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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 30 May 2016.

PRESENT

Ms E Mainland	Mr G Waddell	Mr S Mitchell
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)		

APOLOGIES

Mr R Mainland	Mr H Harrop	Mrs S Malcolmson	Mrs F Mitchell
Mr R Nickerson	Ms J Armstrong	Mr M Shearer	Ms S Batley
Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)	Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)		
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)			

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk) Mr M Murray & Ms J Thomson, Fire Service

16/01 MINUTE

As the meeting was not quorate, no decisions could be taken and therefore the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2016 could not be adopted.

16/02 POLICE REPORT

No Police Report was available.

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16/03 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters:

- a) **Missing Road Markings:** There was nothing new to report.
- b) **Fair Isle Roads:** There was nothing new to report.
- c) **Levenwick 30 mph:** There was nothing new to report.
- d) **Speeding Vehicles:** A 'Smiley Face' sign has been erected just past the 50 mph restriction sign on the southbound side of the carriageway north of the Boddam Hall

2. **Levenwick Graveyard Access:** There was nothing new to report. Cllr Smith offered to ask for an update.

3. **Scousburgh Hill:** The Clerk had emailed BT with regard to the dilapidated state of the BT buildings at Scousburgh Hill and had received a reply from Adrian Rathbone, BT Group Property Management. Mr Rathbone's reply read as follows:

I appreciate the concerns that you have raised. I have looked into the issue and can confirm that BT is actively reviewing the management of the former Radio Station site whilst we determine our future strategy for it. As you will appreciate, this is a particularly large, non-operational land and property holding and following the vacation of the premises, a number of alternative uses for the land and buildings have been considered. Despite our best efforts to secure alternative uses and prospective purchases for the property, it remains in BT's ownership for the time being. In view of your comments regarding the dilapidated state of the site, I have asked my property colleagues to assess the current condition of all buildings on it and to provide me with an action plan to address the current situation. I accept that demolition is a favourable option to minimise trespass, vandalism and health and safety concerns. This will be considered in our review strategic options for the site, its status as a non-operation property and our contractual obligations with third party interest in the site. I can assure you that my property colleagues will continue to monitor and address any immediate issues with buildings on the site.

Mr Rathbone also states that he will be in contact again by the middle of June to confirm their action plan for the site.

16/03 MATTERS ARISING

4. Scrap Vehicles: The Clerk had emailed Colin Bragg, Shetland Amenity Trust who replied that he thought at least some of the scrap vehicles currently at Grutness Pier had been collected. He also explained the issues that Shetland Amenity Trust now face with regard to uplifting scarp vehicles. Some vehicles are classed as 'Autogreen' brand vehicles. Autogreen are contracted by approximately 70% of vehicle manufacturers in the UK and are responsible (under EU law) for arranging and paying for the disposal of their vehicles at one of their ATFs (Authorised Treatment Facilities); in Shetland this is 60 North Recycling. Shetland Amenity Trust can no longer take vehicles to 60 North for free, as has been done in the past. 60 North does not make enough money from the scrap metal to cover the cost of depollution and transportation for sale, and therefore charge a 'gate fee'. This fee should not be paid by the public as the vehicle's disposal is Autogreen's responsibility under EU law. Therefore, until the affected owners have had their details accepted by Autogreen and passed on to 60 North, Shetland Amenity Trust cannot uplift the vehicle concerned.

Mr Bragg explained where the Amenity Trust are currently at with regards to this issue as follows: '

We have been in lengthy negotiations with Autogreen (Rewarding Recycling) to preserve our free, straightforward and universal service on the isles but they do not appear to want to come to a reasonable solution. Autogreen are doing their best to pass on their responsibilities (costs) up here and they have a history of doing this in other remote rural areas of Scotland, but we intend to hold them to account this time. Unfortunately, this has affected our ability to run our uplift service as efficiently in the last 5 months.

I would prefer a less complicated and time consuming process and I am still hopeful that we will be able to offer a more streamlined service for folk in Shetland in the future. But I'm sure you understand that we cannot absorb the cost of scrapping 200+ vehicles annually and we do not want to see this cost passed on to vehicle owners when it is, and always has been, Autogreen's responsibility'.

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

16/04 FIRE SERVICE

The Chairman welcomed Mr Murray and Ms Thomson to the meeting. Mr Murray reported that the Fire Service are actively recruiting retained fire fighters in the Dunrossness area and currently have 5 members but aim to have 12. The next recruiting period will be from 1st to 21st of August and the service would appreciate any way in which the Community Council can advertise the requirement of staff in the Dunrossness area.

16/04 FIRE SERVICE (Continued)

There are currently issues with day time cover – as is the case all over Shetland. During the period 1st January to 30th May this year, there has been 32% fire cover during the day (0800 – 1700/1800) and 70% cover at night. More volunteers are therefore required to come forward to assist to keep the local fire engine available 24 hours a day although it is appreciated the difficulties in recruiting for daytime cover stem from the fact that many folk work out with the area and therefore cannot fulfil the 10 min response time required. Mr Murray stated that in the past, the joining process has been quite arduous but this is gradually changing with some improvements already implemented. The process now consists of an online assessment (the content of this is currently under review for retained officers) which, if you fulfil the criteria, is followed by a day's assessment in Lerwick and a 10 day training course. It is hoped that the training courses can be held in Shetland. During the first 6 months, there is 4 weeks of training and then a day refresher annually.

Mr Murray reported that Ms Thomson and some of her colleagues are now available to carry out Home Fire Safety Visits which are free of charge. The service can also supply and fit smoke detectors if required and annual/biannual follow up visits are carried out as required.

