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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 28 March 2016.

PRESENT

Mr R Mainland	Ms E Mainland	Mr S Mitchell	Mrs S Malcolmson
Mr G Waddell	Mr M Shearer	Mr R Nickerson	Ms S Batley
Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)			

APOLOGIES

Mr H Harrop	Mrs F Mitchell	Ms J Armstrong
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)	PC McLeod
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15/87 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 29 February 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mitchell

15/88 POLICE REPORT

PC McLeod reported that there had been 13 items dealt with in the Dunrossness area during the last month. One of these had been a Road Traffic Collision at Levenwick, 3 had been Speeding Offences (over 80 mph) and the remainder were routine.

15/88 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

Cllr Duncan stated that more needs to be done regarding speeding drivers in the Dunrossness area. He considers that it has a lot to do with people not leaving enough time to reach the airport for their flight. Mr Nickerson enquired about the Happy/Sad Face sign. It was agreed that this seems to be quite effective in reducing speeding. The members thought this belonged to the SIC Roads Dept. Cllr Duncan will enquire.

15/89 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) Missing Road Markings: There was still no response from SIC Roads to this item. Cllr Duncan will pursue the matter.

b) Bigton Road Sign: Mr Nickerson reported that he thinks the sign in question is now back in place

c) Fair Isle Roads: The Clerk had emailed SIC Roads about the need for the Fair Isle roads to be assessed. No response had been received to date. Cllr Duncan will pursue the matter.

d) Levenwick 30 mph: Colin Gair, Traffic & Road Safety Engineer had replied to the Clerks query regarding extending the Levenwick 30 mph. Mr Gair replied that the 'increased development' at Punds *'is entirely off the Levenwick loop road and therefore there is no change in the nature of the road, by virtue of additional roadside development, at the south end of Levenwick to warrant any change to the existing speed limit'*. He therefore advises that amending the speed limit is not something that the SIC would support at this time.

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

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

4. Recycling Facilities: Further to the acknowledgment at the previous meeting that the recycling facilities at Mainland's job are often overflowing, Mr Nickerson confirmed that the same is the case at the Bigton shop. The facilities at Bigton were to be emptied the following day as the shop staff had phoned the SIC regarding the matter. Cllr Duncan requested that Mr Nickerson inform him if the facilities are not emptied as promised. Mr Nickerson suggested that the Community Council write to the SIC enquiring what the future is for the service. This was agreed. It was also agreed that the Clerk would enquire about getting a plastic recycling facility at Mainland's shop.

15/89 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

5. Bigton Feeder Service: As Cllr Fox was unable to attend the meeting, there was no update on this matter.

15/90 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Community Development Fund: Mr Mainland reminded the members that it had been agreed at the previous meeting to put £2500 of the CDF money towards the PB Project with the rest of the necessary £500 being carried forward from Core Funding. However, Mr Mainland had received notification that the whole £3000 CDF allocation had to be put towards the PB Project and it had therefore been necessary to modify the Community Council's funding application.

2. Community Development Fund Project Funding: As previously agreed, an application had been submitted to this fund for financial assistance towards the Keep Scotland Beautiful Seaside Award Scheme for St. Ninian's and Westvoe Beaches. However, Michael Duncan, SIC, had come back to the Community Council seeking further information as she suggested that this scheme appeared to be a recurring cost. An email had been sent to Mr Duncan informing him that this was not the case as KSB consider the beach applications on an annual basis.

Mr Mainland stated that he 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. The members agreed that the logical thing for the SIC to do would be to give the funds in the CDF budget back to the Community Councils as part of their annual Core Funding which would give Community Councils more flexibility again. Mr Nickerson suggested that this matter might be one to be raised at the ASCC.

3. 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 Nickerson, to award the requested sum of £300.

4. Shetland Festival of Remembrance – To assist with the costs of holding an event to commemorate the centenary of events occurring during WW1: Cllr Duncan declared his position with regard to this event and the members agreed that he should remain in the room while the application was discussed. Mr Nickerson stated that, although the Community Council is sympathetic to the cause, he was not sure that this application would meet the necessary criteria by which Community Councils must abide by when awarding grants as it is 'Shetland wide'.

15/90 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

4. Shetland Festival of Remembrance – To assist with the costs of holding an event to commemorate the centenary of events occurring during WW1 (continued): It was agreed however that, as the application had been received in the form of a letter, the Clerk should request that the applicant complete a Community Council Grant Application form and also enquire how many Dunrossness residents had been killed during WW1.

5. Dunrossness Central Public Hall – To assist with the cost of carrying out Portable Appliance Testing and upgrading the Lighting and Emergency Lighting within the Hall: It was agreed that as the Hall Committee are seeking financial assistance in the region of £1000, this application will be ideally suited to the upcoming Participatory Budgeting Project. Mr Mainland will discuss this with the Hall Chairperson and Treasurer. It was also agreed that, should the Hall's application to the PB Project not be successful, that another application can be put to the Community Council for consideration.

