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

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs F Mitchell	Mr S Mitchell	Mr R Nickerson	Ms J Armstrong
Miss J Sandison	Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)	Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)			

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)	PC Mcallister	PC Grieves
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**16/42 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 31 October 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson

## **16/43 POLICE REPORT**

According to the Police Report, 22 'incidents' had been reported for the Dunrossness area during the month of October. These were all of a routine nature with the exception of:

1 driver has been charged with careless driving, driving without a valid MOT and no tax

1 person has been charged with vandalism

1 person has been charged with possession of drugs

1 person has been charged with breach of the peace

1 person has been charged with assault & vandalism

## **16/44 MATTERS ARISING**

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

**a) Levenwick Loop Road, South End:** There was nothing new to report.

**2. Scousburgh Hill:** Cllr Smith had been in contact with Magnus Laurenson, SIC Building Standards Surveyor who reported that he had spoken with the Property Manager for BT last week. He had informed him that BT had contractors on the island who were going to carry out a survey of the properties to see if there is any chance of refurbishment or if demolition is the best option. Mr Laurenson had reiterated that, whilst demolition is an option, we currently require the buildings to be made safe and secure. Either Mr Laurenson or another SIC Surveyor will visit Scousburgh this week so see if there has been any further deterioration of the building since their last site visit.

**3. Scrap Vehicles:** The clerk reported that there is still one remaining vehicle at Grutness – a Vauxhall. Sita Goudie, Shetland Amenity Trust, had informed the Community Council that this is a make that they are currently unable to uplift as it is a make that is contracted to Autogreen for recycling who have a contract with 60 North. Mrs Goudie reported that she was in contact with the Fair Isle ferry crew a few weeks ago to inform them of the situation and to ask them not to take out any of the brands of vehicles contracted to Autogreen/60 north until the owner had registered their car on 'Rewarding Recycling' (Autogreen's website/public face) and had instruction that they were to send the vehicle out for 60 North to uplift. Mr Mainland suggested that the Community Council report this vehicle to the SIC as abandoned and this was agreed.

**16/44 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**4. Bigton Feeder Service:** Cllr Fox reported that he had been unable to contact Elaine Park for an update on the Service Bus Review so had spoken to Michael Stout. Mr Stout informed him that some work has been done on bus usage in Shetland, but that the findings are not currently available to the public. ZetTrans is carrying out the Shetland Transport Refresh. A draft report on the bus service will be presented to ZetTrans on 15 December with a public consultation taking place from 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. The Community Council would like to consider and respond to this consultation, however, the dates do not encompass a Community Council meeting date. Cllr Fox agreed to enquire if the dates could be extended slightly to enable the Community Council to discuss the matter at their January meeting. The final report on the review will be presented to ZetTrans in early March.

**5. Broadband Service:** The Clerk reported that both a letter and an email had been received from Alistair Carmichael regarding the reported issues regarding the Broadband service in some areas of Dunrossness. Mr Carmichael is keen to take this matter further with BT. Stuart Robertson, Director of Digital Highlands & Islands, HIE, had also replied to the Community Council's email. Mr Robertson states that, under the existing project with BT, the only fibre-based broadband coverage within the Bigton exchange area will be from the existing cabinet at Bigton. Unfortunately, Levenwick is too far away from this cabinet to gain any improvement in broadband speeds. However, Mr Robertson had raised the issue of Levenwick with BT as it appears to be sufficiently well clustered, and close enough to the main fibre spine, to be served by cabinet broadband. The budget, however, is limited and most of the funding available as already been allocated so it is not clear whether anything can be done within the current project. The Scottish Government have committed to reaching everyone with superfast broadband by 2021 and plans are being developed to achieve this. For State Aid reasons, it is not possible to put additional funding into the existing contract with BT and a new procurement will take place, beginning early next year. Unfortunately, it is too early to know what this will bring for communities such as Levenwick, but more should be known early next year. It was agreed to request a meeting with Tavish Scott and Alistair Carmichael to discuss the way forward on this matter.

**16/45 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

There were no grant applications.

**1. PB Project:** The Clerk reported that she is still awaiting the return of 2 of the Quarterly Monitoring Forms back from the groups who had been awarded grants through this project in the Dunrossness area. The Clerk will contact the 2 groups who have so far not replied again.

**16/46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

1. No planning applications had been forwarded to the Community Council during the last month. Cllr Fox found this odd as, having made enquiries, he had been assured that there had been no change of policy and that the Community Council should still be receiving email notifications of any planning applications for the Dunrossness area. Cunningsburgh, Gulberwick and Quarff Community Council had also been failing to receive notifications. Cllr Fox will check on this again.

**2. Community Council Planning Applications:** Further to Mrs Mitchell's enquiry on behalf of the Fair Isle Electricity Company regarding planning fees, Cllr Fox had made enquiries and could confirm that Community Council's attract discounts of 50% and can apply on behalf of other groups without becoming legally responsible to fulfil the conditions of the planning permission

**16/47 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**1. Dunrossness Central Public Hall Meeting:** Mrs Waddell had attended a recent meeting and confirmed that enough members of the public attended the meeting to form a Committee and enable the hall to continue to operate. This was welcomed. However, at the meeting, the inoperable streetlights directly opposite the Hall, and the safety issue this creates, had been discussed. SIC have informed the Hall that there is a problem in the area with an underground cable and that there are no plans to carry out any repairs at present due to a lack of manpower and finances. Cllr Fox agreed to investigate this matter.