16/04 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. **PB Project - 'South Mainland Decides'**: The Clerk reported that 4 groups had submitted a total of 5 applications for financial assistance through the 'South Mainland Decides' PB Project. These were handed to Mr Mitchell to be taken to the next meeting of the Steering Group. The final 'event' when voting will take place to see which group's applications are successful will be held in the Sandwick Social Club on 18 June 2016 with refreshments available.

The following grant applications had been received but were carried over to the following meeting since no decisions could be taken on them at this time:

1. **Shetland Festival of Remembrance – Saturday 12 November 2016**
2. **South Mainland Community Association – Boddam Playing Fields**

16/04 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

3. Sandwich Boating Club: 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 considered this would be acceptable but this could only be confirmed at a later quorate meeting.

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

- **HLF Welcomes UK Applications for First World War Heritage Projects**
<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/first-world-war-then-and-now>
- **Scotland's CashBack for Communities Programme Launches Phase 4**
<http://www.cashbackforcommunities.org/cashback-phase-4>

16/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration.

16/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. St. Ninian's Isle Chapel Site Meeting: Mr Nickerson reported by email that he had been invited to attend a site meeting on behalf of Dunrossness Community Council at the St Ninian's Chapel site by James Tait, Chairman of STA on Wednesday 4th May to discuss the on-going maintenance of the site due to complaints received and some bad publicity in the local media last year. Also in attendance were representatives of Historic Environment Scotland (HES), Val Turner, SAT and Jim Budge, Landowner.

The focus of the meeting was to try and facilitate a season maintenance program to deal with the appearance of the site as it is a main tourist attraction in the South Mainland. The main issues are to deal with nettles and other weeds and a general tidy up ie rubbish, grass cutting and some painting of the bench. No action will be taken at this point to deal with the rabbit issue.

Although the site is a Schedule 1 Site, HES have no objections to a general tidy up as long as it is not disturbed and, although no future funding can be guaranteed, an annual grant application can be submitted.

16/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. St. Ninian's Isle Chapel Site Meeting (continued): It was agreed that an approach will be made to Shetland Amenity Trust asking them to act as lead agency to apply for funding from HES once an assessment of what is required is undertaken and a maintenance specification and schedule has been developed for everyone's approval.

Mr Nickerson and Mr Tait attended a subsequent meeting with Alan Blain, SAT, was held on Thursday 12th May to discuss further progress. Mr Blain agreed to investigate the proposal and to ask staff to develop a costed maintenance specification and schedule. Once this is done, a grant application could be perused to seek funding from HES. Should additional funding be required, commercial sponsorship from a number of local businesses would be investigated as well as a possible contribution from DCC

16/07 CORRESPONDENCE

1. ASCC April Meeting: A copy of the Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 9th April 2016 had been received. The Clerk had distributed them to the members via email.

2. Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board, Licensing (Scotland) Act2005, Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-19: The draft statement is available to view on the Board's website at http://www.shetland.gov.uk/about_introducion/documents/StatementsofLicensingPolicyNov2016-Nov2019.pdf The Clerk will forward this link to the members as requested by Ms Mainland.

3. 'Thank you' letter from South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens for grant received: This was noted.

4. Police Scotland – Highland & Islands Division: email ref recent questionnaire: The Community Council were thanked for completing a recent questionnaire on policing in the local area. T/Insp Judy Hill, reported that her division were delighted to receive over 70 responses and are now in the process of collating these and sharing them with Chief Superintendent MacRae and local Area Commanders.

5. Letter from Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland ref Fifth Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements – Final Recommendations: The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has now submitted to Scottish Ministers its Reports and Final Recommendations for the number of councillors and the electoral ward boundaries in each of Scotland's 32 local authorities. Copies of the Reports and further information regarding the reviews can be found at www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th_electoral/

16/07 CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

6. Keep Scotland Beautiful Seaside Awards: The members learnt that St. Ninian's and Westvoe beaches have been successful in gaining their KSB Seaside Award status once more. The Clerk reported, however, that she had received an invoice for the applications which was double that charged in previous years and she would therefore be contacting KSB to enquire if this was correct. If these charges are confirmed to be correct, it will be very difficult, if not impossible, for the Community Council to continue with this project in the same form as in previous years.

7. Email from Vaila Simpson, SIC ref. Community Empowerment Act 2015: Ms Simpson is aware that some Community Councils have been reading through various consultations on draft guidance for the Community Empowerment Act. The Council has produced some short briefing notes on the guidance and Ms Simpson had forwarded these as she thought they might be helpful. You can find out more about the Act and the consultation on the draft guidance for Parts 2, 3 and 4 by using the following links:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/engage/CommEmpowerBill>

http://www.scdc.org.uk/media/resources/policy-and-practice/SCDC%20briefing%202_15_CE_Act.pdf

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-empowerment-unit/community-planning-guidance>

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-empowerment-unit/participation-request-regulations>

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-land-team/right-to-buy>

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-empowerment-unit/asset-transfer-procedures>

16/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dunrossness Primary School Swimming Pool: Mr Waddell informed the members that the swimming pool pump at Dunrossness is broken and that the SIC may not repair/replace it and are looking at bussing children to Sandwick for their swimming lessons as an alternative. Cllr Smith confirmed that this matter had been raised at a recent Parent Council meeting and that he understands Helen Budge, SIC, is awaiting more information on costings before she discusses further with the Parent Council. The members agreed that the Parent Council be informed that Dunrossness Community Council are aware of this issue with the swimming pool and invite them to contact the community council if they can be of any help.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016.**