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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 23rd January 2017

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

Mrs Flaws opened the meeting as Chairperson in Mr Mainland's absence.

16/68 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 12 December 2016 was adopted on the motion of Mr Harrop.

16/69 POLICE REPORT

According to the latest Police Report, 14 'incidents' had been reported for the Dunrossness area during the month of December. These were all of a routine nature with the exception of:

2 vandalisms – one person has been cautioned and charged

2 people have been cautioned and charged with connection in the supply of drugs

16/70

16/70 ZETTRANS

Cllr Fox reported that the current review is at a high level and therefore would not take into consideration aspects such as the Bigton Feeder Service which was a concern of Mr Nickerson's. However, Michael Craigie, ZetTrans had suggested that an officer could meet with Dunrossness Community Council to discuss any concerns they had in relation to the Bus Service. Unfortunately the officer in question is unable to attend a meeting on a Monday night due to other commitments and it has therefore been agreed to schedule a day time meeting, hopefully some time in February, with Mr Mainland and Mr Nickerson representing the Community Council. The members were happy with this arrangement.

16/71 MATTERS ARISING**1. Road Matters:**

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

b) A970 Levenwick Width Restriction: It was noted that Road Signs have now been erected informing motorists of the width restriction in place on the A970 at Levenwick.

c) Farm Traffic Sign, Fleck: It was noted that the missing sign has still not been replaced. Cllr Smith reported that the contractor in charge of erecting signs had, apparently, been called to Bressay to carry out an urgent job and, upon their return, would replace the missing Farm Traffic sign. Cllr Smith will follow this up with SIC Roads.

d) Dunrossness Central Public Hall Streetlighting: There was nothing new to report. Mr Harrop raised concerns regarding the lack of lighting at the School Junction and, although the email which was received previously from SIC Roads appeared to suggest that all the columns in this area which had been cut down for safety reasons would be replaced, it was agreed that the Community Council should write requesting confirmation of this.

2. Scousburgh Hill: BT and informed the SIC in December that they had appointed a contraction with a view to removing the deteriorated roof on the garage building or, if the weather prevented this, netting it to strap it down. Mr Mitchell reported that it appeared one set of doors had been secured and the main gates had been padlocked shut. However, it appeared that nothing had been done to secure any roofs. Cllr Smith will forward this information to Magnus Laurenson, SIC Building Standards Surveyor.

16/71 MATTERS ARISING (continued)

3. Scrap Vehicles: The clerk reported that there are now two scrap vehicles at Grutness. She will discuss this with Mrs Mitchell, Sita Goudie of Shetland Amenity Trust and Ian Isbister of the SIC, if necessary.

4. Bigton Feeder Service: See item 16/60

5. Broadband Service: Tavish Scott plans to attend the Community Council's February Meeting to discuss local Broadband service and what can be done to improve it in certain areas of Dunrossness

16/72 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were no grant applications.

16/73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications for consideration

1. SIC Email ref. Applications for Planning Permission – Notification by the Planning Authority Procedure: Jill Garriock, SIC Planning Department, had forward the following information regarding changes to Neighbour Notification in relation to Planning Applications submitted to the Council.

Since August 2009 it has been the responsibility of the Council to notify those parties with an interest in neighbouring land (land within 20 metres of the boundary of the application site) of the submission of a valid planning application.

As you may be aware, the Council has provided, as part of their planning application, the opportunity for applicants to provide details of any person(s) who has any interest in the neighbouring land of a site or a proposed development with the intention of helping avoid delays in the processing of applications. We have, however, had to review our procedures as a result of a complaint about the notification the Council gave to an application recently. The outcome of this review is that we are no longer able to take into account information relating to neighbouring land interest that is submitted with applications. In order that the Council can be certain this it is complying with the regulations on the procedure for handling planning applications, we will from now on need to place an advert in the Shetland Times if, from our systems (which take address points from the National Address Gazetteer) we cannot identify a premises on neighbouring land to which a notification can be sent. Unfortunately the applicant has to pay for this advert (currently £150) and, under current legislation, a decision cannot be issued until the cost of having publicised the application concerned has been recovered.

16/73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. SIC Email ref. Applications for Planning Permission – Notification by the Planning Authority Procedure (continued):

We are in the process of removing the Neighbour Notification forms from the Council's website, but we will from now on not be using information relating to neighbouring land interests if it is submitted.

The change is one that is made to ensure that the Council is abiding by the relevant regulations, and in doing so, results in decisions that are at less risk to challenge to you and your clients.

The above was noted but the members were concerned that a sector of the community could be disadvantaged by this new procedure. It was agreed that it would be helpful if there was some form of mechanism in place to point those submitting planning applications to the Council in the right direction with regards to where they can obtain information relating to owners/tenants etc of neighbouring land/property. It was suggested that this could either be provided by the planning department or on their webpage. It was agreed that the Clerk would put this point to the Planning Department.

Mr Mainland joined the meeting at 8.20pm and took over the Chair from Mrs Flaws.

