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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 18th December 2017

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Miss J Sandison	Mr S Mitchell	Mrs F Mitchell	Ms J Armstrong
Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)			

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

17/50 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 30th September 2017 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Malcolmson, subject to the following amendment requested by Mr Mainland:

17/47 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS. 1. Association of Shetland Community Councils Meeting: should read *The Intermediate Care Team*

17/51 POLICE REPORT

There was no Police Report available however, Chief Inspector Lindsay Tulloch had emailed the 'Consultation on Disposal of Unused Police Premises' document to the Community Council for consideration. The only premises in the Dunrossness area mentioned is the office at Sumburgh Airport and the members agreed they have no issues with the proposal to give this up as Police Scotland attend the Airport on a daily basis.

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17/52 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

a) Middle Road, Levenwick: There was nothing to report.

b) Quendale Brig: An email had been received from Mr Robertson of the South Mainland Community History Group based at Quendale Mill regarding the condition of and the standing water on the Brig at Quendale Farm and the response which had been received from SIC Roads. The SIC Road's email reads as follows: *There are currently no plans to resurface the road at the Quendale Brig primarily due to its location at the very end of the public road meaning there is little traffic volume. There are numerous lengths of road with higher traffic volumes that are also in need of maintenance and for the foreseeable future these will take priority. In the meantime we will arrange for the verges on either side of the brig to be regarded to ensure that the puddles on the carriageway can drain.* Mr Robertson felt that SIC Roads 'obviously do not consider the non-stop heavy farm vehicles using the Brig continuously as well as the bus loads of tourists' who visit the Mill during Visitor Season, 'the hundreds of cars with visitors' to the Mill, the Quendale Beach and the Braer Wreck site and delivery vehicles and the milk truck as enough traffic volume to warrant repairs. The members agreed that it is important for the road to be in a satisfactory state of repair for the beginning of the tourist season at the latest and the Clerk will therefore write to SIC Roads regarding this matter, copying in the South Mainland Councillors.

c) Scousburgh Hill: It was believed that the demolishing works are now complete.

2. Scrap Vehicles: The members were very happy to note that all the scrap vehicles which were awaiting collection at Grutness have now been removed.

3. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service: There was nothing new to report.

4. Levenwick Surgery: Following the Community Council's request for a timescale for the new GP contracts, Mr Roberts, NHS Shetland, had forwarded a link to the new Contract <http://www.gov.scot/Publications2017/11/1343> Mr Robert states that '*in terms of timescales for implementation, this firstly depends on the reaction of GPs. The proposed contract will now be balloted on by the BMA to all GPs in Scotland. The outcome of this should be known in January and assuming it is agreed the new contract will then go live at the beginning of April. However, it is also important to emphasise that this is a phased contract that will be introduced over 3 years. The first phase will last 2 years to March 2020. The second phase will be subject to a further ballot of GPs in 2019. We (NHS Shetland) are now beginning a review of the proposed contract to understand the likely impact and opportunities for Shetland.*

17/52 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

5. Air Traffic Control: It was noted that no further information on the '*draft conclusions and suggested next steps*' has been received. The Clerk will contact Andrew Farquhar and enquire if there is any update and a timetable for consultation.

6. AHS Bus: Cllr Smith confirmed that the morning bus now goes to the Anderson High and that the afternoon one should be doing the same after the Christmas break. The members thanked Cllr Smith for his assistance with this matter. Cllr Smith also reported that SIC are still looking into what happens with regard to transport after summer 2018 if the schools start closing early on Friday afternoons as is proposed.

7. Levenwick Broadband: Mr Mainland reported that some upgrade works are currently being carried out at the telephone exchange at the Teevliks. These works are due to be completed by June 2018 and should benefit Levenwick. Levenwick is also being considered as one of the priority cases for Broadband improvements and there are apparently some green boxes and a little funding still available from the previous phase of Broadband upgrades.

17/53 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications for consideration.

1. Participatory Budgeting: Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh Community Council Clerk had attended a PB Champions training day and following discussions at a recent GQC Community Council meeting, it had been agreed that their Clerk contact Dunrossness Community Council and Sandwick Community Council with regard to possibly holding another joint PB Project. Dunrossness Community Council members agreed that the previous joint PB Project had been very worthwhile but had required a fair amount of time input. They also agreed that they are fairly happy to discuss the possibility of holding another event in the New Year and possible timescales and funding available.

