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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 24th April 2017

PRESENT

Mr R Mainland	Mr R Nickerson	Mr H Harrop	Mr S Mitchell
Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr M Shearer	Mr G Waddell	
Cllr G Smith (ex officio)			

APOLOGIES

Mrs E Flaws	Mrs F Mitchell	Mrs S Waddell	Ms J Armstrong
Miss J Sandison			
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)			

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

17/01 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 was adopted on the motion of Mr Mitchell subject to an amendment requested by Mr Nickerson. Mr Nickerson requested that the following be added.

16/9/2 Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) – Grid Development as part of the Fair Isle Low Carbon Electricity Storage and Generation Project, Fair Isle, Shetland: *The members agreed that Dunrossness Community Council could not be the applicant for this project.*

17/02 POLICE REPORT

According to the latest Police Report, 20 'incidents' had been reported for the Dunrossness area during the month of March 2017. These included one arrest for driving while over the drink drive limit, neighbour disputes and other incidents of a routine nature

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17/02 POLICE REPORT (Continued)

Also provided was a copy of the policing 2026 Strategy. Mr Nickerson had noted that the document talks about more engagement but no model or structure for this is provided in the Strategy. Cllr Smith confirmed that there is still some Council involvement in the Police Service, but not at a local level, with meetings being attended on the Mainland from time to time.

17/03 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) Middle Road, Levenwick: The Clerk reported that she has emailed SIC Roads requesting a mirror be placed at the bottom end of the Levenwick Middle Road to assist drivers joining the main road through Levenwick

2. Scousburgh Hill: The Clerk reported that she had emailed Magnus Laurenson, SIC, for an update but had not received a reply to date. It was agreed that the site is still in a dangerous condition and that the Community Council will now contact The Shetland Times regarding the matter to see if an article in the paper can push things forward any

3. Scrap Vehicles: Mr Waddell reported that the Vauxhall car has now been removed, leaving one small vehicle which arrived relatively recently. The Clerk will check with Sita Goudie that Shetland Amenity Trust are aware of the need for this vehicle to be uplifted and, if so, when this is likely to take place.

4. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service: Mr Mainland and Mr Nickerson had still not managed to meet with Peter Modridge, SIC due to other commitments but plan to do so at the end of next week.

5. Levenwick Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours: Included in NHS Shetland's reply to the Community Council regarding Patient Travel (see below), Mr Roberts states that he has asked for some more background information on opening hours at the Levenwick Surgery before he responds to the Community Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Mr Roberts and enquire if he is now in a position to provide a response. Mr Nickerson also stated that he understood some users of the Lerwick Health Centre actually live in the Levenwick catchment area but, due to their work commitments and the restrictions in opening hours at Levenwick, they are unwilling to change practices. Mr Nickerson wondered how it would impact on Practice budgets if these patients were to register with their local health centre.

17/03 MATTERS ARISING (Continued)

6. Patient Travel: A response to the Community Council's letter to NHS Shetland had been received from Mr Roberts, Chief Executive. The NHS Shetland Board has since met and have now reported that they are in negotiation with Loganair with regard to travel costs for patients travelling to the Mainland and that no changes to the current patient travel policy will be implemented until after the General Election in June.

17/04 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. 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 Nickerson and seconded by Mrs Malcolmson, to award the requested sum of £300.

2. Core Funding: The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council's Core Funding has been received.

3. CDF Grant Scheme: Mr Mainland reported that he had received an email from Michael Duncan, SIC, informing the Community Council that their CDF Grant Scheme for the maximum £3000 Distribution Fund Grant had been successful but that the second application for the maximum £1000 Project Grant for St Ninian's and West Voe Beaches Seaside Award Schemes had not as it was a repeat application and the Community Council had not indicated how it plans to sustain this activity without ongoing grant aid. It was noted that there is one further bidding round for the Community Development Fund and Mr Mainland will give the application some more thought and resubmit, possibly for an alternative project.

17/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To construct 2 storey dwelling house with attached single storey garage and air source heat pump, adjacent to Meadowvale Hotel, Exnaboe, Virkie by R M and S E Donaldson: There were no objections.

17/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)

1. Review of Support to Association of Shetland Community Council: Further to previous correspondence received and discussions at the recent ASCC meeting, Mr Mainland reminded members that the SIC are seeking Community Council's view on how the ASCC should be supported to administer its meetings.

17/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**1. Review of Support to Association of Shetland Community Council**

(continued): According to an SIC report, following the review of support to the Association of Community Councils, 'it has been identified that there is a need to separate out the Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO) duties from the administration role currently provided by VAS. This will ensure that the Council meets its statutory obligations in line with best practice while also ensuring clarity of role, removing the risk of duplication and achieving efficiency savings'. The CCLO duties will not be met by the SIC. In light of this, VAS has advised it cannot continue to support the ASCC if a reduced grant is offered. Mr Nickerson and Mr Shearer stated that in their opinion, if the CCLO duties are to be fulfilled by the SIC, then so should the admin duties. All the members agreed. It was therefore unanimously agreed that Dunrossness Community Council's preferred option from the SIC report is Proposal 4.1.4 *The Council provides ASCC admin support in house*. The Clerk will pass this decision on to Michael Duncan, SIC as requested.

