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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 26th June 2017

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mrs S Waddell	Miss J Sandison	Mr S Mitchell	Ms J Armstrong
Cllr A Duncan (ex officio)			
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)			

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)	PC Malcolm McLeod
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17/17 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 26th June 2017 was adopted on the motion of Mrs Flaws

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17/18 POLICE REPORT

According to the latest Police Report, 21 'incidents' had been reported for the Dunrossness area during the month of May 2017. These included one missing person who was traced safe and well, a vehicle collision involving one vehicle and no injuries and a reported theft of property. All the other 'incidents' were of a routine nature

17/19 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters:

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

b) Scousburgh Hill: The Clerk confirmed that she had not received an acknowledgment from either the neither SIC nor SNH of her email regarding the Red Throated Divers at the site. Mr Harrop stated that he could confirm that SNH had received the Community Council's correspondence. Mr Harrop reported that it would appear the sub-contractors intend to continue with the demolition works as planned but that they have been asked to start with the internal works first to reduce any possible disturbance to the Red Throated Divers. Young Red Throated Divers normally fledge early August.

3. Scrap Vehicles: There was nothing new to report. The Clerk will request an updated from the SIC

4. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service: Mr Nickerson had met with Mr Mogridge and explained the position the Bigton Shop have been in since 2014 with regard to receiving shop goods via the Service Bus when the timings of the morning feeder service to Bigton were changed. Mr Nickerson had requested that either an additional feeder service be introduced at 1200 or the current service be moved back to its original time. Mr Mogridge had promised to forward Mr Nickerson a summary of the discussions they had had and email them on to Elaine Park, SIC, to see if anything can be done.

5. Levenwick Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours (continued):

The Clerk confirmed that she had passed this matter to Tavish Scott as agreed. The Clerk will also request a copy of the findings of any recent Patient Survey's done by the Levenwick Surgery from Mr Ralph Roberts, NHS Shetland.

17/20 ADOPTION OF UPDATED COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2017

1. Letter from SIC ref. Community Council Constitution: Following on from the letter received last month from the SIC regarding a number of agreed changes which have taken place to the original Community Council Constitutions since they were last signed in 2001/2002, including changes made to by election procedures and to who can audit/verify accounts, the members unanimously approved the adoption of the updated Constitution for Dunrossness Community Council and it was duly signed by the Chairman

17/21 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. South Mainland Amateur Swimming Club – To assist with the costs of a member of the club travelling to, and competing in, the British Summer Swimming Championships held in Sheffield. Only the top 24 swimmers per age group, per event are invited to attend: It was agreed, on the motion of Mr Nickerson, seconded by Mr Harrop, to award the requested sum of £360.

2. CDF Project Fund: Mr Mainland confirmed that the Community Council's Application for additional funding through the CDF Project Fund to help with the costs of maintaining the KSB Awards at St. Ninian's and Westvoe Beaches had been successful. As part of this project, the Community Council will organise to have the St. Ninian's treasure site tidied up, with the permission of the landowner. Mr Nickerson reported that he had already been in contact with James Tait of Island Trails in regard to clearing nettles etc from the site and would pursue the matter further. It was also agreed that the Clerk would forward beach 'clean-up' dates to Gary Cape for insertion in the South Mainland Notes of The Shetland Times. Groups can volunteer to clean either of the above beaches on one of these dates and earn a little money for the group they represent.

3. William McDougall, deceased: The Community Council had received a letter from a Mr Mike McDougall of Kent. Mr McDougall's late father (William McDougall) had died earlier in the year and had bequeathed £250 to Dunrossness Community Council "in appreciation of the way my parents grave has been maintained, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£250) to be used at their discretion on amenities within Dunrossness and I declare that the receipt of the clerk or other proper officer of the said Community Council shall be a good and sufficient discharge of my Trustees". Mr William McDougall had been born at Grutness, his father being Factor of the Bruce Estate. His mother had died in childbirth and he had been raised by his father at the Sumburgh House Hotel until his father's death in 1937 when he left Shetland to live with maiden aunts in Peebles. The members were delighted with this unexpected donation and agreed to put some thought over the summer to what would be a suitable avenue for the money.

17/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. To build a detached storey and a half four bedroom residential house with garage, Scatness, Virkie by Ms Ana Arnett: There were no objections.

17/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS (continued)

Notification of Planning Applications: Mr Harrop informed the members that planning applications for the Dunrossness area are still not all being put under the heading of 'Dunrossness' on the SIC Planning website page which means it is difficult to find all relevant applications for the area when searching the page on line. It would appear that this also means notification of all local applications is not being forwarded to the Community Council. Mr McGregor offered to raise this with Cllr Smith who is on the SIC Planning Committee. It was also agreed that the Community Council will write to Iain McDermott, SIC Planning, copied to the three South Mainland Councillors, regarding this matter.

