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Minute of Meeting of **Dunrossness Community Council** held in Dunrossness Primary School on Monday 27th March 2017

PRESENT

Mr R Mainland	Mrs E Flaws	Mr H Harrop	Mr S Mitchell
Mrs S Malcolmson	Mr M Shearer	Mrs F Mitchell	Mrs S Waddell
Mr G Waddell			

APOLOGIES

Mr R Nickerson	Ms J Armstrong	Miss J Sandison
Mrs P Christie (Community Involvement and Development Officer)		

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms S Leslie (Clerk)

16/87 MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 27 February 2017 was adopted on the motion of Mr Harrop.

16/88 POLICE REPORT

No Police Report was available. Having not had a report for 2 months now, it was suggested that the Clerk enquire if Community Councils will be receiving reports in the future.

16/89 MATTERS ARISING

1. Road Matters:

a) Levenwick Loop Road, South End: Works are now almost complete.

b) Farm Traffic Sign, Fleck: It was noted that the missing sign has now been replaced.

c) Southerhouse Sign: The Clerk stated that she thought the missing sign had been replaced. Mrs Flaws will check

d) Scousburgh Hill: There was nothing new to report. It was noted that debris from the buildings has now been blown down the east side of the hill towards the road. The Clerk will contact Magnus Laurensen, SIC, and request that this be cleared away.

2. Scrap Vehicles: The clerk reported that the SIC have now 'stickered' the Vauxhall car which has been at Grutness for months and it will be removed in due course.

3. Service Bus/Bigton Feeder Service: Mr Mainland and Mr Nickerson had still not managed to meet with Peter Modridge, SIC. Mr Modridge is, however, still interested to hear Mr Nickerson's views on the current bus service.

4. Levenwick Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours: There was nothing new to report. The Chairman and the Clerk will compose a letter to NHS Shetland requesting that, if it is in their remit to do so, that a more flexible approach to opening hours at the Levenwick Surgery be considered as part of the new GP Contract which it is hoped will be introduced this year

5. Broadband: Following Tavish Scott's attendance at the Community Council's February meeting, he had received a reply to his request for an update on the rollout of superfast broadband in the Dunrossness CC area of Shetland from Stuart Roberson, director of Digital at Highlands & Islands Enterprise. The reply states:

The position in Dunrossness is as follows:

Bigton Exchange: 1 cabinet live at Bigton. Some 125 lines are connected to this cabinet. No additional plans for the exchange area at the moment but the case for Levenwick has been highlighted with BT should any further budget be available within the current contract.

16/89 MATTERS ARISING**5. Broadband (continued):**

Sumburgh Exchange: 3 cabinets live and 4 to come. The live cabinets are at the old telephone exchange at Virkie, the road into Hestingott and at the current exchange. Together these connect some 570 premises. The additional cabinets, all of which are installed but awaiting fibre connection, are at Hillwell (cabinet 4), Scousburgh (cabinets 5 & 6) and Dalsetter Wynd (cabinet 7). These add another 134 premises.

BT plan to visit Shetland I early April with a view to finalising a plan for bringing some 10 cabinets live by the end of June, including those in Sumburgh above.

16/90 FINANCE AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Dunrossness Inter-Church Fellowship Day-Care – To provide a ‘Comforts Fund’ which meets the cost of non-statutory expenses such as Christmas gifts, short tours, entertainment, travel costs etc. for clients of Day-Care, held one day per week in the Levenwick Hall for elderly local residents in need of care and company: It was agreed, as proposed by Mr Mitchell and seconded by Mr Harrop, to award the requested sum of £200.

2. Community Council Core Funding: The Chairman signed the required documentation to draw down the funds.

3. CDF Grant Scheme: The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted applications to the SIC CDF Grant Scheme for a maximum £3000 Distribution Fund Grant and a second application for the maximum £1000 Project Grant for St Ninian’s and West Voe Beaches Seaside Award Schemes.

4. Da Voar Redd Up 2017: The date for this year’s Voar Redd Up has been set for 22nd and 23rd April and it was agreed, as in previous years, to set by £1000 to be donated to groups taking part in the Dunrossness area.