2. SIC Email ref 'Consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning System':

As stated above, the Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the plans for the future of the Scottish Planning System. More information, including how to get involved in the consultation, can be found at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultion-on-the-future-of-planning/>

16/74 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Community Benefit Fund: Mr Mitchell had attended a recent meeting of the Community Benefit Fund and reported that the main point of discussion was whether or not to wind up the group. It was agreed, however, to try and keep the group going for another year in case there were developments with regard to the proposed wind turbines. It was also noted, due to a lack of group funds, that the registration fees had been paid out of someone's personal pocket. Shetland Aerogenerators had previously offered funding, an offer which had not previously been taken up, so it was agreed to approach them and enquire if this offer still stood. It was also agreed, if necessary, to approach Shetland Community Councils for assistance.

16/75 CORRESPONDENCE

1. 'Thank You' letter from Fair Isle Primary School for the donation received through Da Voar Redd Up 2016: The letter was noted.

2. 'Thank You' letter from South Mainland Community Association Senior Citizens and Dunrossness Inter Church Day Care for donations received from the Rotary Club: The letter was noted.

3. ASCC email ref. 'Access to Grave Yard': Unst Community Council had asked that the ASCC forward an email regarding an issue they have with access to a Grave Yard to all Community Councils as they were interested to hear if any other Community had the same issues as them. The issue being that, The Kirkyard at Lund, Uyeasound is accessed by an unadopted road. Over the years the Community Council has had numerous complaints regarding the condition of this road, which is steadily deteriorating. Because this is an unadopted road, the SIC take no responsibility for its repair and the owner of the land does not stay on Unst. It was noted that none of the Grave Yards in the Dunrossness area have this problem.

4. Email from Michael Duncan, SIC, ref Defibrillators: Following an enquiry from Bressay Community Council, Mr Duncan had done some research and compiled a list showing the location of 22 defibrillators around Shetland. He pointed out that this is a list of known defibrillators but that there will be others throughout Shetland that may have been arranged separately through community effort, private sector and/or other individuals. There is also a map available which can be used to zoom in and find out where some of the defibrillators are located around Shetland <http://www.lucky2bhere.org/live-aed-map/> However, this not an all inclusive map – for example the only defibrillator listed for Lerwick is the Lerwick port Authority one but there are known to ones located with the Gilbert Bain Hospital and Clickimin Leisure Complex. Mr Duncan hopes that in time the map will be updated. Lucky2BHere 'quote' an approximate cost of £1500 per unit. This cost is based on national procurement prices so they would cost significantly more if organisations were buying them individually. Defibrillators are purely given for a donation. No price is set so donations vary and can be above or below the cost price. However, to date, organisations in Shetland have tended to ask what the going rate is and have donated accordingly. With regard to training and replacement parts, after Lucky2BHere reps have carried out initial training and delivered the Defibrillator, it is up to the local community or lead organisation to look after the unit. The community/lead organisation is responsible for getting it installed (ie arrange for the case to be mounted/wired in place) and the defibrillator should be located in a publicly accessible place. Each case has a small heater in it to keep the defibrillator dry. The community/lead organisation is also liable for checking the equipment, meeting ongoing running costs and for purchasing replacement pads and batteries. Replacement items should be purchased via Lucky2BHere.

16/75 CORRESPONDENCE

4. Email from Michael Duncan, SIC, ref Defibrillators (continued):

The community/lead organisation is responsible for contacting local Lucky2BHere reps to request refresher training on a 12-18 moth basis. Each community/lead organisation should also appoint a named individual to look after the above tasks. Lucky2BHere reps can be contacted via the Shetland branch Facebook page or NHS Shetland, who should be able to signpost you to a local rep. Further useful information may be found at www.heartsafe.org.uk/Become-Heartsafe/Maintenance

5. A copy of the following is available from the Clerk:

- The Crown Office Scotland Bulletin Autumn 2016

16/76 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Levenwick Ditches: Mr Mitchell reported that he had been approached by a member of the public who had suggested that the big ditches in Levenwick should be ducted and backfilled. The members agreed that SIC Roads have to available funding for such a project and it was therefore highly unlikely to happen.

2. Southerhouse Road Sign: Mrs Flaws reported that the 'Southerhouse' road sign had recently disintegrated. The Clerk will write to the Roads Dept asking that it be replaced.

3. 'Hydro' Wires: Mr Harrop informed the members that the RSPB had requested SSE fit markers to the electricity wires to the north of the Hillwell Loch following 4 swan strikes this winter and that this is to go ahead.

4. ASCC Meeting: The next meeting of the Association of Shetland Community councils is scheduled for 25th March 2017

5. Citizens Advice Bureau: Mr Mainland had been approached by Karen Eunson of CAB ref a team member attending a Community Council meeting to provide the members with information on the Energy Advice Service which they offer. It was agreed that the February meeting would be a suitable time for this.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF DUNROSSNESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL TAKE PLACE IN DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON
MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2017.**

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

- **Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation 'Spirit of the Community Awards'**

<http://www.cbonline.co.uk/about-clydesdale-bank/community/charitable-donations-about-us/>

- **Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards 2017**

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/nominate-a-person-or-community-project-for-a-my-place-award-2017.html>