17/23 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. Fair Isle Electrical Company Meeting: Mrs Mitchell reported that all funding for this project is now in place, although there are still some loose ends to tie up before works can begin. It is hoped that the project will be complete by September 2018 approximately.

2. Review of Support to Association of Shetland Community Councils: As planned, the ASCC had held a meeting of Community Council Chairs to prepare a collective response to the SIC with regard to the above. Mr Mainland had been unable to attend in person but Dunrossness Community Council's views on this matter had already been forwarded and Mr Mainland could now report that 11 out of the 17 Community Councils who had responded on this matter had gone for the same option as Dunrossness Community Council being that, as the SIC will now meet the duties of the Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO), the admin duties of the ASCC should also be carried out by the SIC in house.

17/24 CORRESPONDENCE

1. SIC email ref. National Transport Strategy Review: Mr Mogridge had been asked by Transport Scotland to remind interested parties that the deadline of responding to the National Transport Strategy Review Call for Evidence is 14th July 2017. The link to the call is: <https://www.transport.gov.uk/scot/consultation/national-transport-strategy-call-for-evidence/> Mrs Mitchell confirmed that Fair Isle are responding direct to this review through their Development Company, but she will report back if it is felt that further support from the Community Council is required.

17/24 CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

2. ASCC email ref. “What do you think of Shetland Islands CAB?”: Each year Shetland Islands CAB asks their partner agencies for feedback to check awareness of the services they provide, to get feedback on the quality of what they offer and to get ideas from partners on how they could work more closely together in the future. The Clerk had therefore forwarded this email previously to the members as the survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/12CBK/ had been required to be completed by 23 June.

3. Email from Michael Duncan, SIC, ref Community Council Research: Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) is currently working with What Works Scotland, with support from the Scottish Government to explore how Community Councils can be even more relevant in Scotland’s evolving policy context. Any Community Councillors, support officers or key local and national stakeholders are invited to take part. Mr Duncan reported that he had put his name forward to take part and will feedback on this research as and when there is anything to report.

4. Transport Scotland letter ref. Ferries Procurement Policy Review: A Ferries Procurement Policy Review stakeholder event had taken place in Lerwick on 18 May 2017. As no one from Dunrossness Community Council had been able to attend the meeting, the letter invites the Community Council to write with any views which they might have on the policy review. The specific questions which were asked at the stakeholder event were:

1. What key considerations would support an in-house operation or competitive tendering of ferry services in future from a local community perspective
2. If we can apply the Teckal exemption and comply with State aid rules, and subject to wider policy and value for money implications, should we:
 - a. provide services through an in-house operation, or
 - b. continue to tender

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

- Voluntary Action Shetland Annual Review 2016 - 2017

17/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Air Traffic Control Provision at Sumburgh Airport: Mr Nickerson raised the matter of Highlands & Islands Airports proposal that the provision of air traffic control at its airports could be replaced by a centrally controlled system. Mr Nickerson stated that he had serious reservations with this and he suggested that the Community Council should support Alistair Carmichael in his efforts to make sure the safety of those flying is the highest priority. Mr Nickerson reported that a Scoping Study has been commissioned to investigate all options and suggested that the Community Council should request a copy of this from HIAL's Managing Director Inglis Lyon. The press indicates that so far only HIAL staff and some politicians have been consulted on this proposal and Mr Nickerson was interested to know if HIAL's aviation consultancy would be engaging with the Community Council and seeking the views of the oil industry. As well as requesting a copy of the Scoping Study, it was agreed that the Community Council should write to the Chairman of the Sumburgh Airport Consultative Committee and ask that he ensures representatives from HIAL are present at the next meeting to consult with all parties on this matter.

2. Kirk Yard Headstones: Mr Nickerson reported that he had been asked by a member of the public whose responsibility it is to maintain Headstones in the Kirk Yards. The members reported that it is the responsibility of the family of the deceased. However, if the Headstone is considered to be dangerous to the public, this would be deemed a health and safety issue and the SIC would intervene.

3. Fair Isle Nurse Provision: Mrs Mitchell reported that Fair Isle have made a complaint to the Health Board regarding the lack of provision of relief nurses for the Isle. There should be 3 in place but last year there was only one. A review has been ongoing for a year now but has never been completed and it appears no effort is being made to fill the vacancies.

Mrs Flaws left the meeting at 8.50 pm

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 DUNROSSNESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 28th August 2017.

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

- **Big Lottery Fund - Early Action System Change Fund**
<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/easc>
- **Climate Challenge Fund**
<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund/applying-for-ccf-funding/ccf-grants/>
- **AHF Heritage Mortgage Scheme**
<http://ahfund.org.uk/the/>
- **Scotland's Community Food and Health's Annual Development Fund**
<https://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/small-grants-open/>
- **Community Choices Fund 2017/18**
<https://pbscotland.scot/blog/2017/6/9/community-choices-fund-announced-for-201718>