16/91 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning Permission in Principle to erect dwelling house, The Bungalow, Bigton, Shetland by John Inkster: There were no objections.

16/91 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS (Continued)

2. Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) – Grid Development as part of the Fair Isle Low Carbon Electricity Storage and Generation Project, Fair Isle, Shetland: Mrs Mitchell stated that, although the members of the Fair Isle Electricity Project are disappointed that Dunrossness Community Council are not happy to apply for the necessary planning permission for the above project on their behalf, they appreciate the Community Council's concerns and accept their decision.

16/92 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

1. ASCC/SIC Joint Liaison Meeting: Mr Nickerson had attended this meeting on 24th February and reported, by email, that the main topic of discussion was the review of Voluntary Action Shetland's support for the ASCC and the proposal for transfer of this service to SIC. There was much discussion about the options and also much support for the work VAS had undertaken for the ASCC over the years. It was highlighted that the role of VAS so far had been much more than just an administrative in terms of just facilitating meetings, agendas and minutes. There have been times where it has stepped in to offer support during Community Council Clerk absences, policy advice and other support. As a result of bi lateral discussions between SIC and VAS, an extension of the funding to VAS for the service will be offered until 30 September 2017 to allow for further discussions and consultation and a suitable time to implement any options which might be agreed. There was no formal agreement on this extension yet.

The other items discussed were the proposal to make changes to how Kirk Yards are maintained - this has been put on hold for the moment, and Council By Elections. Figures were given for the current number of Community Councillors. An issue was raised by Mr Jan Riise and councillor M Stout ref their view that the high number of vacancies, unopposed members and co-opted members suggested that there is a democratic deficit within Community Councils. Some members raised issue with this siting the change in the ward system and electoral timing (away from full Council elections) as reasons for low uptake at Community Council elections. Mr Nickerson had taken exception to the view of a democratic deficit as he for one had fought his first term in an election and had been unopposed at the following three and in his view, if the community was not content with his performance as a Community Councillor they would have encouraged someone to oppose him.

16/92 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS (Continued)

2. Shetland External Transport Forum Meeting: Mr Nickerson had attended this meeting on 2nd March and reported, by email, as follows:

Logan Air's Presentation: Highlighted was the current performance for cancellations and reliability percentages which are now in the high 80's and low 90's within 15 minute delays, above industry levels and vastly improved over 2015 levels. A new policy around weather disruption has been introduced, allowing passengers to change bookings free of charge if severe weather is anticipated. 261 flights were cancelled in 2015 compared to 61 in 2016. Logan Air has secured a 5 year Royal Mail contract for the Northern Isles which will mean new jobs at Sumburgh. Their total compliment at Sumburgh is now 37 jobs. All Inverness flights will transit through Kirkwall. The number of flights on the Shetland – Aberdeen route will be increased to 5 a day from 4 by reverting back to the SF340 aircraft as opposed to the Saab 2000 which will be held as a reserve aircraft. There will also be an extra late flight to Aberdeen on Fridays at 1910.

The current Flybe franchise partnership will end on August 31st. A new Logan Air reservation system which will be mobile compliant will be in place in March 2017 for flights beginning 1st September 2017. There will also be an extended timescale for online check in. A new ADS system will require an ADS number for each passenger. There will be new flight numbers with a prefix of LM and flights will be able to be booked 10 months in advance. There will be a new pricing structure which will include no credit card charges, a significant reduction in seat charges and a new texting service. From 1st September 2017 there will be no ID check at the departure gate. There will be a new "get me home early" option to change flights. The "unaccompanied minors" facility will change from 1st September 2017 due to child welfare policies and be replaced by a new "drop off" return option. In a response to a question raised by Mr Nickerson, it was noted that the Flybe Credit Card scheme will cease on 31st August 2017 as will the Avios Points scheme. Avios Points will need to be redeemed by 31st August 2017 and Logan Air has allocated extra seats to accommodate this. Logan Air is unlikely to have its own loyalty scheme at this point in time. Dialogue continues on a code share with Flybe and an announcement is likely at the end of March. There will be new livery for aircraft, new crew uniforms and a new customer contract centre in Glasgow. A new code share with BMI has been introduced which will expand options for connecting flights. The British Airways code share arrangement will not be affected but they are updating their website with new destinations.