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

- **The Prince's Countryside Fund – Spring 2016 Round Open for UK Applications**
<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/>
- **Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Invites UK Applications**
<http://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>
- **Action Earth Open to Applications for 2016 (Scotland)**
<http://actionearth.csv.org.uk/apply>

15/91 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

15/92 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting: Mr Nickerson had attended a SACC meeting on 22 March and reported as follows:

The 6.5 Million Terminal Phase 2 project is progressing very well with Bell Contracts as lead contractor. Focus has been on communications and ensuring that the airport community is aware of what is going on. They have introduced a multimedia screen to illustrate what is taking place and viewing windows have been placed in the boardings so people can see for themselves.

Café Volare, the new airside Café was opened in December which has proved very popular and passengers have been allowed to access the departure lounge as soon as they have checked in. There may be some restrictions to this policy due to ongoing construction and advice will be given from check in staff.

The airport introduced a "Giving Tree" concept around the Christmas period in partnership with the Visit Scotland information desk. Items were passed on to the Salvation Army.

In March a passenger travel charter was introduced alongside NHS Shetland and Logan Air.

New signage will be introduced to meet EASA standards.

A Twitter promotion has been introduced to improve communications with the community and more community initiatives are being considered.

More financial challenges ahead with a 5% (equivalent to £1M) cut in revenue for HIAL for 2016.2017.

June 3rd will see the 80th anniversary of the first scheduled flight landing at Sumburgh by Capt. Fresson. Ideas were sought on how to mark this special landmark.

Flight movements were up by 0.09% and passenger numbers were down by 7% mainly due to oil and gas downturn. Offshore rotations to 3on, 3off from 2on, 2off has resulted in 20% reduction in flights. More flights to Glasgow may be impacting on Edinburgh route.

Recruiting and retention of security staff at Sumburgh has been very challenging compounded by increased staffing requirements to deal with BP. Staff turnover and morale low but new ASM James Mockeridge was appointed in April and, coupled with new post of Head of Airport Services, this has helped stabilise the operation. Increase in pay and improved terms and conditions were important factors. Good response to recent adverts.

15/92 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**1. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting (continued):**

There was another loss of service to NATS on Wednesday 4th November due to BT circuits which lasted for about one hour. Resilience has been restored for NATS by BT commissioning a subsea cable which was completed on 10th February.

An airport exercise will take place in June or July (before school holidays) which will be based on a water incident on the west side of the airport to test out the slip.

Logan Air

A presentation was given by Tom Burns, Station Mgr. Logan Air. Highlighted very challenging year in 2015 with increased cancellations due to technical and weather. Punctuality down and increase in lengthy delays. Current punctuality 84%. Issues have been identified and being addressed. 62 improvement actions in Engineering undertaken, recruitment plan set for completion by end of March 2016, now 146 staff in Engineering = 25% of staffing. A new Glasgow spares hub is now fully operational, significant spares provision inventory on doorstep, holding 60% of SAAB spares in UK. There will be a major new SAAB 340 interior refurb starting in February with new Flybe Livery, Improved leg room and new slim line seats, new carpeting and LED Lighting, reduced noise and vibration and modern contemporary ambience. All 13 aircraft to be completed by 2018.

Lower fares – Scottish Government introduction of 50% ADS, no APD for under 16's, more low cost seats on Aberdeen routes and new advertising campaign. I raised the high fares on the Edinburgh route compared to Aberdeen and Glasgow which he under took to forward.

I also asked about the details about the link with BMI. BMI is a sister company within the Group and there are no plans to merge the airlines and there are no plans for a code share arrangement.

Mr Glenville Johnson the Chairman of HIAL attended his last meeting as he is retiring at the end of March but will stay on until end of June because of Scottish elections. He was of the opinion that the 5% cuts should not impact too much on Sumburgh but there were costs which HIAL didn't have control over such as bad weather and de-icing for instance.

In response to a question from Councillor Duncan ref the ongoing litigation on the runway, Mr Johnson indicated that he couldn't comment as it was a matter for the courts but that the remedial work was complete. I suggested that the litigation must have a financial cost to HIAL and he confirmed that it has already had an impact.

15/92 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**1. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee Meeting (continued):*****NHS Update***

There were 7000 trips between April 2015 – March 2016 an average of 610 a month. This was a 29% increase (130) over previous year. Estimated cost will be £3.1M from a budget of £2.75M a £350,000 over spend. Discussions are ongoing to alleviate the situation with Aberdeen and Glasgow Health authorities to investigate how this can be redressed. Options being perused include more travel via North Link especially where escorts are required.

Next meeting 20th September 2016.

2. Digital Forum Meeting: Mr Mainland had attended and reported that everything was generally very positive.

Mobile Coverage: EE have won a contract to provide mobile coverage for the Police and Fire Services for the whole of the UK. EE will be submitting planning applications for the erection of 15 new transmitters across Shetland shortly. Works are scheduled to commence this summer and take approximately 1 year to complete by which time 98% of Shetland should have 4G coverage.