**2. Shetland Place Standard Meeting:** Mr Mainland had attended this meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and reported that the findings of this project showed that people throughout Shetland had basically the same views on what they are happy/unhappy with in their Communities. The 3 main issues noted were Transport, Facilities and Amenities and Work and Local Economy. Presentations were given by Anita Jamieson on housing and Neil Grant on council budgets and funding challenges going forward. Community Forums have been held during October/November and a Public Report will become available in early 2017. The overall report will then form the basis of the Locality Plans and will feed into a range of strategic documents such as the Local Development Plan, Local Housing Strategy, Shetland Transport Strategy and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

**16/48 CORRESPONDENCE****1. SIC Email ref. Scottish Government Consultation – Building Warrant**

**Fees:** The 'Building Standards Fees' consultation recently went live on the Scottish Government website. This can be found at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/procedures-ad-verification/building-warrant-fees>  
The consultation closes on Monday 9 January 2017.

**2. SIC Email ref. A Blueprint to 2020 – The expansion of Early Learning**

**and Childcare in Scotland:** The Scottish Government is undertaking a consultation in relation to the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland. The Scottish Government is committed to taking forward the above expansion from 600 hours to 1140 hours for all 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds. This expansion will have a significant impact on the way Early Learning and Childcare is delivered locally in Shetland and local communities will play a key role in helping to shape the provision. The consultation can be found at [https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/creating-positive-futures/expansion-of-early-learning-and-childcare-user\\_uploads/451371\\_blueprint-2020.pdf-1](https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/creating-positive-futures/expansion-of-early-learning-and-childcare-user_uploads/451371_blueprint-2020.pdf-1)

**3. Unst Community Council letter ref. Broadband:** A copy of a letter which Unst CC has sent to the SIC regarding the Broadband Service in Shetland had been forwarded to all Community Councils. In the letter, the Unst CC Chairman urges the SIC to 'do whatever it can within its power to see if a better Broadband can be delivered to our most fragile communities – before they are left behind'. Cllr Fox confirmed that the SIC are already doing all they can. SSE are to be installing new electrical cables across Bluemull Sound and the SIC are in discussions with SSE with regard to possibly putting fibre cables across the Sound in conjunction with this.

**4. A copy of the following is available from the Clerk:**

- The Nature of Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage Autumn/Winter 2016

**16/49 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Quendale Loch:** As previously reported, SSE have recently installed markers on the 'Hydro' wires to the south of the Quendale Loch to help prevent swan strikes. Mr Harrop reported that the RSPB have now requested that these markers also be fitted on the wires to the north of the loch as there has been a swan fatality in this area recently.

**2. Fleck Farm Traffic Sign:** Mrs Flaws reported that the north Farm Traffic sign was missing. Cllr Fox offered to raise this matter with the SIC Roads Dept.

**16/49 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)**

**3. Levenwick Wide Vehicle Restriction:** Mr Waddell enquired if the wide vehicle restriction was still in place at Levenwick as he had recently been travelling north on this stretch of road in the evening and had met a very wide, unescorted, crane coming in the opposite direction. Cllr Fox confirmed that the restriction certainly still applies and he will raise this with SIC Roads Dept. It was noted that there are no signs in the area indicating that there is a width restriction on this section of road.

**4. Levenwick Doctor's Surgery:** Mr Mainland reported that a number of Dunrossness residents had raised the matter of opening hours at the Surgery with him. There is currently no option for evening/late afternoon/Saturday appointments which makes it difficult for workers, especially those travelling to Lerwick every day. Mr Mainland had done some research and it appears that a number of other Doctor's Surgeries throughout Shetland have more flexible surgery hours. When approached on this matter previously, the Levenwick Surgery have said that in order to have one of the above, Surgery hours would need to be taken away from somewhere else. Mrs Shearer enquired if the Levenwick Surgery carry out patient surveys as is done in a number of other practices. None of the members were aware of this happening at Levenwick. It was agreed to invite a member of the Levenwick Surgery team to attend a Community Council meeting to discuss the above and potential options.

**5. Happy Birthday!:** The Chairman extended the Community Council's congratulations to Cllr Duncan on the occasion of his recent 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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 THE SUMBURGH HOTEL AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER 2016.**

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

- **Heritage Lottery Fund - Stories, Stones and Bones Fund**

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/what-we-fund/community-heritage/stories-stones-and-bones>

- **Co-op Local Community Fund**

[http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund/?utm\\_source=vanity&utm\\_medium=direct&utm\\_campaign=redirect](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund/?utm_source=vanity&utm_medium=direct&utm_campaign=redirect)

- **Bank of Scotland Foundation**

<http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes>