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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 27th June 2016.

PRESENT

Mr R Mainland

Mr M Shearer

Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)

Mr H Harrop

Ms S Batley

Mrs S Malcolmson

Mr G Waddell

Ms E Mainland

Mr S Mitchell

APOLOGIES

Mrs F Mitchell

Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)

Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)

Mr R Nickerson

Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)

Ms J Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

16/09 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 25 April 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mr Harrop

The Minute of the meeting held on 30 May 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mr Waddell

16/10 POLICE REPORT

According to the Police Report which had been received, 38 'incidents' had been reported for the month up to 3 June. These were all of a routine nature with the exception of:

- 2 drivers cautioned and charged for speeding
- 1 driver cautioned and charged for careless driving
- 1 vehicle road collision in Levenwick, one occupant, no injuries
- 1 person reported being assaulted. Enquiries are ongoing.

16/11 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters:

a) Missing Road Markings: There was nothing new to report.

b) Fair Isle Roads: Mrs Mitchell had enquired if any report on the current condition of the Fair Isle Roads had been received. As there had not, Cllr Fox agreed to pursue an update.

c) Levenwick 30 mph: There was nothing new to report.

2. Levenwick Graveyard Access: Cllr Smith had requested an update from Susan Brunton, SIC Legal Services. Ms Brunton had replied that the missives have been concluded ie the contract to sell agreed and therefore binding in Scots law. She has spoken to the solicitor dealing with the formal conveyancing and she has reported that matters are nearing completion and expects it to be settled in the next month. This was welcomed.

3. Scousburgh Hill: There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will seek an update as Mr Rathbone had stated in his previous email that he would be in contact again by the middle of June to confirm their action plan for the site. Mr Harrop also requested that the local RSPB included in any correspondence relating to proposed works to be carried out at the site as there are currently Rain Geese breeding within the compound.

4. Scrap Vehicles: Mr Waddell reported that there are still scrap vehicles awaiting collection at Grutness. Mr Mainland offered to contact Shetland Amenity Trust for an update.

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

16/12 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. PB Project - 'South Mainland Decides': Mr Mainland reported that the final applications to South Mainland Decides had amounted to £18638. The event to decide who received funding was held in Sandwick on 18 June and had been attended by an impressive 378 people with 310 voting sheets and 250 feedback forms submitted. The steering group had held a feedback meeting last week, which had been attended by 4 SIC representatives, as they are required to compile a report. The members thanked Mr Mainland and Mr Mitchell for all their hard work on the steering group and for representing Dunrossness on this project and the other to participating Community Councils, Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh and Sandwick, for all their hard works and assistance in making this worthwhile project happen. The following is a brief list of applications received:

Group	Project	Amount Awarded
Bigton Community Hall	Purchase of acoustic panels	£1000
Bigton Toddler Group	Running costs	£ 500
Cunningsburgh History Group	Restore War Memorials	£1000
Cunningsburgh School Parent Council	Create sheltered outdoor learning & play area	£1000
Dunrossness Community Hall	Electrical improvements	£1000
Dunrossness Community Hall	Insurance costs	£1000
GAETS	Legal costs for new cycle path	£ 800
Hoswick Visitors Centre	Purchase computer	£1000
Levenwick Community Hall & Campsite	Resurface access track	£ 900
Levenwick Community Hall & Campsite	Purchase double oven	£1000
Ness Boating Club	Fireworks display & party	£ 572
Quarff Public Hall	Install heat exchangers	£1000
Quarff Public Hall	Stage lighting	£1000
Sandwick Boating & Sailing Club	Renovate 20+ dinghies	£1000
Sandwick Boating & Sailing Club	Sail training	£1000
Sandwick Brownies	Overnight trip to Vaxter	£1000
Sandwick Brownies	Running costs	£ 620
Sandwick Guides	Running costs	£ 400
Sandwick Social Club	Bonfire & firework display & indoor activities	£ 400
Sandwick Y & C Centre	Replace de-humidifier	£1000
South Mainland Swimming Club	Participate in swimming competitions on the mainland	£1000
Sandyburn Singers	Singing workshop	£ 518