Broadband: Phase 1 of the roll out of high speed broadband is due to be completed this year. The Bigton area is due to be upgraded to fibre to the 'green boxes' between April and June. However, anyone who is over a mile away from the 'green boxes' via the cables, internet connection speeds drop very quickly. This will be addressed by Phase 2. Mr Mainland stated that he had requested an update on the Levenwick service from Stuart Robertson but had not received a reply so far. Phase 2 of the roll out has been delayed due to state aid and the contract has had to be put out for re-tendering. It is hoped that the contract will be awarded this summer. Anyone with less than 15 megabytes per second will be targeted. Over 24 megabytes per second is the target.

7. Participatory Budgeting Project: Mr Mainland reported that the 3 South Mainland Community Councils have now met twice to set up a steering group to run this project. Dunrossness Community Council had originally been led to believe that the £3000 which they put forward in order to secure match funding from the Government would be controlled by the Community Council but it has now come to light that it is not possible to 'ring fence' any of the funds in the PB Project as this does not meet the Governments criteria and therefore all funds must go into one pot and be available to any group anywhere within the South Mainland, not just Dunrossness. Mr Mainland stated that, in light of this, the worst case scenario would be that Dunrossness Community Council would not be in a position to offer the same level of funding to some groups for this one year but hopefully it will not come to this.

7, Participatory Budgeting Project (Continued):

It is anticipated that the closing date for applications to the fund will be 27 May 2016 with the 'event' to decide which groups applications are successful to be held on 18th June 2016. Mr Mainland confirmed that the plan is for the Steering Group to decide if an application meets the criteria and those attending the 'event' will vote on which applications are successful. Another Steering Group meeting will be held on 30th April 2016

15/93 CORRESPONDENCE

1. 'Thank You' letter from Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day Care for Grant received: The letter was noted

2. Levenwick Medical Practice letter ref. Dr Aileen Brown Retirement: Dr Brown retires at the end of March 2016 after 19 years at Levenwick. Levenwick Medical Practice has secured the service of another GP. Dr Esther Mitchell will be joining the Practice in August. In the interim period, surgeries will continue as normal with assistance from locums.

3. SIC email ref. Summer 2016 Ferries Timetables: In comparison to the 2015 summer timetables, there have been alterations made to the Bluemull and Skerries crossings only.

4. Email ref. Scottish Government Review of Strategic Police Priorities: Further information can be found on the Scottish Government webpage at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/policies/police-fire-rescue/police-scotland/StrategicPolicePriorities>

5. Email ref. Participation Requests under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Consultation on Draft Regulations: The Scottish Government has published a consultation on draft regulations for participation requests under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) 2015. The consultation paper is available on the Scottish Government consultation hub at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-empowerment-unit/participation-request-regulations>

6. NHS Shetland email ref. Primary Care Strategy: The final draft of the Primary Care Strategy has now been produced and is available on the NHS Shetland website along with an executive summary <http://www.shb.scot.nhs.uk/board/planning/PrimaryCareStrategyForShetland-FinalDraft.pdf>

15/93 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

7. Email ref. Community Planning under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Consultation on Guidance and Draft Regulations: The Scottish Government has published a consultation on the above. The consultation paper is available on the Scottish Government consultation hub at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-empowerment-unit/community-planning-guidance>

8. Police Scotland Questionnaire: As part of Police Scotland's ongoing consultation process, questionnaires had been sent to Community Council's seeking their views on what they consider to be the top 3 policing priorities in the community. The members completed the questionnaire stating 1) substance misuse, 2) road traffic issues, 3) security at Sumburgh Airport

9. A copy of the following is available from the Clerk:

- Shetland Amenity Trust Annual Report 2014/15
- The Crown Estate Newsletter

15/94 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Fire Service: Cllr Duncan reported that there has been an increase in applications to join the Fire Service.

2. Levenwick Surgery Appointment System: Ms Mainland stated that it appears a lot of people are unclear how the appointment system works. Mr Mainland suggested that the Community Council should ask for written clarification on this so that they can advertise the details.

3. St. Ninian's Chapel Site: Mr Nickerson reported that, as has been noted by the Community Council previously, the site of the St. Ninian's Chapel requires some refurbishment. James Tait of Island Tours has expressed an interest in addressing this by means of engaging a voluntary group or by hiring someone through sponsorship to tidy it up. The members agreed that the Community Council will write to Mr Tait giving him their support in principle.

4. Bigton Shop: Mr Nickerson enquired if it would be possible to display a notice in the Seaside Award Notice Board at St. Ninian's advertising the services that the Bigton Shop offers. This was agreed.

5. Bigton Shop: Mr Nickerson reported that the 4th anniversary of the Bigton Community Enterprise is approaching.

15/94 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

6. Uplifting of Old Cars: Mr Mitchell enquired what the procedure is for getting old cars uplifted. It was agreed that Shetland Amenity Trust should be contacted and that they will require the Registration and Chassis Number of the vehicle.

7. Streetlighting: Mr Waddell reported that there is currently a lack of operational streetlights opposite the Boddam Hall but that he has been informed that it is on a list with SIC Roads and will be dealt with shortly.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016.**