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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 31 October 2016

**PRESENT**

Mr R Mainland	Mrs E Flaws	Mrs F Mitchell	Mr R Nickerson
Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr S Mitchell	Mr G Waddell	
Cllr G Smith (ex-officio)	Cllr B Fox (ex-officio)		
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)			

**APOLOGIES**

Mr M Shearer	Mr H Harrop	Mrs S Waddell	Ms J Armstrong
Cllr A Duncan (ex-officio)			

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)	Miss Joanna Sandison
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**16/33 NEW MEMBER**

On behalf of the Community Council members, the Chairman welcomed Joanna Sandison to the meeting. The Chairman enquired if the members were happy to co-opt Miss Sandison as a member of Dunrossness Community Council and this was unanimously agreed, as proposed by Mr Nickerson and seconded by Mrs Flaws. Miss Sandison accepted the post.

**16/34 MINUTE**

The Minute of the meeting held on 26 September 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson

**16/35 POLICE REPORT**

According to the Police Report, 28 'incidents' had been reported for the Dunrossness area during the month of August. These were all of a routine nature with the exception of:

- 1 drivers cautioned and charged with speeding
- 1 report of theft, enquiries are ongoing

**16/36 MATTERS ARISING****1. Road Matters:**

**a) Levenwick Loop Road, South End:** The Clerk reported that she had received word from SIC Roads that the re-surfacing of the south end of the Levenwick Loop is scheduled to commence on 16<sup>th</sup> march 2017.

**2. Scousburgh Hill:** Cllr Smith reported that he had spoken to SIC Planning regarding this matter. SIC Building Standards have since been in contact with BT and are awaiting word back as to what BT propose to do to rectify this matter.

**3. Scrap Vehicles:** There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will email Sita Goudie at Shetland Amenity Trust regarding the one remaining vehicle.

**4. Bigton Feeder Service:** The Clerk reported that she had had received no response from SIC to either of her emails requesting an update on the Service Bus Review. Cllr Fox volunteered to speak to Elaine Park, SIC, and obtain an update. Mr Nickerson was concerned that the proposal for Junior High Schools to have a half day on Friday's would impact on the service. Cllr Smith replied that, if this proposal was to go ahead, it would not be until 2018, after the new Anderson High School is completed.

**5. Recycled Glass:** The Clerk had emailed Maggie Sandison, SIC, enquiring why the crushed product was not more widely used in building projects in Shetland and if the SIC suggested its use. Mrs Sandison had replied as follows: *"Public Procurement must follow a number of legislative rules and best practice guidelines. It is normal process to describe the minimum performance criteria for a building material and the contractor must demonstrate that their proposed product meets the specified criteria. Brands can only be specified, exceptionally, when it is not feasible to specify the contract requirement in technical or performance terms. If there is a reference to a brand this will be accompanied by the words 'or equivalent'. Therefore the Council does not specify Enviroglass or other products in its procurement processes"*. This was noted. Mr Nickerson enquired how Shetland would ever meet Zero Waste requirements if this was an example of our recycling. Cllr Fox pointed out that Enviroglass had never met the Zero Waste Scotland criteria as it requires glass to be recycled back into glass.

**16/36 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**

**6. Broadband Service:** The Clerk confirmed that Tavish Scott had acknowledged receipt of her email regarding the poor Broadband service in Bigton and Levenwick and would be contacting both BT and HIE

**16/37 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

There were no grant applications.

**1. PB Project:** The Clerk reported that she had still not received all of the Quarterly Monitoring Forms back from the groups who had been awarded grants through this project in the Dunrossness area. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the groups who have so far not replied, and remind them that it is a condition of the grant that these Forms are returned asap as the return date has now expired.

**2. Da Voar Redd Up:** The Clerk had received the list of participants in this year's Voar Redd Up from the Amenity Trust. Unfortunately, once again, not all groups who had registered had confirmed their participation to the Amenity Trust. In past years, the Clerk has spent time contacting these groups to check if they had actually taken part before distributing donations from the Community Council. It was agreed however, that the Clerk should not have to do this and Mr Nickerson proposed, seconded by Mr Mainland, that donations only be paid to those groups who have completed all the paperwork and confirmed their participation to the Amenity Trust. It was agreed that the sum of £1000 will be divided among these groups.

**3. Shetland Festival of Remembrance:** Dunrossness Community Council had previously made a small donation towards this event, however, a letter had now been received stating that the organisers had reluctantly agreed, that due to sever financial constraints, the Festival cannot go ahead as originally planned. However, to allow time to raise sufficient funds, it has been decided to hold the event in November 2018 to coincide with the centenary of the end of WW1

**16/38 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

No planning applications had been forwarded to the Community Council during the last month although the Clerk reported that she was aware of a new one on the SIC Planning website. No reply to the Clerks query as to why the Community Council had not received notification of the 2 applications made a couple of months ago had been received and Cllr Fox agreed to follow this up.

## 16/39 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

**1. Joint Liaison Meeting:** Mr Nickerson apologised that he had not been able to attend this meeting on behalf of the Community Council.

**2. Health Board Review Meeting:** Mrs Mitchell reported that the post of relief nurse for Fair Isle had still not been filled and that the Fair Isle Community are pursuing this.