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1. PB Project - 'South Mainland Decides' (continued): Further details on the above applications can be found on the South Mainland Decides website at www.southmainlanddecides.ggc-communitycouncil.co.uk

2. Community Choices Fund: An email had been received from SIC Community Development informing the Community Council of a new Fund which is now open for applications. The Scottish Government is providing further investment in participatory budgeting and has just launched a £1.5million Community Choices Fund. The fund is now open for applications in 2 categories: £750,000 for public authorities and £750,000 for community organisations and Community Councils. The SIC is keen to support Community Councils to get involved in this project and plan to submit a bid to the public authorities category to match fund Community Distribution Fund awards. The £750,000 for community organisations and Community Councils category is inviting bids of at least £20,000. This does not require any match funding. The members discussed this new funding opportunity and agreed to submit an application, although it was acknowledged that it will be highly competitive so there is a high possibility that the application will not be successful. :

3. Shetland Festival of Remembrance – Saturday 12 November 2016: To assist with the costs of holding a Festival of Remembrance as part the commemoration of a centenary of events which occurred during WW1: It was unanimously agreed to donate £100 towards the costs of this event.

4. South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Playing Fields: To assist with the costs of maintain the Playing Fields: The members were disappointed that the group had not taken the opportunity to apply for financial assistance from the recent PB Project, South Mainland Decides. The Community Council, having put their CDF funds towards South Mainland Decides, are now left with a very restricted budget for grant applications and the members therefore debated whether they should award such a large grant at this early stage of the financial year. However, it was agreed, as proposed by Mr Shearer and seconded by Mr Harrop, to award the requested grant of £1500 once more with an accompanying letter to the applicant stressing the importance of making use of other funding opportunities such as South Mainland Decides and recommending that an application should be submitted to this if there is a second round next financial year in order to safeguard this well used facility.

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5. Sandwich Boating Club: As mentioned at the Community Council's previous meeting, a grant had previously been awarded to Sandwich Boating Club to assist with the provision of new covers for their mirror dinghies. However, an email had now been received enquiring if the Boating Club could review how they spend this grant award as it was felt that there were more pressing matters requiring attention ie masts and booms, which would increase the longevity of the sail training. The members agreed this request was acceptable.

6. SIC Email ref. Community Choices Fund:

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

- **Ancient Monument Grants Scheme 2016**
https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/ancient-monument-grant-scheme/#criteria-for-awarding-grants_tab
- **Community Food and Health (Scotland) - Capacity Building Fund**
<http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/capacity-building-fund-2016-guidance-notes/>
- The Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation
<http://www.gordonandenabaxterfoundation.com/index.html>
- **VisitScotland Growth Fund**
http://www.visitscotland.org/business_support/marketing_opportunities/growth_fund.aspx
- **Community Food and Health (Scotland) - Annual Development Fund**
<http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/annual-development-fund/>
- **Scottish Heritage Angels Awards**
<http://www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk/>
- **Launch of Comic Relief's New Core Strength Programme (UK)**
<http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/core-strength>

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7.External Funding Sources (continued): For more information on current external funding sources, see below:

- **Historic Scotland’s Organisational Support Fund**

https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/voluntary-sector-funding/#how-to-apply_tab

- **HLF Skills for the Future Programme**

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

16/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. Retrospective Application. To site blue aluminium clad, insulated steel container for storage of mall agricultural items (quad etc). by Brian Jamieson, Fairview, Ireland, Bigton - There were objections.

16/14 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. South Main£and Decides: See ‘Finance and Grant Applications’

16/15 CORRESPONDENCE

1. SIC Email ref. Developers Workshop: The next Developers Workshop will be held on Wednesday 3 August at 0915 in Room 16, Islesburgh Community Centre.