2. War Memorial Wreaths: Since the Girls and Boys Brigades in the Dunrossness area ceased, the wreaths placed on the War Memorials in the Dunrossness Church of Scotland Kirk Yard on Remembrance Sunday have been provided by an individual. The members agreed Dunrossness Community Council could take over the cost of providing these out of their budget. The Clerk will contact Alistair Brown to make the necessary arrangements. It was also suggested that the laying of the wreaths might be something the school could get involved in.

17/53 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS (continued)

3. Donation: Earlier in the year, a donation had been received from a private individual to be used to benefit the Dunrossness Community in recognition of how a late relative's grave had been looked after in the Dunrossness Kirk Yard over the years. The members agreed that a fitting use for this donation would be the provision of a bench in the Kirk Yard. The Clerk will contact Alistair Brown regarding how to proceed with this.

4. Rotary Club of Shetland: The Clerk reported that, once again, £100 had been received from the Rotary Club of Shetland. As in previous years, this had split equally between the South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens and the Dunrossness Church Fellowship Senior Citizens groups to be used towards the Christmas Parties they hold for the senior citizens in the Dunrossness area.

Cllr Smith left the meeting briefly to enable the members to discuss planning matters

17/54 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. 2017/304/PPF To extend existing dwellinghouse, construct adjoining garage and create new driveway, St. Ninian's, Bigton by Mrs Ruth Christie, Bigton – It was noted that SIC Planning had not consulted the Community Council on this application. The members understand that Planning verbally suggested in the summer of 2017 that the proposed plans would be acceptable but now state that the proposals detract from the sympathetic appearance of the original house and that they would like the applicant to try and retain some of the properties existing features. However, the Community Council members felt that the plans were sympathetic and worthwhile and, as no objections or comments regarding the proposals have been received from members of the public, the Community Council therefore has no objections and supports the application as is.

Cllr Smith re-joined the meeting

17/55 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

No external meetings had been attended.

17/56 CORRESPONDENCE

1. 'Thank you' email from the South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens and the Dunrossness Inter Church Fellowship Day Care Groups for the donations received from the Rotary Club: The email was noted.

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17/56 CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

2. SIC email ref. New Community Council Webpages: Community Planning & Development has developed a section on the Council Website that is dedicated to Community Councils. This can be found at www.shetland.gov.uk/communitycouncils/ Within these pages is a range of information including funding, maps, guidance documents and a page where CC Minutes will be published. The members agreed that they are happy for Dunrossness Community Council's Minutes to be published on this site and for a link to the Community Council's Facebook page to be added. Mr Duncan, SIC, states that the above section 'is still very much a "work in progress" but hopefully it is a user friendly site to navigate and the start of a useful resource'.

3. South Voe Sewage System: A South Voe resident had emailed and enquired if there had been any further correspondence with SEPA since approximately 2009 regarding South Voe properties being connected to the public sewage system. The members were unaware of any developments on this matter. The Clerk will therefore contact SEPA for an update.

17/57 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Visit Scotland, Sumburgh Airport: Mr Nickerson raised the issue of Visit Scotland's plans to close their tourist information facility at Sumburgh Airport. Cllr Smith stated that every effort had been made locally to try and reverse the decision. It was agreed that this was very disappointing and the Clerk will contact HIAL and enquire if there are any plans for an alternative information point at the Airport.

2. Empowering Schools Consultation: Mr Mainland reported that the Chair of the Sandwick Parent Council, Hilary Burgess, had enquired if the Community Council will be submitting a response to the above consultation. Cllr Smith reported that the Council will be putting in a strong response. The deadline for responses is the end of January.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Chair

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2018.

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

- **BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5ysD3mLQYYRPRLNZ032LjM7/grants>
- **Cashback for Creativity Open Fund**
<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/funding/cashback-for-communities/cashback-for-creativity-open-fund/>
- **Architectural Heritage Fund - Project Development Grants**
<http://ahfund.org.uk/>
- **Community Trees Fund**
<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants/community-trees>
- **National Churches Trust's Project Development Grants**
<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/4401>
- **National Churches Trust**
<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>
- **Weir Charitable Trust**
<http://weircharitabletrust.com/>