16/93 FEEDBACK FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS**2. Shetland External Transport Forum Meeting (continued):**

Northlink Presentation: Both passenger vessels have been in dry dock early in 2017 – the first time since 2014. A questionnaire circulated last year had received over 11,000 responses. One of the outcomes was that only 21 responses complained that they could not get a journey of their choice: 6 – no cabin available, 2 – no car space available, 8 – other reason and 2 – no reason. Mr Nickerson had enquired if any dialogue had taken place between Northlink and NHS on a reduction in fares for patients. The answer was “no”. Transport Scotland representatives indicated that this perhaps would be looked at as part of the ongoing fare review.

3. Association of Shetland Community Councils Meeting: Mr Mainland and Mrs Flaws had attended this meeting and reported as follows:

- **Wind turbines:** there had been discussions regarding sterilisation of potential building sites due to the locality of wind turbines. Current guidance stipulates that dwellings cannot be erected within 200 metres of a turbine due to noise levels. It is expected that restrictions will be put on the erection of wind turbines within areas designated for development.
- **Road Safety:** Neil Hutcheson started to give an interesting presentation on Road Safety but it was unfortunately cut short due to over running of previous items. The ASCC promised to forward a copy of the presentation to Community Councils.
- **Citizens Advice Bureau:** Karen Eunson gave a presentation on the work of the Shetland CAB.
- **Fixed Links & Transport Strategy:** Michael Craigie gave a presentation.
- **Patient Travel:** Mr Mainland had sought the views of those present on NHS Shetland’s proposals for patient travel. It was agreed that a consultation should be carried out.
- **Boundary Commission:** The proposed changes to electoral boundaries in Shetland have been postponed due to objections from the SIC. This will be reviewed prior to the next round of Council elections.
- **SIC Review of Support to Association of Community Councils:** Mr Mainland reported that a response to the SIC’s proposal to incorporate some of the ASCC’s current roles within the Council is not now required until June. Voluntary Action Shetland currently provides admin support to the ASCC and fulfils Community Council Liaison Officer duties. The Council will incorporate the Liaison Officer duties within the SIC and Community Councils’ thoughts on the admin side are being sought

16/95 NHS SHETLAND PATIENT TRAVEL

Mr Harrop informed the members that he had recently set up a petition on line which had already attracted 1100 signatures against NHS Shetland's proposal to make the boat the default means of travel for patients attending appointments in Aberdeen. It was noted that this would mean a long journey for patients and even more so for those travelling from the outer isles. It was noted that NHS Shetland Patient Travel currently do not appear to know when this new proposal might be implemented and, although it was originally stated that this was to be the new arrangement for patient travel, NHS Shetland are now stating that this is a 'trial'. The members are aware that this is an attempt to address the Boards need to save a huge amount of money but Mr Shearer stated that this proposal appears to be a 'knee jerk' reaction and Mr Mainland was surprised at how little detail has been gone into. It was noted that NHS Shetland currently spends approximately £2.5 million on travel each year. The members felt that this includes a large number of trips to Aberdeen which are unnecessary and that more patients could be seen in Lerwick in person or via phone/video link. Some appointments are already carried out in this way, but the members considered that the relationship between NHS Shetland and NHS Grampian needs to be looked at to enable more appointments to take this form before budget saving matters impact on Patient Travel. It was agreed that Mr Mainland and the Clerk would draft a letter which would be emailed to each of the members for approval before being sent to NHS Shetland. The letter will ask NHS Shetland to reconsider the implementation of the proposed changes to patient travel and to investigate, and hopefully implement, other ways of saving money which would better serve their patients.

16/96 CORRESPONDENCE**1. 'Thank you' email from Shetland Clay Target Club for grant received:**

The email was noted.