2. SIC Email ref ‘Shetland Place Standard Consultation’: The SIC is asking people in Shetland to rate the place they live by taking part in an ‘important public consultation’. The survey uses a new, nationally recognised tool called “Place Standard”, and they will be able to compare their findings with other areas across the country. All responses are made anonymously and the data produced will be used to feed into the Local Housing Strategy, Local Development Plan, Transport Strategy and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. A report of the findings will be made public in the autumn. More details, including a link to the survey, can be found on the SIC website at www.shetland.gov.uk/placestadard.asp

3. SIC Email Shetland Local Flood Risk Management Plan: The Plan was published on 22 June 2016 and can be viewed on the SIC website at www.shetland.gov.uk/planning/documents/lfrp.pdf

16/15 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

4. SIC Email ref. eBuilding Standards Launch: Scotland's new eBuildingStandards.scot online applications service will be launched on 24 August 2016. From this date, SIC are proposing that the current electronic application option (1x paper, 1x pdf) be withdrawn and applications will only be via the eBuilding Standards portal or paper form.

5. SIC Email ref Shetland Inter Island Transport Study – Public Engagement Update: Michael Craigie reports that the SIC expect to have data on fixed links costs complete by the end of July, meaning they expect to be carrying out the public engagement in the second or third week of August. Also, Mr Craigie notes that the 'Place Standard Consultation' (see above) has had a very encouraging number of responses which his department will find helpful in their work on the Shetland Inter Island Transport Study and encourages as many people as possible to go online and complete the survey.

6. A copy of the following are available from the Clerk:

- Voluntary Action Shetland Annual Review 2015 – 2016

16/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. MV Good Shepherd: Mrs Mitchell had reported to the Clerk that a timetable has been laid down for the replacement of MV Good Shepherd. It was also noted, that Fair Isle continues to experience problems in relation to the restricted lifting capacity of the crane on the vessel.

2. Scottish Water: Mr Mitchell reported that he had recently had cause to contact Scottish Water regarding an interruption to the water supply in Levenwick and had not been impressed with the service provided by the central department he had to call on the Scottish Mainland as they appeared to be totally unaware of where he was calling from. Mr Harrop reported, however, that he had found the service provided very helpful whenever he has had to use it. It was agreed, however, that a local contact number is always favourable although Scottish Water does not provide this for public use.

3. Overhead Electricity Cables, Quendale: Mr Harrop reported that the 'Hydro' has now fitted new markers to the overhead electricity cables in the vicinity of Quendale Loch to help prevent further deaths of swans from hitting the cables.

16/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Unadopted Roads: Mr Harrop had received an enquiry from a Yaafield, Bigton, resident regarding the upkeep of unadopted roads and enquired what the Community Councils current position is on this. Mr Mainland explained that, historically, the Community Council had offered assistance by means of providing road materials to enable residents to maintain unadopted roads. However, a number of years ago, when Community Council budgets were slashed, it had been agreed to suspend this project and, although it is possible that the Community Council could decide to reinstate this at some time in the future, it will not be this year as funds do not permit.

5. Farm Signs: Ms Mainland confirmed that the requested 'Farm Signs' are now in place on the main road past Fleck.

6. Forthcoming Wedding: Ms Mainland pointed out to the members that 2 of Dunrossness' Community Councillors would soon be celebrating their wedding. Congratulations were extended to Ms Battley and Mr Waddell.

7. Keep Scotland Beautiful Seaside Awards: Mr Mitchell reported that the KSB Seaside Award plaques are now in-situ and the Clerk confirmed that she had now received the correct invoice for the 2 Keep Scotland Beautiful beach applications totalling £720

8. Quad Bikes on Quendale Beach: Mr Harrop reported that he had received a complaint from a member of the public with regard to Quad Bikes being used on Quendale Beach. It was noted that there are signs at the Quendale end of the beach stating no vehicles are permitted. It was also noted that the majority of the land directly behind the beach is a SSSI and therefore recreational quad biking is not permitted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chair

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 29th AUGUST 2016.