**3. Association of Shetland Community Councils Meeting:** Mr Mainland and Mrs Flaws had attended this meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October and reported as follows:

- **ASCC Meeting Dates:** The meeting was not well attended and it was agreed to hold meetings outwith school holiday periods in future
- **Community Development Fund:** 30 grants have been awarded this year – 26 to Community Council's and 4 to other groups. A balance of £1936 was left unspent.
- **Training Needs for Community Councils:** 11 Community Councils had responded to this enquiry.
- **Community Council Minutes:** Community Council Minutes are to be uploaded to the ASCC website
- **Boundary Commission:** Jan Riise provided an update and reported that any decision on electoral boundaries in the islands has been deferred and therefore the boundaries will remain unchanged for the next election
- **Shetland Charitable Trust:** The favoured option is for members of Shetland Charitable Trust to be elected, with confirmed the previous position
- **Ronas Ward:** Simon-Boker Ingram had given a presentation on the proposed closure of the Ronas Ward. Meeting members could see how the proposals to rehabilitate more patients in their homes or care centres could work in a populated area but were not sure if this would be the case in rural areas. A decision on the matter had been deferred at the Intergration Joint Board meeting at the end of September when Councillors raised concerns. NHS representatives are now to provide more detailed plans, including information on the potential impact the plans will have on outlying communities, and timescales.

**16/40 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. SIC Email ref. Promoting Shetland Walks:** The Shetland LEADER Local Action Group are hosting a free event to support walks and walking in Shetland. The event aims to provide an update on what has been done in Shetland to date, what is being done at a national level and to discuss what could be done in the future in Shetland. Attendance is free but spaces are limited and must be booked in advance. To book, telephone Jennifer Sjoberg on 01595 744902 or email [Jennifer.sjoberg@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:Jennifer.sjoberg@shetland.gov.uk)

**2. HopScotch Children's Charity:** An email had been received from HoScotch Children's Charity aimed at reaching more groups who work with children in Scotland for their 2017 Programme. For the past 18 years, HopScotch Children's Charity has been providing respite breaks for children aged between 7 and 11 years at Ardvulling, its Respite Centre in Ardgour near Glencoe. Anyone interested should contact the Charity via one of the following: Tel 0131 336 5554/07771762071 or email [info@hopscotch-charity.org](mailto:info@hopscotch-charity.org) More information can also be found at: [www.hopscotch-charity.org](http://www.hopscotch-charity.org), [www.twitter.com/@Hopscotch\\_Help](https://www.twitter.com/@Hopscotch_Help), [www.facebook.com/HopScotchCharity](https://www.facebook.com/HopScotchCharity)

**3. Shetland Place Standard:** The Community Council had received a copy of the findings of this survey for the South Mainland. Mrs Christie reported that she had attended a meeting regarding the above survey. A presentation was given and it was reported that 939 people had responded to the survey. The South Mainland had one of the highest respondent rates with 197 people taking part. Outputs from this initial survey will be red into further discussions regarding aspects which people are unhappy with within their locality.

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

- Voluntary Voice Autumn 2016 Newsletter

**16/41 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Fair Isle Electricity Company:** Mrs Mitchell reported that the Fair Isle Electricity Company plan to replace the Isles existing system but need to apply for planning permission. They have received information that, if the Community Council were to apply for the planning permission on Fair Isle's behalf, fees would be greatly reduced. Mr Nickerson was concerned that if the Community Council were to do this, it would come with a lot of legal responsibilities. Cllr Fox stated that he had never heard of planning fees being reduced in this way and Mrs Mitchell agreed to send him any information she had on where this statement had come from so that he could investigate.

**2. Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council:** Miss Sandison agreed to attend DPS Parent Council as the DCC representative.

**16/41 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)**

**3. St. Ninian's Car Park:** Mr Mitchell pointed out that the car park at St. Ninian's is often so busy with caravans and campervans that there is no space for cars and he considered it a shame that the number of visitors to this award winning beach is restricted in this way. Mr Nickerson stated that he thought if there were any more than 6 caravans/campervans/mobile homes on any one site then it should be licenced.

**4. Citizens Advice Bureaux:** Mr Mainland reported that the local CAB are holding outreach events at Doctor's Surgeries in Shetland. CAB reach approximately 2000 people in Shetland per year. Miss Sandison offered to obtain the timetable for these outreach events.

**5. Congratulations!:** The Chairman extended the Community Council's congratulations to the Levenwick Hall for being successful in obtaining Big Lottery Funding and Fair Isle for securing Marine Protection Area status.

**6. Broadband:** Mr Shearer raised the issue of the poor Broadband service in Levenwick. Mr Nickerson stated that it didn't seem to matter which provider you were with at the moment as a lot of households are experiencing poor service, not just with speed, but the whole connection 'dropping'. Cllr Smith stated that the SIC 'is doing its bit' to have the service in Shetland improved, as are both Tavish Scott and Alistair Carmichael and every opportunity. It was agreed to write to both Mr Scott and Mr Carmichael regarding the matter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON  
MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.**

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

- **Woodward Charitable Trust's Main Grants Scheme**

[http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general\\_applications/](http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/)

- **Shared Care Scotland Better Breaks Fund**

<http://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/better-breaks/>

- **Tesco Bags of Help Programme**

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