2. Tavish Scott's email ref. Interest Free Loan Schemes for Homeowners:

During Mr Scott's attendance at DCC's February Meeting, Mr Nickerson enquired about any low interest loan schemes run by the Scottish Government or any other energy or insulation scheme provider to allow people to invest in home insulation or a renewables project through a loan facility for people who may not qualify for grants as they are not on benefits, are not elderly etc. Mr Scott reported that The Energy Saving Trust is running the HEEPS interest-free loan scheme for homeowners and covers a variety of measures including insulation, new boiler etc up to £15000. At the moment, they are also running a 25% cashback offer which works alongside the loan. This was supposed to end next month but has apparently been extended for 6 months. A reply to a parliamentary question asking for clarification on this is awaited. Applicants need to fill in a form and include a quote for the work they want done.

16/96 CORRESPONDENCE

2. Tavish Scott's email ref. Interest Free Loan Schemes for Homeowners (continued): Provided they're approved, they then need to get a Green Deal Advice Report (the cost of which can be claimed back through the scheme) which needs to recommend that the work be carried out. More information can be found on the website www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/heeps/heeps-loan-scheme

3. SIC email ref. Briefing Note - Housing Land Audit: The Briefing Note had been provided for the Community Council's information. The Briefing Note updates SIC Councillor Members on the 201516 Housing Land Audit (HLA) produced by the Planning Service as part of its ongoing Local Development Plan Monitoring, specifically with regard to housing land supply.

4. SIC email ref. Briefing Note – Employment Land Audit: The Briefing Note had been provided for the Community Council's information. The Briefing Note updates SIC Members on the Employment Land Audit produced by the Planning Service as part of its ongoing Development Plan Monitoring regarding employment land.

5. Scottish Ambulance Service email ref. 'Registration to Resuscitation': While there is no legal obligation to register defibrillators, the Scottish Ambulance Service now has a dedicated registration website at pad.scottishambulance.com and are asking the custodians of defibrillators and the public to check that the ones in public places in their communities are registered. This will enable the Scottish Ambulance Service to see where the nearest defibrillator is located should it be required in response to a 999 call.

6. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service email ref. Local Fire Plan Review and Development of New local Fire Plan: The current Local Fire Plan covers the period 2014-2017. The publication of the Strategic Plan for 2016-2019 has now triggered a formal review of the current Local Fire Plan and the subsequent development of a new Local Fire Plan for 2017-2020. To assist with the review of the current plan and to inform the new plan, Community Councils are asked to spare a few minutes of their time and complete an online survey.

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

- Voluntary Voice, Spring 2017 Newsletter

16/97 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Fair Isle Transport Survey: Mrs Mitchell informed the members that the Isle had carried out their own Transport Survey and had provided a copy to the SIC. Mrs Mitchell will email a copy to the Clerk for forwarding to the Community Council members.

2. Dunrossness Primary School Parent Council: It had been pointed out to Mr Harrop that there had not been a Community Council representative at any of the Parent Council meetings for some time. At a previous Community Council meeting, Miss Sandison had offered to attend Parent Council meetings but had been unavailable to do so far. Mr Harrop stated that he would liaise with Miss Sandison and would attend in her absence.

3. Middle Road, Levenwick: Mr Mitchell had been approached by a member of the public with regard to the blind corner at the bottom of the 'middle road' I Levenwick and enquired if the Community Council would be able to request that a mirror be placed in this location. The Clerk will contact SIC Roads.

4. Fair Isle Nurse: Mrs Mitchell informed the members that Fair Isle does not currently have a permanent Nurse and, although she has enquired with NHS Shetland if the post has been advertised, she has not received a reply confirming either way.

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 24TH APRIL 2017.

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

- **Community Capacity and Resilience Fund**

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/running-your-organisation/funding/capacity-resilience-fund/>

- **The Prince's Countryside Fund**

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

- **Tesco Bags of Help Fund**

<http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp4>

- **HLF - Grants for Places of Worship in Scotland**

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/grants-places-worship-scotland#.VS9rINJVhBd>

- **CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund**

<http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/index.asp?MainID=24155>

- **National Churches Trust's Project Development Grants**

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/4401>

- **Creative Scotland Regular Funding**

<http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/regular-funding>

- **Comic Relief's Community Cash Grants Programmes**

<http://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/>