2. Digital Forum Meeting: Mr Mainland had attended a Digital Forum meeting on 22nd April 2017 and reported as follows:

- i) **EE:** Lynn Toogood, Director of Role Out for EE (EE is part of BT), gave a presentation. EE currently have 9 sites in Shetland. The site at Bressay is already 4G and EE plan that the remainder will also be 4G by the end of the year – including the one at Scousburgh Hill. As part of their contract with the Emergency Services, EE have identified 20 new sites in Shetland and have gained planning permission for 14 of those to date. Construction has commenced on 3 of the sites.
- ii) **Unst:** Discussions are being held with SSE with regard to 'piggy backing' fibre cables across from the Mainland along with the new electricity cables which are to be laid.
- iii) **Broadband Update:** Stuart Robertson, HIE, provided an update on the provision of superfast Broadband. BT have made a commitment to upgrade all exchanges to ADSL by the end of 2018. Levenwick would require 2 cabinets to provide superfast broadband and therefore did not meet the necessary criteria for this round of funding. It was noted that the cabinet at Bigton is nowhere near the village but this is apparently because it was sited at the same location as the old cabinet.
- iv) **Ofcom:** Glenn Preston, Director of Ofcom, Scotland, and a colleague gave a good presentation and observed that Broadband speeds in Shetland are 'rubbish'.
- v) **Faroese Telecom:** Faroese Telecom are looking at coming to Shetland, Orkney and the Western Isles.
- vi) **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is expected to take place in September 2017.

Copies of all presentations are to be sent on to meeting participants.

17/06 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)

3. Citizens Advice Bureau: Mr Mainland reported that CAB are considering a number of projects which they are seeking funding for but as they are not considered to be a community organisation, this creates difficulties. It has been suggested that Community Councils could possibly apply for the funding of these projects and CAB would deliver the service as a contractor. Community Development and Planning would help facilitate.

4. Sumburgh Airport Consultative Meeting: Mr Nickerson had attending a meeting of the Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee (SACC) on 22nd March 2017 and reported as follows:

- i) The Head of Airport Services/Operations Manager had provided a report on recent happenings at the airport. Lesley Still's time in Shetland has been extended by a further 18 months and her current role as Head of Airport Services will now include Interim Airport Manager. Andrew Farquhar has been promoted to Airport Operations Manager and will be undertaking a training and development program with a view to assuming the Airport Managers role in 12-18 months' time.
- ii) The issue which stimulated the most discussion was NHS Shetland's draft proposals on patient travel to Aberdeen.
- iii) One of the items raised in the above report was the temperature in the refurbished terminal building, especially when the baggage belt doors at baggage reclaim are open. This is being addressed as it is acknowledged that it is a problem.
- iv) HIAL is undertaking a capacity review for the future to aid future planning.
- v) Mr Nickerson raised the issue of the baggage conveyor belts behind the Check In Desks running on long after any bags have left. This will be investigated.
- vi) Although this has been a relatively mild winter, Mr Nickerson was assured that the de-icing capacity is meeting service requirements.
- vii) Most of the information regarding the new Loganair operation to Sumburgh is now in the public domain. In terms of flight reliability, Loganair was in the top 5 airlines in the UK continually during 2016. Loganair was disappointed that the proposed Faroese link did not materialise, due to a poor level of bookings. No decision on a FlyBe code share has been taken yet. The Glasgow Customer Service Centre is now operational and the new website for bookings after 1st September 2017 is now available.

17/07 CORRESPONDENCE

1. 'Thank you' letter from Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care for grant received: This was noted.

2. Email from SIC ref Consultation on Improving Parking in Scotland: This was noted.

3. Alistair Carmichael, MP, letter ref. Department of Work and Pensions in Shetland: Cllr Duncan had raised the issue of downgrading of the Lerwick Office of the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) with Tavish Scott when he recently attended a Dunrossness Community Council meeting. Mr Scott had passed this to Mr Carmichael for investigation. Mr Carmichael had raised the matter directly with the Minister at DWP and was disappointed to report that he had been informed that there is now no Visiting Officer presence in Shetland. Instead, Jobcentre staff will put additional support and arrangements in place, and they can also refer a customer to the Pension Service or Disability and Carers Service. They will decide if a home visit is required. Home visits are now conducted by DWP Visiting Officers from either Aberdeen or Inverness. Mr Carmichael states that this is clearly not what was previously agreed with the DWP and he will therefore continue to pursue this matter with the department. When he receives any further correspondence from the DWP he will contact the Community Council again.

17/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Community Council Facebook Content: Mr Mainland informed the members that currently the Agendas and Minutes are on the Community Council's Facebook page. Mr Harrop had enquired if it would be acceptable to put a copy of the Community Council's letter to NHS Shetland regarding proposed changes to patient travel on also. The members agreed that this is not necessary as the basic content of all letters written by the Community Council are already reported in the Minutes.

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 MAY 2017.

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

- **Comic Relief - #iwill Youth Social Action Fund**

<http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/iwill-youth-social-action-fund>

- **Creative Breaks Grants Programme**

<http://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/shortbreaksfund/creativebreaks/>