any crime that affects those living, working or visiting rural areas of Shetland is considered rural crime. The purpose of the scheme is to prevent such criminality by establishing and developing trust and communication between members of the rural community and Police Scotland. To help achieve this, Police at Lerwick will share any ongoing potential criminal activity with members of the scheme via text message or email by way of an alert message. Members of the scheme will be asked to be vigilant in noting details of suspicious persons or activity or vehicles in their area and sharing this information with your local police. By working together this will help keep the rural areas of Shetland safe and maintain the lifestyle we all enjoy. For further information on the scheme, please contact PC Carole Smith at Lerwick Police Station. Tel: 101

**'Your View Counts'** is a public consultation to enable the public to have their say in the decision making process of Police Scotland and is a vital tool for residents of Scotland to be able to shape the way their public services should operate. Please complete the questionnaire which can be found at **[Scotland.Police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://Scotland.Police.uk/yourviewcounts)**

## **16/19 MATTERS ARISING**

### **1. Road Matters:**

**a) Missing Road Markings:** Cllr Smith reported that the contractors are now in Shetland to carrying out works to replace missing road markings. Cllr Smith forwarded an email detailing the sections of road to receive new markings to the Clerk for sending onwards to the Community Council members.

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**b) Fair Isle Roads:** Cllr Fox had obtained a copy of the SIC Road Dept's report on the Fair Isle Roads. The report relates to an inspection carried out on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and states that '*the general condition of the roads is of reasonable to good standard, well maintained and fit for purpose*'. The report states that '*a number of minor carriageway defects (cracking and fretting with loss of aggregate from immediate surface) were identified in North haven and in the vicinity of the airstrip. These were in the process of being repaired with cold tar patching. The only other defect is the minor damage to the roadside verges on the insides of the bends behind the school. This is possibly due to the fire engine over running the road edge on its way from its garage to the airstrip. No maintenance required at this time*'. Cllr Fox had emailed the report to the Clerk and she will forward it on to the members.

**c) Levenwick Loop Road, South End:** Mr Mitchell raised the issue that repairs have still not been carried out to the road surface at the south end of the Levenwick Loop although other resurfacing works have already been completed in the South Mainland. The members were sure this section of road was included in a letter from the SIC Roads Department detailing sections to receive repairs. The Clerk will check and email the members.

**2. Levenwick Graveyard Access:** Ms Brunton, SIC Legal Services had emailed on 19<sup>th</sup> July informing the Community Council that the purchase of the access to Levenwick Graveyard by the Council had been concluded that day. The members were delighted with this piece of information after a number of years of trying to have this put in place.

**3. Scousburgh Hill:** Mr Rathbone, BT, had responded to the Clerks request for an update on what was to happen with regards to the dilapidated state of the BT site at Scousburgh Hill. Mr Rathbone confirmed that they are still in discussion with their partner organisations with regard to the future of the property. A demolition is BT's preferred option, however, in view of other interests in the property they are not in a position to commit to this until they have obtained the necessary agreements to do so. Mr Rathbone's property colleagues will continue to monitor and address any immediate issues with the buildings on site and he will contact the Community Council again as soon as he receives confirmation of a definitive action plan for the property.

**4. Scrap Vehicles:** The members reported that there are still scrap vehicles awaiting collection at Grutness. The Clerk will contact Sita Goudie at Shetland Amenity Trust for an update.

**5. Bigton Feeder Service:** There was nothing new to report.

## 16/20 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

**1. Community Council Accounts:** The Clerk reported that the Community Council's Annual Accounts have been completed by Voluntary Action Shetland. These were approved by the members and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk will forward a copy to VAS and Michael Duncan, SIC. Mr Harrop enquired if the Accounts would be displayed on the Community Council Website. This has not been the case up until now, but it was agreed this was a good suggestion. The Clerk will organise this.

**2. PB Project - 'South Mainland Decides':** The Clerk reported that she had now received the final 'Funding Acceptance Form' and the cheques will now be sent out to each of the groups who applied and were awarded funding under this scheme.

**3. Community Choices Fund:** The Community Council had agreed at its meeting in July to submit an application to the above fund. However, Mr Mainland apologised that he had been unable to do this in the time frame required due to other commitments over the summer period. The SIC have, however, submitted an application.

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

- **Historic Building Repair Grants Scheme**  
<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/>
- **Climate Challenge Fund Development Grants Opens for Scottish Groups**  
<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccfdevelopmentgrants>
- **Big Lottery Fund's new Community Assets programme**  
<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/community-assets>
- **Paths for All (Scotland) Health Walk Grants Launch for 2016**  
<http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/health-walk-grants.html>
- **Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Endowments Grants Scheme**  
<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-endowments>

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

- **HLF - Resilient Heritage Programme**

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/resilient-heritage>

- **Volant Charitable Trust Re-opens with Focus on Scotland**

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/volant/>

- **Tesco Bags of Help Programme**

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Catagory/apply-for-a-boh-grant-tes2>

## 16/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. **To construct an agricultural building, Eastshore, Virkie by Laurence Leslie, Virkie** - There were objections.

Mr Harrop reported that there were a further 2 planning applications on the Council website which the Community Council had not received notification of. They are:

2. **Erect new dwelling house, shed, polycrub, septic tank and create access with parking and turning area, house site, Longfield, Dunrossness by Mrs Sue Horne, Lerwick** – This was noted and the members were unaware of any objections.

3. **Convert and extend existing building for use as a dwelling house and install septic tank, Cloddyknowe Meeting Hall, Scousburgh by Andrew and Alexis Jennings** – This was noted and the members were unaware of any objections.

**Changes to Planning Pre-Application Service:** An email regarding changes to the pre-application service provided by SIC had been received from Iain McDiarmid, Executive Manager – Planning. The email states:

*'I have mentioned at several Developers' Meetings that we are reviewing the free planning advice we give at a pre-application stage. We have always felt that early engagement speeds up the application process, and leads to better development. At the same time, we are tasked with improving performance whilst dealing with significant budget cuts. We are therefore continuously reviewing the way we work*

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**Changes to Planning Pre-Application Service (continued):** *One area we have looked at is pre-application advice. We record all pre-applications, and last year the number was around 250. Even though compliance with planning control is an obligation placed on the developer, for many years Shetland Islands Council has provided a free service to prospective developers and their agents, assessing informally whether a proposal needs planning permission. This is despite the fact that there is a formal application process for a Certificate of Lawfulness.*

It has now been agreed that the Planning Department 'can no longer continue to provide the pre-application service'.

**16/22 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

No relevant external meetings had been attended over the summer

**16/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. SIC Letter ref. Community Council By-Election:** There is currently a Community Council By-Election taking place to try and fill vacancies on various Community Councils throughout Shetland. Dunrossness currently has one vacancy. Anyone interested in joining the Community Council can obtain a nomination paper from the SIC at 8 North Ness Business Park, Lerwick or telephone 01595 744554. All completed nomination papers should be returned by 4pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**2. SIC Email ref Shetland Inter Island Transport Study – Public Engagement Update:** The next round of public engagement on the Shetland Inter-Island Transport Study began on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Details can be found at <http://www.shetland.gov.uk/transport/consultations.asp>

**3. SIC Email ref. Resilience Activities – Shetland 2016/17:** A list of exercises, training and workshops which was endorsed by the Shetland Community Safety & Resilience Board on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 was attached. Ingrid Gall, Resilience Advisor thought that Exercise North Explorer on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016, a workshop and exercise dealing with a cruise liner incident, would be of specific interest.

**4. Citizens Advice Bureau Letter ref. Membership:** The Clerk confirmed that she had renewed Dunrossness Community Councils membership of CAB.

**16/23 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)**

**5. 'Thank You' Letter from the organisers of the Shetland Festival of Remembrance for the donation awarded:** The letter was noted.

**6. SIC Email ref. Consultation on Supplementary Guidance Documents – Aquaculture and Works Licensing:** This letter had been forwarded to the members during the summer break. The consultation ran for the period 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**7. SIC Email ref Planning and Architecture Blog:** Forwarded was an article entitled "Scottish Ministers response to the report of the independent planning review". This can be viewed at [www.gov.scot/planningreview](http://www.gov.scot/planningreview)

**8. SIC Email ref Shetland Local Development Plan – Draft Development Brief, Anderson High School Campus, Knab, Lerwick:** This email had been forwarded to the members during the summer break. The consultation ran for the period 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**9. Email from Tavish Scott ref Northern Isles Digital Forum Event:** The event had taken place on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Skeld Public Hall but unfortunately no member of Dunrossness Community Council had been available to attend

**10. Shetland Amenity Trust Email ref 2016 Shetland Environmental Awards:** The 2016 Environmental Awards have been launched. The closing date for award applications is 12 noon on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, with the awards presented at a ceremony in the Shetland Museum and Archives in November. The Trust is encouraging electronic applications, either through the website at [www.shetlandamenity.org/shetland-environmental-awards](http://www.shetlandamenity.org/shetland-environmental-awards) or by emailing [info@shetlandamenity.org](mailto:info@shetlandamenity.org) to request an electronic application pack. However, if this is not possible, paper application forms can be printed from the website or requested from Shetland Amenity Trust offices, Garthspool, Lerwick, Tel 01595 694688

**11. A copy of the following are available from the Clerk:**

- The Crown Estate – Scotland Portfolio Update 2015/16

**16/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Levenwick Tennis Court:** Mr Mitchell reported that the tennis court at Levenwick is currently being demolished due to its dilapidated condition. It is hoped to redevelop the site in the future although a decision is still to be taken as to what form this might take. Two suggestions are: a small play park or polycrubs and allotments.

**16/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)**

**2. Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council:** Mr Harrop stated that the DPS Parent Council is keen to have a representative of the Community Council attend their meetings again.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON  
MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016.**